



# THE WEEKLY WAVE

## SAVE THE DATE!



### Church Picnic

Fried chicken provided.

Please bring a side dish to share.

Games on the lawn or inside if it rains.

Sunday

June 11

11:15am

The men from Adult and Teen Challenge will again be joining us for our annual picnic after morning worship on June 11. Bring your favorite dish to share.

**(Make extra... because the men have great appetites!)** Water balloons, water games, bags tourney, and more. Please plan now to be in fellowship with the church family.

### LOVE FOR EVERY ONE CAMPAIGN

THANK YOU! We are in an amazing position, and with the matching pledge, we could very well have the entire amount of the Campaign pledged or given, WITH NEARLY ALL OF THE 2 YEARS OF THE CAMPAIGN AHEAD OF US. What an incredible witness it is to the community that we are excited about the future here at Pekin First, and that one of the major reasons we are excited is because our 6 projects have great potential to affect our community!

Beginning Balance + pledges + gifts = \$523,758

Our Building Committee is meeting with the District Board of Church Location and Building on May 30. After that meeting, we expect to head full force into getting all 6 projects done within the year! Grace flows! Thank you, Lord.

### 19 DAYS LEFT! (or 18)

We are very grateful for the generous matching pledge which one of our members is offering! Here's how it works: For a 30-day period (19 days left, unless you get this on Thursday then it's 18), your new gift or pledge for the "Love For Every One Campaign" will be matched. We've heard from 89 of our over 200 givers, so.... we'd love to hear from more of you. Just to reaffirm, when you give a new pledge or a new gift (from someone who hasn't previously given to the campaign) your gift IS DOUBLED! Wow!!! What a great way to make an impact.

### SPECIAL UMCOR WEEKEND

The outreach committee will be sponsoring a special collection weekend for UMCOR the weekend of June 3/4. This collection is strictly to cover administration cost so that future donations can go directly to relief efforts. As the humanitarian relief and development arm of The United Methodist Church, the United Methodist Committee on Relief – UMCOR – assists United Methodists and churches to become involved globally in direct ministry to persons in need. UMCOR comes alongside those who suffer from natural or human-caused disasters – famine, hurricane, war, flood, fire, or other events—to alleviate suffering and serve as a source of help and hope for the vulnerable.

### FRESH BAKED BREAD

Be sure to be at worship on June 24 or 25<sup>th</sup> because before and after worship the God's Gals will have fresh baked bread for a donation.

**UNITE YOUTH GROUPS**  
**BREAK THROUGH & HIGH SCHOOL**  
**UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES**



Summer activity info and registration. Scan the QR code for registration info.

**UNITEKIDS UPDATE**

UNITEKIDS Wednesday nights at 5:30 at **PEKIN FIRST**. **May 24<sup>th</sup> is the last event for the season**. So, stay tuned for upcoming Vacation Bible School (VBS) updates. Contact children's director Emmy Thies at [ethies@pekinfirst.org](mailto:ethies@pekinfirst.org) if you would like to volunteer or you can check out the UNITEKIDS Facebook page for VBS information.

If you buy soda like the boxes below, please save them for Emmy! The boxes will be used for a giant Jenga game at VBS. You can Bring them to Pekin First between July 24 & 2. The office will find the right location to put them.



**JUDY RICHMOND'S 80<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**

**Date:** Sunday May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
**Time:** 2:00-4:00  
**Location:** Pekin Estates  
 1540 El Camino Dr, Pekin, IL  
**Room:** Community Room (3<sup>rd</sup> Fl.)  
**Happy Memorial Day Weekend**

**ATTENTION: 2023-24 COLLEGE STUDENTS**

Scholarship applications are now available in the church office. The application and one letter of recommendation are due back to the church office by Monday, June 12th, 2023. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 309.347.3155



**ROCKIDS**

**YOU can make a difference in the lives of children.**

**\*\*THURSDAYS\*\***  
**4:00-5:00pm**  
 Pekin Housing  
 Community Building

**New time! 4-5pm**

**Because God calls us to serve!**

**MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITY**  
**July 9-14th 2023**  
**Granite City, IL**  
 Flooring, painting, lighting, gardening, and distributing food.

**Contact Rev. Jim for more info. or call the church office. 309-347-3155**

**Grief Care Group UPDATE FOR MAY**

*"Amazing Grace in the Midst of Grief"*  
 by: James L. Mayfield

**Tuesday, May 30th**  
**Time: 6:45pm. in the Chapel**

1315 Court St.  
 Pekin, Illinois  
 309.347.3155

This support group covers all forms of loss.

**HELP BUILD THE RETAINING WALL AT PROVIDENCE PLACE...**

Anytime you shop at Menards you receive an 11% rebate on what you spend. You can help the church build the retaining wall at Providence Place by passing along your rebates to us. Just drop your receipts in an envelope marked "rebate" in the offering plate or mail them to the church and we will submit them to be used when purchasing supplies for the wall. Thank you!

**PRAYER LIST**

Charlotte Kalm  
Kellen Norman (Health)  
Yvonne Eubanks-Koehne  
Pati Jockisch  
Bob & Lori McGuirk  
Norma Funderburk  
Jeff Thompson  
Ashley Chandler  
Diane Griffin  
Andy Cool  
Tom Hubbell

\*Randy & Duretta Greer

\*Family of Dan Graber

\*Educators- Derek Payne, Melissa Smith, Lisa Jones, and Amy Watson

**PRAY FOR OUR UNITED STATES MILITARY**

Nate Welch  
Taryn Steiger  
Savannah Jibben  
Brad Baerwalch  
Brandon Gebhardt  
Boyd Harmon  
Kevin Lawler  
Matthew Hurd  
Alex & Ian Nelson

**AMAZING OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE!**

For the next few weeks, our Worship and Music Committee will be taking steps to make sure Pekin First Worship Services are ready for the pastoral transition! WE ARE SPECIFICALLY PRAYING ABOUT PEOPLE TO VOLUNTEER IN THESE AREAS:

Communion Preparation and clean up

Greeting

Providing Fellowship Time Goodies

Acolyting (lighting candles at the beginning of worship and carrying the light of Christ out to the world at the end of worship! People of any age can be an acolyte)

The Worship and Music Committee will have clear instructions for what we are asking. Please pray about how God may be calling YOU to serve through Pekin First worship ministries.

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**Thursday 5/25**

4:00 ROCKkids- Offsite  
6:00 Girl Scouts- Whitfield Hall/Upstairs  
6:00 Bell Choir- Upstairs  
7:15 Vocal Choir- Sanctuary

**Saturday 5/27**

5:00 Worship Service-Sanctuary

**Sunday 5/28**

8:00 Communion Worship- Sanctuary  
9:00 Reckless Love Bible Study- Conf. Rm  
10:00 Worship- Sanctuary  
1:00 Pekin Estates- Offsite.  
5:00 Breakthrough Youth- Youth Rm.  
7:00 H.S. Youth- Youth Rm.

Monday 5/29

HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY

Church Office is Closed

**Tuesday 5/30**

9:00 Serendipity Study- Conference Rm.  
5:45 TOPS- Whitfield Hall  
6:00 SIA- Office Conference Rm.  
6:00 Boy Scouts- Dining Rm.  
6:00 Building Committee with District Board- Conference Rm.  
6:45 Grief Care Group- Chapel

**Wednesday 5/31**

7:00am Bible Study @ Ernie's- Genesis 28  
6:30 Bible Study- Whitfield Hall- Romans 2

**Thursday 6/1**

4:00 ROCKkids- Offsite  
6:00 Girl Scouts-Whitfield Hall/Upstairs  
6:00 Bell Choir- Upstairs  
6:00 Coin Club- Dining Room