

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 25th 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.



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



UNITEKIDS UPDATE

UNITEKIDS Wednesday nights at 5:30 at **PEKIN FIRST. May 24**th 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 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.



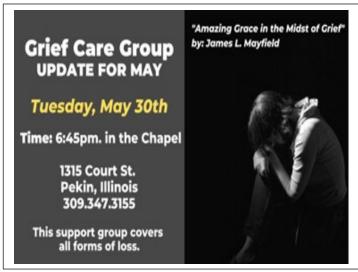


ROCKIDS

YOU can make a difference in the lives of children.

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

New time! 4-5pm



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