



Pekin First
United Methodist Church

THE WEEKLY WAVE



Community Rummage Sale

SAT. May 6
8am-2pm
Pekin First
Church Basement
1315 Court St. Pekin

Proceeds from the sale will go to a variety of charities that United Methodist Women support.



**"Lord,
How do you
want to love
EVERY ONE
through me?"**

LOVE FOR EVERY ONE
PEKIN FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

EVANGELISM UPDATE

The Evangelism Committee is praying for educators this month, as the school year comes to a close. Please join in and take time throughout the month to lift teachers and school staff in prayer!

May Prayer Focus: Educators

- Pray for teachers and school staff in our community
- Ask God to give educators the energy, strength, and guidance to finish the school year strong
- Ask God to be present in our local schools
- Enter specific names of educators: _____

Feel free to follow the promptings of the Holy Spirit and pray as He leads.

PROVIDENCE PLACE UPDATE

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!

PEKIN OUTREACH CENTER

The Pekin Outreach Center is looking for volunteers to cook meals for the center. Simply sign up on the meal train, list what you are cooking, and deliver your meal to the center by 1:00 pm on your designated day. Meals should feed approximately 35 people. You can scan the barcode to go directly to the meal train sign-up page.



← Sign me up!

MONTHLY SNACK PACK PACKING

Come join the snack pack packers at 4:30 on May 10th in the church dining room to help feed hungry children in our area. This month's donation suggestion is granola bars.

UNITEYouth EVERY SUNDAY

BREAK THROUGH 5-6pm

HIGH SCHOOL-7-8:15 at Pekin First.

LAST WEEKEND WITH UNITEYouth

We reviewed all the spiritual disciplines we have studied since September with a scavenger hunt and scripture created by one of our amazing volunteer leaders!

YOUR AMAZING RESPONSE

THANK YOU for your generous response to Pekin First UMC's "Love For Every One" Campaign. We haven't even had the launch weekend yet, and ALREADY you have GIVEN over \$134,000. AND you have pledged an additional \$180,000!!! And that is after hearing from only 34 of our givers. We have over 200 people who donate to God through Pekin First. Thank you for praying "Lord, how do you want to love every one, through me?"

And thank you for responding!

WOULDN'T IT BE AN AMAZING WITNESS TO THE COMMUNITY IF THE PEOPLE OF PEKIN FIRST OVER PLEDGED THE AMOUNT OF THE CAMPAIGN?!

UNITEKIDS UPDATE

UNITEKIDS Every Wednesday night at 5:30. **REMINDER: MEET AT PEKIN UMC**

Christian lessons, games, and projects!

So much fun! If you would like to help with the kids,

contact Emmy at ethies@pekinfirst.org.

Checkout the UNITEKIDS Facebook page to see all the great pictures of the kids connecting with God, family, and friends through UNITEkids.

LAST WEEK UNITEKIDS LESSON

Some of the kids worked in pairs and didn't get a worksheet to bring home. These are the fruit of the Spirit you can review with your kiddos! Remind them that spending time with God, studying the Bible, praying, worshipping, and serving all lead to the Holy Spirit growing these in their souls.

LAUNCH WEEKEND FOR "LOVE FOR EVERY ONE"; MAY 6/7

We hope all of us at Pekin First will want to be in the procession to the altar during worship this weekend as we bring our gifts or pledges to present to our Lord. Cards and envelopes are available. Even if you've already pledged or given, we encourage you to fill out another card and be a part of the procession to the altar. (Our Financial Secretary Kathy knows that you've already pledged/given and she won't record it twice!)

There are thousands of ways to participate. Here are a few! After praying to God and submitting to His will, perhaps God is calling you to...

- Give a one-time gift by writing a check, giving online, or giving cash.
- Make a pledge by adding a percentage or two to your regular giving, as you move toward the tithe.
- Donate stock
- Donate your Required Minimum Distribution (tax relief with this one!)
- Give up eating out once a week, or once a month and donating the amount you would have spent! (You'll be amazed at how quickly that adds up. For a couple to eat out, conservatively it will cost about \$30.00. 30 times 52 weeks = \$1560!!! Times the 2 years of the campaign and your gift would be \$3,120!!!)
- Give up a cup of coffee per day, again it adds up.
- Have a bake sale and donate the income.
- Have a garage sale and donate the income.
- There are MANY more ways to participate.

I hope everyone got to see the video of "Pekin First through the years" which we showed at worship this past weekend. We believe it has this effect on people: "I love being a part of this church!" Or, "I want to be a part of this church!" If you'd like to see it, we'll send you the link. Just ask.

WHAT IS OUR PLAN GOING FORWARD?

It's entirely possible that after this weekend (May 6/7) we'll have enough gifts and pledges that we can begin the work and complete it in a matter of months. If not, we'll let the church family know how much has been given/pledged, and we'll then need to have a church conference to have a vote on how we'll prioritize the work. (What will be done first, second, third, etc.).

But what if MORE comes in than is needed!? We love that faith! We always have work which needs to be done, and people to help. We have the matter of a garage to house our vehicles (unfortunately we learned first-hand of the catalytic converter epidemic), the next step for Providence Place, and we actually cut out some of Miss Emmy's vision for the playground which we could re-instate if more than a total of \$595,000 comes in! Check out Exodus 36:6-7. That's when Moses had to tell the people to stop bringing gifts because they had more than enough to build the temple! What an incredible witness that would be for our people and for this community. I want to be a part of a church like that!!!

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Thursday 5/4

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

Friday 5/5

9:30 Cedarhurst Worship- Offsite
5:00 24-hour prayer vigil starts.

Saturday 5/6

8am-2pm Community Sale- Whitfield Hall
5:00 24-hour prayer vigil ends.
5:00 Worship Service-Sanctuary

Sunday 5/7

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 5/8

5:30 Bible Buddies
6:00 Cub Scouts-Dining Rm.
6:00 Softball Team 5 – Diamond 2
8:00 Softball Team 7 – Diamond 2

Tuesday 5/9

9:00 Serendipity Study- Conference Rm.
10:00 God's Gals- Chapel
5:30 Finance- Conference Rm.
5:45 TOPS- Whitfield Hall
6:00 SIA- Office Conference Rm.
6:00 Boy Scouts- Dining Rm.

Wednesday 5/10

4:30 Snack Pack Packing- Dining Rm.
7:00am Bible Study @ Ernie's- Genesis 24
5:30 UNITEkids- Pekin UMC
6:30 Bible Study- Whitfield Hall
The Book Esther

THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF ATTENDANCE

All 3 of our in-person weekend worship services are enjoying an uptick in attendance. Grace flows! People WANT to connect with God and with others through Pekin First. Let's celebrate that God is drawing people to Himself through Pekin First!

April	5pm	8am	10am	Online	Total
1.2-	62	15	66	55	198
8.9-	72	56	103	63	294
15.16-	64	20	64	46	194
22.23-	54	33	79	34	200
29.30-	64	21	77	33	195

PRAYER LIST

Charlotte Kalm
Kellen Norman (Health)
Yvonne Eubanks-Koehne
Pati Jockisch
Elena Sparenberg
Tom Hubbell
Bob & Lori McGuirk
Norma Funderburk
Jeff Thompson
Duretta Greer
Ashley Chandler
Diane Griffin
Andy Cool
*Mack Cakora's Father

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