



THE WEEKLY WAVE

PEKIN FIRST CHURCH MEN

Chicken Noodle fundraiser this Sunday 4/16 at 11am in the church dining room. Donations will help us bless neighbors of the church with a new roof and a wheelchair ramp. The husband/father has ALS.

THE PEKIN OUTREACH CENTER UPDATE

The Pekin First Outreach Committee will have boxes at both entrances for collecting adult size expandable backpacks until April 16th. The guests try to pack all that they own into their backpacks and can carry these while keeping their hands free. If you wish to provide a monetary donation via a check, please include P.O.I. Backpack Ministry in the memo line. Cash donations are also welcomed in an envelope, noting P.O.I Backpack Ministry, during worship services or it can be dropped off at the church office. Thank you for supporting this much needed ministry. God bless you!

EVANGELISM PRAYER UPDATE

Join the Evangelism Committee in praying for the Love For Every One Campaign during the month of April. The weekend of April 15th and 16th, we will pray as a congregation for the campaign.

Prayer Focus: Love For Every One Campaign

-Pray for the leaders and workers

-Pray "Lord, how do you want to love every one through Pekin First" with this campaign

-Ask God to reveal to you who to pray for and for help with your words and actions towards them

-Pray for our hearts to be moved to support the campaign however God calls us

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

UPDATE 4/23/23

MOTHER DAUGHTER BANQUET

Please bring a side dish to share. **Fried chicken and beverages are provided.**



PRAYER CHAPEL
LOVE FOR EVERY ONE

Every Thursday at 11am in Chapel or online.
Call 309.347.3155 for more information.



2023 Mother Daughter Banquet

1315 Court St. Pekin
April 23, 2023
11am in Whitfield Hall
Special Guest Speaker from Dayspring Native American UMC

Sign me up!

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.



LOVE FOR EVERY ONE
PEKIN FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

THANKS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED

A total of 49 bottles of shampoo were collected and are on their way to Midwest Mission Distribution Center in Pawnee. From there, the shampoo will be packed in dignity kits. These kits will be shipped to Ukraine and Turkey to help aid refugees and earthquake survivors.

Thank you for your help in spreading the love of Jesus through this mission project.



UNITEYouth EVERY SUNDAY

BREAK THROUGH 5-6pm

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

I love that it is natural to see the youth at UNITEkids events... as siblings and/or volunteers! Thank you, Emmy, for always creating ways for the youth to feel welcome, needed, and a part of the whole church family! ~ Kara Bushong- Youth Director at Pekin First

EASTER GLOW IN THE DARK EASTER EGG HUNT 2023



UNITEKIDS UPDATE

UNITEKIDS Every Wednesday night at 5:30.

REMINDER: MEET AT PEKIN UMC Starting 4/5.

Christian lessons, games, and projects!

So much fun! If you would like to help with the kids, contact Emmy at ethies@pekinfirst.org.

Easter weekend was an action-packed fun filled time. Checkout the UNITEKIDS Facebook page to see all the fun pictures of the kids connecting with God, family, and friends through UNITEkids.



WHAT ABOUT OUR 8AM WORSHIP SERVICE?

Last fall, we responded to several requests to add a Sunday Traditional worship service. So far, we have an amazingly committed group of people who are very regularly attending. Attendance has ranged from 12-24 people. Until Easter morning! (56) And we were blessed to have both the bell and vocal choirs at both our traditional Easter services. As I keep telling people, our Saturday service started with Pastor Judy and about 7 people. Now look at it! We are starting with twice that many. THANK YOU for being at worship at any of our varied offerings. If you are an early riser, please consider attending Sunday at 8am. A GREAT way to start the day. A GREAT way to start the week!

EASTER WORSHIP THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING

Maundy Thursday – had to set up tables and chairs in the entryway!

Good Friday – our sanctuary floor level was comfortably cozy. A good crowd.

Saturday 5pm – 72

Sunday 8am – 56

Sunday 10am – 103 (95 in the room, 8 in the nursery)

Online worshippers- 63

Easter total 294

LOVE FOR EVERY ONE CAMPAIGN

WE hope EVERY ONE will WANT to participate in some way. We recognize that we aren't all in the same economic position. We aren't asking for equal gifts, but equal sacrifice. We remember King David (actually just before he became king) telling Araunah, after Araunah had offered his "worship space" to David for free. David's response: "NO! I will not sacrifice to the Lord my God, that which cost me nothing." As you pray about participating, please make it a matter of your relationship with your Lord. What gift is God calling for, from you? What gift will cause you to NEED to depend on your Lord? What gift will cause you to go to greater depths of discipleship?

SCHEDULE: From now until May 6/7, please pray daily, "Lord, how do You want to love every one, through me?" At worship on May 6/7, we're inviting all of us to present to the Lord at the altar our sacrificial gift to God, for the Love For Every One campaign. (We'll supply a commitment card).

GOAL: We hope that sufficient gifts and pledges will come in so that we can get the work all accomplished in a matter of months. The Campaign goal is \$595,000, and we have about \$70,000 on hand.

PLAN: After May 6/7 we'll assess where we are. Hopefully, we'll have enough on hand and pledged to do the projects. If not, we'll have to decide priorities going forward. That would be a church decision, after recommendations by the Building Committee.

EPHESIANS 3:20-21 "And now, to Him who can do immeasurably more than we can ever ask or imagine; according to His power at work in us, to Him be glory in the church and in Jesus Christ throughout all generations!"

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Thursday 3/13

4:00 ROCKids- Offsite

6:00 Girl Scouts- Whitfield Hall/Upstairs

Friday 4/14

9:00 Church Women United- Chapel

12:30 Pekin Women's Club-Whitfield Hall

Saturday 4/15

5:00 Worship Service-Sanctuary

Sunday 4/16

8:00 Communion Worship- Sanctuary

9:00 Reckless Love Bible Study- Chapel

10:00 Easter Worship- Sanctuary

11:00 Chicken Noodle Lunch- Dining Rm.

1:00 Pekin Estates- Offsite.

5:00 Breakthrough Youth- Youth Rm.

7:00 H.S. Youth- Youth Rm.

Monday 4/17

6:00 Cub Scouts--Dining Rm.

Tuesday 4/18

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 Outreach- Conference Rm.

7:00 Trustees- Conference Rm.

Wednesday 4/19

7:00am Bible Study @ Ernie's- Genesis 21

5:30 UNITEkids- Pekin UMC

6:30 Bible Study- Whitfield Hall

2 Corinthians 13

Thursday 4/20

11:00 Red Cross Blood Drive- Dining Rm.

4:00 ROCKids- Offsite

6:00 Girl Scouts- Whitfield Hall/Upstairs

BEST THING I HEARD THIS WEEK!

(For those who heard the Easter sermon...)

At a church small group bible study, this witness was made!: "I have to confess I was not in favor of this campaign. But the church decided, and this is my church. I WILL be supporting the Love For Every One campaign!"
Love it! Grace flows....

PRAYER LIST

Charlotte Kalm
Kellen Norman (Health)
Yvonne Eubanks-Koehne
Pati Jockisch
Elena Sparenberg
Tom Hubbell
Bob & Lori Mc Guirk
*Melissa Ostrom
*Jeff Thompson
*Duretta Greer

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