



Pekin First
United Methodist Church

THE WEEKLY WAVE

LOOKING AHEAD TO EASTER

UNITEkids
Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 8th
at Grace UMC, 601 N. 4th St, Pekin

7:30 p.m. Nursery-Preschool Egg Hunt

8:00 p.m. K-5th Grade *Glow-in-the-Dark* Hunt



HAPPY EASTER, FRIENDS!

God's Gals Easter Cookie Bake Sale
April 1 & 2
after each worship service.



EASTER WEEK WORSHIP
6pm **Maundy Thursday** 4/6
7pm **Good Friday Worship** 4/7
5pm **Saturday** 4/8

Easter Worship Service
7:30pm **Glow in the dark Easter Egg hunt**
8am & 10am **Sunday** 4/9

Easter Worship Service
Children's church will have special Easter activities.

EASTER MORNING CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
Easter morning can be busy so don't worry about grabbing breakfast. We will have an arrangement of bagels with cream cheese, donuts, fresh fruit, coffee, God's Gals easter cookies, and juice available from 9-9:55am in our foyer area. If anyone would like to donate anything or some of the mentioned items above, just call the church by April 5th and tell us what you're bringing 309.347.3155

SAVE THE DATE

2023 Mother Daughter Banquet



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

PEKIN FIRST CHURCH MEN
Chicken Noodle Luncheon- April 16th at 11am in the Church Dining Rm. **Donations Welcome!**



WE NEED A FEW STRONG HANDS
We need some help moving chairs after worship on this coming Sunday morning after the 10am service.



ROCKIDS

YOU can make a difference in the lives of children.

****THURSDAYS****

4:00-5:00pm

Pekin Housing Community Building

New time!

UNITEYouth

BREAK THROUGH – 5-6pm

HIGH SCHOOL-7-8:15

Contact kbushong@pekinfirst.org

for more info.



ANNUAL EASTER OFFERING

Last year we saw an amazing outpouring from the church family for our Easter offering, so we feel led to offer a similar opportunity this year! Your response to the need in the high school, through the “Dragon’s Closet” was so generous, it prompted us to look at doing a similar project for Dirksen Grade School. In a discussion with Principal Beckham we found out that the poverty rate is about 75%, which means the kids there have a lot of needs which are unmet. Very soon we’ll send everyone a letter with details about how our Easter offering 2023 will provide a mighty flow of grace into the lives of students in our community.

UNITEKIDS UPDATE

UNITEKIDS Every Wednesday night at 5:30 at Grace UMC. Christian lessons, games, and projects! So much fun! If you would like to help with the kids, contact Emmy at ethies@pekinfirst.org

Last week UNITEkids

One of the kids wanted to capture the pictures for me tonight, and he did an awesome job!

#GreatNighttoUNITE



LOVE FOR EVERY ONE Campaign Progress

We hope you saw the cute video at worship or online, of 10-month-old Natalie “helping” the church get started on one of the projects of the Love For Every One Campaign. The wall in our new Conference Room has been removed! That was the first step in creating a wonderful, peaceful, functional, inspiring room which will house Bible Studies, Small groups, Leadership Team meetings, Committee meetings, and more. This room will also be a great place for counseling and grief consultations for pastors and people going through loss. Please stop by and see the progress!

PEKIN FIRST CHURCH MEN

WE voted unanimously to help a family who lives near the church. The husband/father has ALS, and needs an accessible entry into the home. They also need a new roof. The Men’s group is looking into how to provide help in the name of Jesus to this family. Please pray for God’s Spirit to guide and inspire us! We meet the 2nd Monday of the month at 6pm for supper, strengthening our faith, and learning to be stronger/better husbands, fathers, friends. You’re invited.

WE EXSIST TO UNITE EVERY ONE WITH THE LIFE GIVING POWER OF JESUS!

Disaster Relief  

WE NEED SHAMPOO (12-19 OZ)

Midwest Mission will be sending Personal Dignity Kits to Turkey and Ukraine, but **WE NEED SHAMPOO!**

We have a hard time quickly buying in bulk (the next shipment can't come until July).

We **desperately** need you to go out and buy shampoo at your local stores, then get it to Midwest Mission, so we can continue making kits.

Collection boxes will be in both entrances of the church until April 1st.

YOU ARE INVITED TO PRAY DAILY



LOVE FOR EVERY ONE
PEKIN FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

THIS WEEKS PRAYERS AND WEEKLY CALENDAR

Thursday 3/23

- 4:00 ROCKids- Offsite
- 5:45 Charis Place Meeting- Chapel
- 6:00 Girl Scouts- Whitfield Hall/Upstairs
- 6:00 Bell Choir- Sanctuary
- 7:15 Vocal Choir- Sanctuary

Friday 3/24

- 8:30- 5:00 Lifeline Screenings-Whitfield Hall

Saturday 3/25

- 5:00 Worship Service-Sanctuary

Sunday 3/26

- 8:00 Communion Worship- Sanctuary
- 10:00 Worship- Sanctuary
- 1:00 Pekin Estates- Offsite
- 5:00 Breakthrough Youth- Youth Rm.
- 7:00 H.S. Youth- Youth Rm.

Monday 3/27

- 6:00 Cub Scouts-Dining Rm.
- 6:45 Grief Care- Chapel

Tuesday 3/28

- 9:00 Serendipity Study- Conference Rm.
- 5:30 Evangelism- Conference Rm.
- 5:45 TOPS- Whitfield Hall
- 6:00 SIA- Office Conference Rm.
- 6:00 Boy Scouts- Dining Rm.

Wednesday 3/29

- 7:00am Bible Study @ Ernie's- Genesis 15
- 5:30 UNITEkids- Grace UMC
- 6:30 Bible Study- Whitfield Hall
2 Corinthians 10

Thursday 3/30

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

PRAYER LIST

- Charlotte Kalm
- Kellen Norman (Health)
- Yvonne Eubanks-Koehne
- Wendy Kaiser
- Ashley Chandler
- Lonnie & Karen
- Tricia
- Stephanie
- *Pati Jockisch
- *Family of Paula Lopossa
- *Elena Sparenberg
- *Lyle & Leon

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

MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITY!

JULY 9-14 TO GRANITE CITY, IL. COST \$125
WE'LL WORK WITH THE "TWIGS" MINISTRY,
MAKING LIFE DIFFERENT FOR PEOPLE
LIVING IN DIFFICULT CONDITIONS.
CALL 347-3155 TO SIGN UP

PEKIN FIRST NEW APP!

Our online ministry continues to grow and develop. We now have our own Pekin First App! Go to your App Store, type in "Pekin First", and look for this icon.



You can now access our Weekly Wave Newsletter on our app.

1. go to **app**
2. on the bottom go to **media**
3. click on **Weekly Wave** – You can make it larger with 2 fingers "pinch and expand." Easy as that!