



Pekin First
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE WEEKLY WAVE

LOOKING AHEAD TO EASTER

HELP FILL 1,500 EGGS FOR THE NIGHT GLOW EGG HUNT!

Candy can be donated at the main offices of Pekin First or Grace UMC

PLEASE AVOID NUTS & PEANUT BUTTER

THANK YOU!!

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

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.



Did you know you can listen to the Bible on our new app?

3 easy steps

1. Go to app logo
2. Bible
3. >arrow play

(Drop down arrow for specific chapter)

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



HAPPY EASTER, FRIENDS!

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

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Every 3rd Thursday of the month come make a difference in somebodies' life and give blood. 1-6pm in the church dining room. Call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment.

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



ROCKIDS

YOU can make a difference in the lives of children.

****THURSDAYS****

4:00-5:00pm

Pekin Housing Community Building

New time!

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 we matched up before & after sequences and then talked about before & after Zacchaeus met Jesus at Children's Church today.
Greedy ---> Generous
Jesus will change your HEART.



UNITEYouth
BREAK THROUGH – 5-6pm
HIGH SCHOOL-7-8:15
Contact kbushong@pekinfirst.org
for more info.



LOVE FOR EVERY ONE

Our first goal for this next exciting season for Pekin First is for all of us to WANT TO PARTICIPATE!
So, why would we think people would WANT to participate? Let us count the ways!

- God calls us to act
- Our church will grow stronger
- We'll make an impact in the community
- Sacrificing for the Lord our God helps us GROW CLOSER TO GOD! (Who wouldn't want THAT?)

We're asking all of us who claim Pekin First as our church home, to pray this prayer daily: **"LORD, HOW DO YOU WANT ME TO LOVE EVERY ONE, THROUGH ME?"** There are thousands of ways to be involved.

WHAT IS A MEMBER?

Membership in a church which follows Jesus is a COVENANT between a person, our God, and a church family. A covenant is a SACRED VOW. In United Methodism, the membership covenant which all professing members agree to live by, is this: We profess our belief in God, profess Jesus as our Lord and Savior, and state our belief in the bible as the word of God. Then we VOW to support the church with our PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, SERVICE, and WITNESS. At Pekin First, we assume that members WANT to keep the sacred membership vows! Living by the vows helps our souls grow deeper and stronger by connecting with our Lord, helps us gain strong Christian friendships, helps us combine our desire to serve in the community, and helps the church be vibrant and life-giving.

If you are interested in becoming a member at Pekin First, we are interested in you! Let Rev. Jim know you are praying about taking the step to become a member of Pekin First UMC. (347-3155) We also recognize that people's situations change. If you can no longer keep the membership covenant, please let us know your wishes. We still love you and wish God's blessings upon you.

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.

THIS WEEKS PRAYERS AND WEEKLY CALENDAR

Thursday 3/16

- 1:00 Red Cross Blood Drive- Dining Rm.
- 4:00 ROCKids- Offsite
- 6:00 Girl Scouts- Whitfield Hall/Upstairs
- 6:00 Bell Choir- Sanctuary
- 7:15 Vocal Choir- Sanctuary

Friday 3/17

Happy St. Patrick's Day

- 9:30 Cedarhurst Worship-Offsite

Saturday 3/18

- 5:00 Worship Service-Sanctuary

Sunday 3/19

- 8:00 Communion Worship- Sanctuary
- 9:00 Deep Dive Discussion Class-Conference Rm.
- 10:00 Worship- Sanctuary
- 1:00 Pekin Estates- Offsite
- 5:00 Breakthrough Youth- Youth Rm.
- 6:00 Girl Scouts- 24
- 7:00 H.S. Youth- Youth Rm.

Monday 3/20

- 6:00 Cub Scouts-Dining Rm.

Tuesday 3/21

- 9:00 Serendipity Study- Conference Rm.
- 11:00 Membership- Chapel
- 5:45 TOPS- Whitfield Hall
- 6:00 SIA- Office Conference Rm.
- 6:00 Boy Scouts- Dining Rm.
- 6:00 Outreach- Chapel
- 7:00 Trustees Meeting-Conference Rm.

Wednesday 3/22

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

Thursday 3/23

- 11:00 Red Cross Blood Drive- Dining Rm.
- 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
- Xen Karcher
- Kellen Norman (Health)
- Yvonne Eubanks-Koehne
- Wendy Kaiser
- Ashley Chandler
- *Travis, Wyatt,
Lyle, & Leon
- *Melissa & Rhiannan
- *Lonnie & Karen
- *Tricia
- *Shane D.
- *Stephanie

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

PRAYING FOR FIRST RESPONDERS

This weekend, Pekin First will have a prayer time focused on First Responders in our community. Please take time to notice the prayer cards provided on the chairs and tables in the sanctuary and balcony. We will pray as a congregation during worship services. There will also be time for more specific prayer for First Responders after worship services, and we encourage everyone to take home the prayer cards to continue praying throughout the month.