

ROOTED IN HOPE Donation Drive

*Giving practical help. Sharing real hope.
Transforming generations.*

During the month of October, we will be collecting gift cards for the Pekin Police Department's Social Worker to use to bless clients. Collections will take place through October 25. Help us support our community by purchasing a gift card or two! Gift cards can be placed in the marked lock box in the foyer at Door A.

Gift Card Needs:

- \$25 Kroger
- \$25 Walmart
- \$25 Dollar General
- \$6 Hometown Laundry

WHOLEHEARTED

Faith, Mental Health, & The Whole Person

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4 AT 11AM
in the Fellowship Center

In week 1 of our October Mental Health series, we will have a special speaker with us, Dr. Janet Dean. She is an ordained elder in the Church of the Nazarene and is a clinical psychologist. She serves as a professor of pastoral counseling at Asbury Theological Seminary. During our 11am Discipleship Hour, we will be having a Q&A with her in the Fellowship Center. All other Discipleship groups will take place, but anyone is welcome to join this session. In preparation for this, please submit any questions you have regarding mental health by scanning the QR code. *Pastor Lauren is the only one who will see the submissions; all questions will remain anonymous when presented.*



WEEK AT A GLANCE

TODAY - SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

Morning Worship for all ages.....9:30_{AM}
Discipleship Groups for all ages.....11_{AM}
PFN Membership Class (Sanctuary Cafe).....11_{AM}
Submerge Practice (Refuge).....4:30-6_{PM}

MONDAY

Widow's Journey (Room 203).....NOT MEETING!
Monday Brothers (Room 307).....6:30-8_{PM}

TUESDAY

Men of PFN Bible Study (Room 305).....6:30-7:30_{AM}

WEDNESDAY

BLESSINGS Ladies Bible Study (Room 107).....10_{AM}
Submerge Practice (Refuge).....5:15-6:30_{PM}
Heal You Hurting Mind (Fellowship Center).....6:30-8_{PM}
ACTIVATE (3 years-6th grade).....6:45-8_{PM}
Refuge Student Worship (7th-12th grade).....6:45-8_{PM}
Wed. Night Adult Bible Study (Room 305).....6:45-8_{PM}

THURSDAY

Prayer Gathering (Sanctuary).....6:30-7:30_{AM}
PFN Coffee Crew (Coffee Connection).....6:30-7:30_{AM}
Worship Ministries Rehearsal (Sanctuary).....6:30-8_{PM}

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

NWIL Senior Adult Ministry Fall Fest (PFN Gym).....11_{AM}

NEXT SUNDAY - OCTOBER 4, 2026

Membership Sunday!

Morning Worship for all ages.....9:30_{AM}
Discipleship Groups for all ages.....11_{AM}
WHOLEHEARTED Q&A (Fellowship Center).....11_{AM}
LEAD Team Meeting (KidZone Worship).....11_{AM}
Submerge Practice (Refuge).....4:30-6_{PM}

If you would like to give online,
scan the QR code. Your giving
helps PFN live out our mission.



PEKIN FIRST NAZARENE

SUNDAY 9.27.26



**Rooted in
Christ to
Transform
Generations**

Bloom Conference

October 9 & 10

Riverside Community Church

Women's Ministry has the opportunity to attend the Bloom Conference 2026. It is a two day Women's Conference where ladies high school age & up get the opportunity to be inspired, uplifted, challenged and encouraged in a whole new way. We believe you were made on purpose for a purpose.

No matter what season you are in we encourage you to take time to invest in you. *Individuals are responsible for their own registration and transportation.* To register:

www.riversidepeoria.com/bloom

It's a
Secret
SISTER REVEAL!

Come find out who your Secret Sister was!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17
10am in the Fellowship Center

Bring your reveal gift & a dish to share.

Baptism at PFN

Baptism is the proclamation of a relationship with Jesus! If you have started a relationship with Jesus and have not yet been baptized, now is a great time!

Join us in the Foyer Cafe on Sun., Oct. 25, at 11am for an informational class. We will talk more about what baptism is, why we baptize people, and share how God has changed our lives.

Baptisms will be in service on Sun., Nov. 22.

Mark the communication card if you plan to attend the class.

October is PASTOR APPRECIATION Month!

In the foyer at Door A we will have a "Bucket of Praise" for each of the PFN Network Pastors. We encourage you to leave a note of praise or a card of encouragement at some point during the month. We want to fill their buckets!

Pastor Lauren Smith

PFN Lead Pastor

Cheryl Sherwood

PFN Associate Pastor

Pastor Austin Smith

PFN Executive Pastor

Pastor Irene Lewis-Wimbley

Southside Community Center Director

Gretta Nash

Summit Campus Pastor

Pumpkin Painting & Pizza Party

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

4:30-6:30pm

in the Fellowship Center

Join us for a **FREE** fun evening of painting pumpkins and eating pizza! This event is open to people of **ALL** ages and is the perfect event to invite a friend. There will be prizes given for the best painted pumpkin (*broken up by age groups*). Start thinking of your pumpkin design today! Mark the communication card if you plan to attend.

AUGUST 2026

Total General Operating Income	\$88,123
Total General Operating Expense	\$64,177
Difference	+\$23,945
NMI Faith Promise	\$3,492
SCC Compassion Ministries	\$833
PFN Building Fund	\$2,100
Benevolence	\$461
Total Summit Income	\$7,567
Total Summit Expense	\$6,673
Difference	+\$894

WEEKLY DISCIPLESHIP AVERAGE BY CAMPUS

Pekin First Nazarene	164
Southside Community Center	13
Summit Nazarene	33

WEEKLY WORSHIP AVERAGE BY CAMPUS

Pekin First Nazarene (in person/online)	313/160
Southside Community Center	37
Summit Nazarene	36

PFN NETWORK STATISTICS

HEAL YOUR HURTING MIND

a new book study

As we prepare for our October sermon series on mental health, we'll be taking a deeper dive together through "Heal Your Hurting Mind" by Craig Groeschel. This book study will create space for honest conversation, Biblical perspective, and practical tools for caring for our mental and emotional well-being.

Wednesdays at 6:30pm in Room 203

Dates: Sept. 30; Oct. 7, 14, 21 & 28; Nov. 11 & 18

Each participant will need to purchase their own copy of the book.

Mark the communication card if you plan to attend.