

# 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 on the Connection wall.

## Gift Card Needs:

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

## WHOLEHEARTED

Faith, Mental Health, & The Whole Person

**TODAY 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.*



## Communion at PFN

The Church of the Nazarene practices open communion (*grape juice & crackers*) and it is available to all those who have a relationship with Christ, regardless of membership or age. Pastor Lauren Smith will lead us and our Joy Adult Discipleship Class will serve us this morning. We encourage your participation.

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

**TODAY - OCTOBER 4, 2026**  
**MEMBERSHIP SUNDAY!**

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

### MONDAY

Widow's Journey (*Room 203*).....5-7PM  
Monday Brothers (*Room 307*).....6:30-8PM

### TUESDAY

Men of PFN Bible Study (*Room 305*).....6:30-7:30AM  
NDI Board Meeting (*Room 305*).....6-7PM

### WEDNESDAY

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

### THURSDAY

Prayer Gathering (*Sanctuary*).....6:30-7:30AM  
PFN Coffee Crew (*Coffee Connection*).....6:30-7:30AM  
NMI Council Meeting (*Room 305*).....6-7PM  
Worship Ministries Rehearsal (*Sanctuary*).....6:30-8PM

### FRIDAY

### SATURDAY

**NEXT SUNDAY - OCTOBER 11, 2026**

Morning Worship for all ages.....9:30AM  
Discipleship Groups for all ages.....11AM  
**PFN Pumpkin Painting & Pizza Party (F.C.).....4:30PM**

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



# PEKIN FIRST NAZARENE

SUNDAY 10.4.26



**Rooted in  
Christ to  
Transform  
Generations**

## PFN Women's Ministry Merch is available!!!

Scan the QR Code to shop our online store!! We have t-shirts, sweatshirts, and more! If you have any questions please see Michelle Farris.

Online store  
will close at  
**MIDNIGHT**  
tonight!!!



## 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.

## PrimeTime

Senior (55+) Adult Ministry

## Fall Bonfire

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23**  
5pm on the Patio

Bring a chair & a dish to share.  
Hot dogs, buns & drinks will  
be provided by PrimeTime.

Mark the communication card  
if planning to attend.

## PFN Cleaning Queens

Saturday, October 24 at 8:30am

PFN "Cleaning Queens" is an opportunity for volunteers to help clean both our church kitchens. We clean on a quarterly basis. Many hands make light work!!!

Mark the communication  
card if you would like to help.

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## 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.

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES

Sharing the good news of Jesus with each box! Starting next Sun., Oct. 11 you can pick up a shoebox (*or two*) in the foyer at Door A, the Welcome Center at Door K and throughout the building.

Remember to bring your filled boxes back on **Sunday, November 15!** During service we will pray over the shoeboxes and the children who will receive them worldwide.

## October is PASTOR APPRECIATION Month!

In the foyer at Door A we 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

## WELCOME

to the  
Newest Members  
of Pekin First Nazarene

*This morning we welcome into church  
membership the following people:*

**Amanda Gard, Dana Nimmo,  
Amanda Olson, and Erik Smith**