

The TOWER

NEWSLETTER OF PECATONICA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



from the desk
of
Pastor Katie

New

Do you ever feel like our world keeps pushing all sorts of new things at us? For example, we know that it is less expensive these days to buy new electronics than it is to repair old ones, so we are almost forced, for economic reasons, to choose something new, rather than stick with what we know. Is it ever frustrating for you when all this new stuff can feel overwhelming? On the other hand, when you are stuck in a place where you feel stifled and no one understands you, and finally someone hears your story and listens to your heartbreak, don't you feel free, partially because of this new experience of being listened to, which in essence, is honoring you as a person?

This new-ness can be a double-edged sword for us. It can be a spark for creative energy and it can be the thing that stops us in our tracks and freezes us from moving forward because fear has grabbed us by its ugly claws. So what do we do with all this new in our world?

Well, during this Easter season, we're going to explore what Jesus makes new in us and for us, and how we can use that new to free up what is bound in us and how that might help the world grow for the Kingdom of God. It doesn't matter if new excites you right now or scares you right now. If you are willing to explore how God in Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit is prepared to help us step into something new and move around in it, get used to it, trying it on for us, and then help us move forward in that newness, we invite you to join us.



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Open House Dates:

Sat. April 8

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Tues. April 25

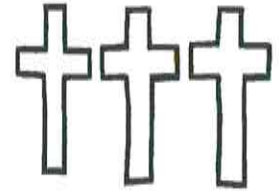
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Kids Page



What's the Story in
Sunday School?
Amy Salamon, SS
Superintendent



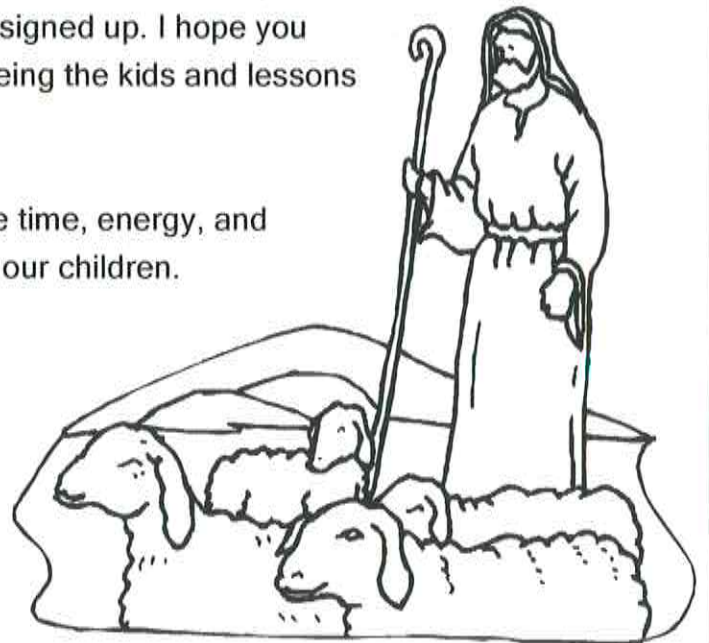
In April, our Sunday School kids will dive into the Easter story. Topics are:

- Peter's Betrayal of Jesus
- Jesus's Entry into Jerusalem
- Jesus's Empty Tomb
- Jesus Fishes With His Disciples
- Jesus Commands "Feed My Sheep"

The Bible verse for the month is "Hosanna in the highest!" Matthew 21:9

I appreciate all of you who have volunteered in the classroom during March and have signed up. I hope you have enjoyed seeing the kids and lessons in action.

Thank you for the time, energy, and interest you give our children.



FEBRUARY FINANCIAL REPORT GENERAL FUND

GENERAL FUND

Balance as of February 1, 2017

\$4,182.19

Deposits

2-5 Service	\$ 3,318.00
2-12 Service	\$ 1,912.00
2-19 Service	\$ 1,543.00
2-26 Service	\$ 1,785.00
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$ 8,558.00



Disbursements

2-1 Lease Services (Copier)	\$ 74.00
2-10 Bishop Lane Retreat Center (\$2,681.00 Women's Retreat Designated Fund)	
2-14 Cokesbury (\$102.43 Study Books from Designated Fund)	
2-14 Northern IL Conference (Pastor's Pension)	\$ 692.53
2-14 Northern IL Conference (Pastor's Health Insurance)	\$ 1,350.00
2-14 Northern IL Conference (Pastor's Flex Account)	\$ 108.33
2-14 Northern IL Conference (\$108.00 Human Relations Day from Designated Fund)	
2-14 Upper Room	\$ 95.00
2-15 Melissa Shippy (Secretary Wages)	\$ 327.62
2-15 Kathleen Voigt (Pastor's Salary)	\$ 1,633.88
2-15 Wespath (Pastor's Pension Contribution)	\$ 86.57
2-16 Lorita Ooyen (2-5 & 2-19 Services)	\$ 120.00
2-23 Cindy Volkert (2-12, & 2-26 Services)	\$ 90.00
2-23 Loescher Heating & A.C. (\$2,000.00 Boiler Service from Designated Fund)	
2-28 Loescher Heating & A.C. (Boiler Repairs)	\$ 575.60
2-23 N.I. Conference (March Apportionments)	\$ 1,453.00
2-28 The Hermitage Art Company (Easter Bulletins)	\$ 24.24
2-28 Kathleen Voigt (February Pastor's Expense)	\$ 369.92
2-28 Melissa Shippy (Secretary Wages)	\$ 414.19
2-28 Kathleen Voigt (Pastor's Salary)	\$ 1,633.88
2-28 Village of Pecatonica (Church \$39.37 & Parsonage \$53.87 from Utilities Fund)	
2-28 Frontier (\$134.11 Church & Parsonage from Utilities Fund)	
2-28 Com-Ed (Church \$246.53 & Parsonage \$111.58 from Utilities Fund)	
2-28 NiCor Gas (Church \$300.00 & Parsonage \$87.01 from Utilities Fund)	
2-28 Chase Cards (Various Expenses)	\$ 421.97
2-28 Gill's Freeport Disposal (\$45.26 Church from Utilities Fund)	
2-28 IL Department of Revenue (February IL Withholding Tax)	\$ 24.33
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 9,495.06

BALANCE AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 2017

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\$3,245.13

DESIGNATED FUNDS

FEBRUARY

2017

	Beginning Balance	Deposits	Disbursements	Ending Balance
ROSECRANCE	\$16.13	\$2.32	\$0.00	\$18.45
YOUTH/KIDS OF THE KING.	\$242.99	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$242.99
FOOD PANTRY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
CHANCEL GUILD	\$122.67	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$122.67
FEEDING THE FAMILY	\$1,975.98	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,975.98
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL	\$498.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$498.00
SOUND BOOTH	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
IMAGINE NO MALARIA	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
KITCHEN	\$1,015.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,015.00
WOMEN'S RETREAT	\$3,482.92	\$240.00	\$2,681.00	\$1,041.92
PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND	\$491.12	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$491.12
UTILITIES	\$1,691.97	\$0.00	\$1,017.73	\$674.24
BIBLE STUDY BOOKS	\$252.50	\$0.00	\$102.43	\$150.07
BOILER REPAIRS (FROM UMW)	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
APPORTIONMENTS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
HUMAN RELATIONS DAY	\$108.00	\$0.00	\$108.00	\$0.00

SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCES

BUILDING GENERAL FUND \$62,737.51 (\$50,695 Earmarked for Church Windows)

DESIGNATED FUNDS

FELLOWSHIP HOUR ACCOUNT	\$692.12
MEMORIAL FUND	\$6,464.21
OUTREACH ACCOUNT	\$615.87
U.M.M.	\$2,981.75
UMW (CHECKING)	\$1,293.16
UMW (SAVINGS)	\$26,610.63
FOOD PANTRY	\$17,205.38



UNPAID BILLS

Easter Egg Hunt

Donations are coming in and hundreds of eggs are being stuffed. Thank you!
Now we need people to hide the eggs and someone to manage the kids on Easter

Sunday. Contact John Stelter, Barb, Shary, Cindy or Wanda to:

- Hide eggs for the 4-11 age kids on Saturday April 15th - 3:00 PM
- Hide eggs for the 1-3 age kids on Sunday April 16th - 7:45 AM
- Manage the hunters on Sunday April 16th - 8:15 AM

Several people needed.

John



*Merci! Gracias!
Thanks!
We Appreciate it!*

Outreach would like to thank everyone who purchased flowers from our Say It With Flowers fundraiser. We will use the profits to help share God's love to our community and beyond. Blessings to you all.

Thanks to the congregation for hosting our troop meetings & for your support of Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois. We appreciate all you do for us!
~Brownie Troop 877

Rockford District Leadership Training

April 29, 2017
Calvary UMC
315 W. Maple Ave., Stockton
815-947-2414

Schedule

8:30-9:00 Registration
9:00-10:15 Workshops - Session 1
10:15-10:45 Break/Fellowship
10:45-noon Workshops - Session 2

All attendees are encouraged to register for 2 workshops!

Register soon at:
www.umcnic.org/2017SpringRkfd
For more information call:
815-508-1388

Workshops

Ministry Review
led by Rev. Lisa Kruse-Safford

Alternative Leadership Structure (pt. 2)
led by Trinity UMC leaders

Church Branding: More than Just a Logo
led by Mrs. Lisa Smith

Submissions for **The Tower** can be mailed, emailed, or left in the secretary's box outside the Church Office. Deadline for the **May** Newsletter is **April 16th.**

We apologize if your Birthday or Anniversary is listed incorrectly or missing. Please notify the Church Secretary so we can correct our records.
Thank You!

Happy Birthday!

- 1st Cole McNamer
- 4th Jim Holloway
- 10th Keith Ritter
- 12th Julie Fry
- 16th Michele Lewis
- 17th Mary Wagner
- 19th Irv Cuthbertson
Char Theisen
- 20th Steve Lambert
Dale Norris
- 23rd Sherry Page
- 24th Peggy Myers
- 25th Dan Dickinson
Jaynellen Holloway
- 26th Kathy McNamer
- 27th Denise Heller
Valerie Volkert



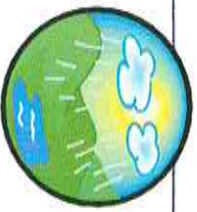
Happy Anniversary!

- 3rd Garry & Karne Forde
- 4th Tom & Patty Gipe
- 7th Todd & Donna Leitzinger
- 15th Kevin & Beverly Hood
- 17th John & Jackie Moyer
Melissa & Paul Shippy
- 25th Neil & Nancy Ritter





PecUMIC - April 2017

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mar 26	<p>One Great Hour of Sharing (offering) 9:00 AM Worship followed by fellowship</p>	<p>Q&A with Pastor Kate @ Pec Library 10:00 AM 6:30 PM Boy Scouts</p>	<p>10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Community Food Party Open House 6:30 PM Community Food Party Meeting</p>	<p>9:30 AM Sewing Group 6:30 PM Bible Basics @ Passage</p>	<p>12:00 PM Picaadencia Neon Potluck 5:30 PM Harvest Dinner for Food Pantry Patrons 6:30 PM Evening Bible Study in Youth Room</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>Apr 1</p>
2	<p>9:00 AM Worship followed by fellowship 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM Ensemble Rehearsal 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM LMMV Home Golf Dinner</p>	<p>10:30 AM Q&A with Pastor Kate @ Pec Library 6:30 PM Boy Scouts</p>	<p>6:30 PM Nurturing Meeting</p>	<p>6:30 PM Bible Basics @ Passage 6:30 PM Knicker Bible Study 7:00 PM Euclype Night</p>	<p>6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Brookline Scouts 6:30 PM Evening Bible Study in Youth Room</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 10:00 AM - 11:00 PM Community Food Party Open House 7:00 PM - 4:00 PM Masterpiece with Maureen Painting Cass</p>
9	<p>Passion Palm Sunday 9:00 AM Worship followed by fellowship 10:30 AM LMMV Meeting</p>	<p>10:30 AM Q&A with Pastor Kate @ Pec Library 6:30 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Trustees Committee</p>	<p>6:30 PM Leadership Meeting</p>	<p>12 6:30 PM Out Scouts 6:30 PM Knicker Bible Study</p>	<p>13 7:00 PM Maundi Thursday Service</p>	<p>14 7:00 PM Good Friday Community Service @ First Lutheran</p>	<p>15</p>
16	<p>7:00 AM Easter Services Service 8:00 AM Easter breakfast served by the LMMV 8:30 AM Easter Egg Hunt/Ensemble Rehearsal 9:00 AM Easter Service</p>	<p>Church Office Closed 6:30 PM Boy Scouts 6:30 PM Finance Committee</p>	<p>6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Pec Preschool Meeting in Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>19 6:30 PM Out Scouts 6:30 PM Knicker Bible Study</p>	<p>20 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Brookline Scouts 6:30 PM Evening Bible Study in the Youth Room</p>	<p>21 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM Brookline Party</p>	<p>22 </p>
23	<p>9:00 AM Worship followed by Fellowship 12:30 PM - 4:00 PM Hulse Cemetery Group Meeting</p>	<p>10:00 AM Q&A with Pastor Kate 6:30 PM Boy Scouts</p>	<p>10:00 AM - 11:00 PM Community Food Party Open House 6:30 PM Community Food Party Meeting</p>	<p>26 9:00 AM Sewing Group 6:30 PM Bible Basic @ Passage</p>	<p>27 12:00 PM Picaadencia Neon Potluck 6:30 PM Evening Bible Study in the Youth Room</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 6:30 AM - 12:00 PM District Training Event @ Cakery LMC</p>
30	<p>Native American Ministries Sunday (aftergl) 9:00 AM Worship followed by Fellowship 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM Ensemble Rehearsal</p>	<p>10:00 AM Q&A with Pastor Kate 6:30 PM Boy Scouts 6:30 PM Outreach Meeting</p>	<p>2 May 1</p>	<p>3 6:30 PM Bible Basics @ Passage 7:00 PM Euclype Night</p>	<p>4 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Brookline Scouts 6:30 PM Evening Bible Study in the Youth Room</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>

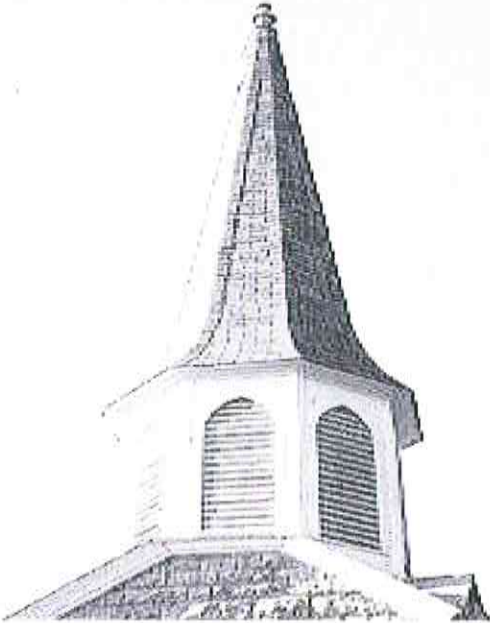


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