



GRACE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pekin, Illinois

FALL SEMESTER 2024

ADULT,
CHILDREN, &
YOUTH
CHRISTIAN
EDUCATION
OFFERINGS

1/1

Children's Ministry

1/2

Youth Ministry
(Jr. & Sr. High School)

2/0

Adult Permanent Classes

2/1

Adult Short Term Classes



OUR PLAN AND HOW WE'LL USE IT

Christian Education is an important part of all of our lives. For many, we begin this in the way that we are cared for as children. Most of us have grown up in a world of Sunday worship and Sunday Schooling. The majority of that focus has been on the needs of raising up our children with the occasional classes set up for people who have largely finished raising their children and who wish to study a particular book or theme. This year we seek to change and expand this area of ministry and growth.

Our dream is that through our various offerings, we might grow each other and grow the church collective. So we have set up our first semester system of Christian Education that is focused on all ages and stages of life.

In this pamphlet you will be able to look to life stage and then look at various offerings. We will have programming broken up into "Children's" ministries, "Youth (Jr. & Sr. High) ministries, and "Adult" ministries. Then you will see if the programming is on going and indefinite (weekly offerings that are like Sunday School) or short term or various in nature. Once you find a piece of programming that meets the needs you are seeking, then you will be able to find that ministry on our website and register through the site or through the Grace app.

So take a quick read, pray for where God wants you to begin and we will see you in our programming this fall semester.



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UNITEkids

Unite with God, Unite with Each Other

UNITEKIDS & BIBLE BUDDIES

K-5TH GRADE

Sunday

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

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Children's Church for ages Pre-K-5th grade from 9:15-10am @ Grace.

Nursery for 0 - 5 years aged kids are welcome to the Nursery with paid staff support.

Monday

BIBLE BUDDIES UNITEKIDS

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Bible Buddies - 5:30pm - 6:30pm in the foyer.

Wednesday

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UNITEKIDS - 5:30pm in the nursery.

Christmas

ALL CHILDREN

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Each Christmas we offer a special event for children and their families, Santa's Prayer Breakfast. This event highlights the message of Jesus, joy of Santa & the talents of many of our children. Dates and times TBD.

Specials

ALL CHILDREN

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Occasionally the Children's programming is able...

Example: Easter Egg Hunt in the Spring, special game nights and movie nights, etc..

RADICAL YOUTH MINISTRIES

RADICAL
ROMANS 1:16
youth ministries

We know that the youth in our community need all the love, care, and support that we can offer them. That is why we have been building up our Jr. High and Sr. High ministries, the Radical Youth program.

At Radical, youth will find a space to build community, learn about Jesus, develop spiritual practices and to simply be.

Brionna and Jill work hard to make sure that the programming is vibrant and that we extend our reach in the community.

Our group meets on Sunday evenings from 5:00-6:30pm Junior High and 6:30-8:00pm for High School.



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ADULT FOCUSED SHORT TERM CLASSES



SUNDAY SCHOOL GROUPS

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Journey Class (near to recently retired members, but open to all), - Study various Book & Bible studies based on the needs of the class. Meets in the Upper Room between worship services.

Phoenix Rising - Older adult group that meets between worship services in the Lower Level of the Original building and discusses the Upper Room Devotional

Parents Group - TBD (Emmy Thies is in the planning phase of this group)

WEEKDAY GROUPS

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Tuesday Morning Men's Group - Coffee, donuts and devotionals. Meet in the Hospitality Area at 8am.

Thursday Morning Book Study - This is a group of women who reflect on theological questions with the help of various book studies. Thursdays at 10am in the Upper Room.

Wednesday Evening Parents Group - Gather while the children participate in UNITEKIDS and grow deeper in your faith.

ASSISTED LIVING COMMUNITY

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Pekin Estates - Join us on the 4th Wednesday of the month for a study based on the recent sermon series and communion at Pekin Estates, 2pm.



I Was Broke Now I'm Not

LEADER - ERIC
Personal finances have you struggling? Learn how to make a plan, born in faith and established principles to take control of your relationship to money.

Tuesdays @ 6:30pm
7 Weeks
Beginning Sept. 17th
Cost - \$60 for kit



UMC 101

LEADER - ERIC
Want to know what it means to be a part of the United Methodist Church? Learn about our history, traditions and beliefs in this church primer. Note, this is great for those wishing to join the church.

Tuesdays @ 6:30pm
4 Weeks
Beginning Nov. 5th
Cost - Free



Stories of Hymns and Faith

LEADER - JIM
Learn about the faith journey behind your favorite hymns and hymn authors. You can join or enjoy the choir before each session.

Wednesdays @ 7pm
4 Weeks
Beginning Oct. 2nd
Cost - Free

Hot Topics of Life & Faith

LEADER - ERIC
Hard questions take deep reflection. This group will offer questions to the group that will then have a prepared message and Q&A time at one of the next gatherings.

Wednesdays @ 6pm
12 Weeks
Beginning Sept. 18th
Cost - Free

Specials

VARIOUS
Through the year, there will be opportunities for special studies and events based on current events/happenings around the church and world... These short term events will be advertised in worship.

