

PEARCE CHURCH

Our vision is to look, live, and love like Jesus

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News, Events & Updates (NEUs) • January 19 & 20, 2019

WORSHIP

This weekend, Pastor Roger continues our winter series, “Endless Grace,” with the message, “Trust God,” from 1 Corinthians 12:1-11.

Next Weekend: We are pleased to welcome Dr. Thomas Jay Oord as our guest speaker next weekend, January 26 & 27. Dr. Oord is a theologian, philosopher, and scholar of multi-disciplinary studies. He is an award-winning author, and he has written or edited more than twenty books. He’ll be speaking on “Imitating the Uncontrolling Love of God.” Giving a rational accounting for how there’s messiness in the world, but there’s still a loving God whose love will never try to control us. Check our Facebook page for a link to a video explaining about what Dr. Oord will be talking about here at Pearce. You can also learn more about Tom and his work at thomasjayoord.com

Dr. Oord will also be the speaker at this year’s Barnes Science and Faith Symposium: “10 Reasons the Science and Theology Dialogue Matters,” January 28, at Roberts Wesleyan College. Albert Einstein famously said, “science without religion is lame, religion without science is blind.” But Einstein was a novice theologian. And contemporary science has changed in drastic ways since Einstein. What should we say about the relationship between science and theology today? Dr. Thomas Jay Oord, professor at Northwest Nazarene University, offers ten reasons this often volatile dialogue is more important now than it was in Einstein’s time. 5:30 pm dinner and/or 7:30 pm keynote address. Registration required for dinner: roberts.edu/barnes-symposium

Journey Kids Jr. (birth-6 years old): Nursery care is provided in the Journey Kids wing during each worship service.

Journey Kids (K-5th Grade):

- 9 & 11am: kids begin Sunday worship in the Sanctuary with their family and will be dismissed to Journey Kids
- 10am: Journey Kids Serve! in the Journey Kids wing

All kids in K-5th grade need to be signed-in at the Journey Kids Check-in Kiosk (main lobby).

Journey Teens (5th-12th Grade):

- 10am Sundays:
 - Help out in Journey Kids Serve!
 - No “Conversations with Dirk” this Sunday, due to the Winter Retreat
- No evening Journey Teens this week, due to the Winter Retreat

Check us out—Journey Teens is on Instagram (@journeyteenspearce), Facebook (@journeyteens), and Snapchat (@journeyteens). Parents, join the Pearce Teens Facebook group to stay up-to-date on what they’re doing.

Sunday Morning Journey Groups, 10-10:50am at Pearce:

- **Gospel Ambassadors** (*Rick Kinde, facilitator; Friendship Center*)
- **Bible Explorers** (*Bill Roushey, facilitator; Room 82*)
- **Son Seekers** (*Rod Bassett/James Kerwin, facilitators; Room 81*)
- **FOCUS** (*Shelly Bliss, facilitator; Room 251*)
- **20-somethings** (*Matt Kerwin, facilitator; Loft B, teen area*)

COMMUNITY

Journey Teens Winter Retreat Update: In light of the predicted winter storm, the youth retreat was canceled for this weekend with hopes to reschedule in February.

Looking for real and authentic life-changing relationships? Want to be part of changing the world one heart and one home at a time? Want to experience the thrill of learning to better look, live, and love like Jesus? You're invited to join us on this Journey as a member of Pearce Church. If interested, check the box "I'm interested in becoming a Pearce Church Member" on the Connection Card in your bulletin or simply contact one of our pastors.

Official Board & Nominating Committee Nominees: All full members of Pearce are encouraged to vote for new members of the Official Board and Nominating Committee. Voting will take place at the Annual Celebration on Wednesday, February 6; in the church office on Thursday, February 7, from 8am-5pm; and at the lobby reception desk before and after worship services on February 9 & 10. Absentee balloting is not permitted by the Free Methodist discipline. Brochures will be available this weekend to learn more about the five nominees for our Official Board: Jamie Chalmers, Kim LaCelle, Matt Kerwin, Nadine Muehlbauer, and Terry Taber. In addition, there are three slots open for serving on the Nominating Committee for three-year terms. These individuals have been nominated for the Nominating Committee: Carole Bassett, Earl Bassett, Lois Corbett, Joan Goulart, Phil Graham, Charmy Perry, and Rob Thomson. Please read through the brochure and prayerfully consider your selection.

Full Life Sports at Pearce: You are invited to join in any of these opportunities, no matter your skill level.

- Mondays-Futsal (all ages)
- Tuesdays-Floor Hockey (High School and up)
- Thursdays-Volleyball (age 13 and up)

All sports meet 7-9pm in the gym (Family Life Center). Contact Dave Mantegna with questions at 585-752-8221.

Overflow-College Ministry: We'll be meeting on Tuesdays this semester, from 6-8pm at Common Grounds Café at Pearce: January 22, February 5 & 26, March 12 & 26, April 9 & 23, and May 7. Fun activities are planned for February 12, March 19, and April 16. Stay connected with us on social media to hear about upcoming special events (search: Overflow-College Ministry on Facebook; Overflowcollege on Twitter and Instagram). Want to join our mailing list or have any questions? Contact Pastor Chris at obrien_chris@pearcechurch.org. Or, if you prefer texts over emails, text "College" to 68398.

The 20s@Pearce: If you are in your 20s and early 30s and are not already in a small group, contact Pastor Chris to find out what groups are available and how to join. We'll be meeting on Wednesdays, from 6-8pm in Pearce's Common Grounds Café: January 30, February 13 & 27, April 10 & 24, and May 1, 15 & 29. Stay connected with us on social media to hear about these special events (search: 20s@Pearce on Facebook, Pearce20s on Twitter, and Pearce20Somethings on Instagram). Want to join our mailing list or have any questions? Contact Pastor Chris at obrien_chris@pearcechurch.org. Or, if you prefer texts over emails, text "20sgroup" to 68398.

Women's Bible Study: Fill Your Cup is a new Journey Group starting for women age 30-55 that will meet on Wednesdays from 6:30-8pm in Room 82, beginning January 23. The group will use the Coffee Cup Bible Study series, beginning with the book, "Premium Roast with Ruth." The book for the study is available to purchase; cost is \$7. Have questions or want to learn more? Contact Nicky Gibbons (nicknack1221@yahoo.com or 585-506-7063) or Joan Goulart (goulart_joan@pearcechurch.org).

Celebrate Recovery Community Group meets on Wednesdays, from 6:30-8:30pm in the Loft (above Parmerter). Celebrate Recovery (CR) is a Christ-centered, 12-step program for anyone dealing with hurt, pain, or addiction of any kind. CR is a safe place to find community and freedom from the issues that are controlling our lives. There is no commitment to show up every week; it is for those who need it, when they need it, and is open to everyone. We hope to see you there as together we work to look, live, and love like Jesus, one day at a time. If you'd like to learn more about Celebrate Recovery at Pearce, you can email the leadership team at cr@pearcechurch.org.

Winter Savory Suppers (January 16-February 27): Join us for dinner on Wednesday nights this winter! You won't have to cook, and you can meet some new friends. Dinner will be served each Wednesday, from 4:30-6:30pm in the Family Life Center. Registration is requested. Cost is \$7 for adults (\$7.50 at the door); \$4 for children 11 and under; and free for children 4 and under. RSVP by 5pm the Monday prior for discounted price, stop at the lobby reception desk or click on "Savory Supper" on our online calendar (pearcechurch.org/events/). **January 23 Menu:** Roast Turkey w/Trimmings, Grilled Red/White Zweigle's Hots/Sausages

Annual Celebration: The Pearce Annual Celebration will be held on Wednesday, February 6, at 6:30pm in Parmerter Chapel, followed by a reception. "On the way..." will be the theme for the evening, miracles and prayers are answered on the way. Child care through 5th grade will be provided for children whose parents attend the Annual Celebration.

SERVICE

RAIHN: Pearce has a team of volunteers who support the St. Luke/St. Cyrene (Two Saints) congregation in hosting Rochester Area Interfaith Hospitality Network (RAIHN) families. RAIHN will serve 40 families in the shelter program this year. They also provide case management and after-shelter support to families for one year after they “graduate” into housing, and at this time that includes over 30 families. If you’re interested in seeing what this ministry is all about and what it means to volunteer, contact Bev Faro. The next RAIHN volunteer training will be Tuesday, February 5, at 6:30pm at New Hope Free Methodist Church in Rochester. All volunteers must attend training to participate in RAIHN. Check our Facebook page on Monday to hear from Bev Faro, our Pearce RAIHN coordinator. On Facebook, search “PearceChurch.” Did you know we have a Social Justice Facebook group? Go to our FB page, click “groups” on the left hand side, and click on the Social Justice group to join.

In addition to volunteering, here are a couple of other ways you can support RAIHN:

- Strike Out Homelessness, Sunday, February 10, at Bowl-a-Roll Lanes on 1560 Jefferson Road. Start recruiting your team of 5-6 bowlers now! \$50 minimum donation/fundraising goal per bowler to play. Donation includes shoe rental, two games, pizza, beverage, and t-shirt. Ask friends and family to support RAIHN and pledge! Registration is open at <https://www.raihn.org/strike-out-homelessness/>
- Save the date! “Grace through Music,” a benefit concert for RAIHN will be held on Monday, March 4, at 7pm at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church (25 Westminster Road, Rochester, 14607). This event is being organized by Lara Sipols, RPO member, and Nancy Frank, RAIHN Board Vice-Chair. Check raihn.org for more information as the date gets closer.

Snow Removal Teams: Thank you to those who are braving the cold and snow to help us keep our sidewalks safe for guests and attenders this winter. We still have many openings for the coming weeks. It could be a fun way for your family to serve together, or maybe your Journey Group would like to cover one shift each month. To join this very important team, sign up at the table in the lobby. If you’d like to learn more, our Facility Director, Bob Antes, would love to hear from you. You can reach Bob at antes_robert@pearcechurch.org or 594-9488.

Food Cupboard: Thank you for your continued donations to our food cupboard! You are helping us provide food and personal care items throughout the year to our neighbors who are in need. Items needed at this time are Kleenex, paper towels, juice, and jam. Donations can be left in the shopping cart in our main lobby at any time. Financial donations are also accepted and used to purchase items and materials to sustain our cupboard.

FYI

Job Opening: Would you like to be a part of the Pearce team, helping to ensure our ministries happen each week? We are looking for a Facilities Team Leader, assisting our facilities crew. Hours are rotating evenings and weekends and would be an excellent opportunity for a retiree. We would like this to be a full-time position but would consider making it part-time. If you would like to serve the congregation in this way, send your resume to Bob Antes at 594-9488 or antes_robert@pearcechurch.org.