

# PEARCE CHURCH

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

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## News, Events & Updates (NEUs) • March 16 & 17, 2019

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### WORSHIP

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**This Weekend**, Pastor Roger continues the series “Where Is God?” with the message “Count The Stars” from Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18. As a part of our Sunday 11am worship service, Norm Everett will be consecrated as a Deacon of Pearce Memorial Church by our Conference Superintendent, Dr. Pam Braman, and our Lead Staff. A reception to celebrate with Norm and his family will be held immediately following the service.

#### **Journey Kids (birth-5<sup>th</sup> grade)**

- Journey Kids Jr. (birth-5 years old): Nursery care is provided in the Journey Kids wing during each worship service.
- Journey Kids (K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade):
  - 9 & 11am: Kids begin Sunday worship in the Sanctuary with their family and will be dismissed to Journey Kids
  - 10am: Journey Kids Serve! meets in the Journey Kids wing

All kids need to be signed-in at the Journey Kids Check-in Desk (main lobby).

#### **Journey Teens (5th-12th Grade):**

- 10am Sundays:
  - Help out in Journey Kids Serve!
  - Participate in “Conversations with Dirk”—help set up for the evening’s Journey Teens, then hang out with Dirk Sipes and talk about how we can look, live, and love like Jesus (meets in Parmerter West).
- 6-8pm Sunday: Journey Teens (5th & 6th graders meet in the Journey Kids Wing; 7th & 8th graders meet in Parmerter; and 9th-12th graders meet in the Loft Main Room)

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.

**Serve! Worship Service:** Serve meets on Sunday mornings at 10am and is made up of kids in K-5th Grade. These kids are planning and leading a worship service at the end of this month and would love for everyone to attend. The service will be held on Sunday, March 31, at 10am in Parmerter Chapel.

**Our next Service of Baptism** will be held on Sunday, May 5. If you are interested in being baptized, please mark your Connection Card and place it in the offering, call the church office at 594-9488, or email [pearce@pearcechurch.org](mailto:pearce@pearcechurch.org).

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### COMMUNITY

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#### **Bereavement:**

- Kim Brittin’s grandfather, **Robert Dunbar**, passed away on March 13. He was 92 years young. Calling hours are planned for Monday with a service to celebrate his life on Tuesday in Lockport, NY.
- **Clint Geer**, brother of Sheila (Dave) Harp, passed away on March 14 in Ilion, NY. A service will be held on Tuesday in Mohawk, NY. Please pray for Sheila and the entire family as they grieve.

**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)
- Wednesdays-Ultimate Frisbee (High School and up)
- Thursdays-Volleyball (age 13 and up)

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

**The Dementia Caregivers Support Group** meets on Tuesday, March 19, at noon in the Conference Room. (The group meets on the third Tuesday of each month.) Bring your lunch with you or buy a cup of soup at Common Grounds Café. If you are providing care for a family member who has dementia, this group can be a great source of caring, understanding, and support. For more information, call Mary Lou Bates at 594-2232.

**Grief Care Group** provides ongoing support to people who have experienced loss through death. Led by Janet Bratt, Grief Care meets on Tuesday, March 19 (and on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month), from 6:30-8pm in The Upper Room (Room 251). This group is open to the community. If you have any questions, please contact Janet at [jbratt2@rochester.rr.com](mailto:jbratt2@rochester.rr.com).

**Kids Gym** meets on Wednesdays, from 10-11am (following the Churchville-Chili school calendar), offering a place for kids to play and for their caregivers to connect with each other. If you know a family with young children who might appreciate the chance to get out of the house and have a safe place to play each week, invite them to Kids Gym. And, if you'd like to be a part of helping these families feel welcomed here at Pearce, consider helping at Kids Gym. To learn more, contact Pastor Kayleigh at [schumske\\_kayleigh@pearcechurch.org](mailto:schumske_kayleigh@pearcechurch.org).

**Teen “Never the Same” Camp (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade), July 7-11:** After a great experience last year, the teens are headed back to Never the Same Camp this summer! This year's theme is Movement: “We can become comfortable with conformity. God is greater than the things that enslave us, the things that we think will bring us deliverance. God has made it possible to move his people from bondage to freedom. God's movement can be experienced in two parts: His action and our reaction. It starts with His initiation, which moves us to respond. When He says go, we are to move.” Make sure you register your teen for this life-changing opportunity! **Cost is \$332 when registered before April 22.** Register online at [ntscamp.com/newyork/](http://ntscamp.com/newyork/)

**Mega Kids Camp: Where Fun, Faith, and Family Collide!** This summer, we're kicking VBS up a notch and bringing you Mega Kids Camp. Running Monday-Friday, July 29-August 2, this awesome week will be free for everyone. It's our hope that families in our community who do not know Jesus will be able to encounter His love through this ministry. Kids in preschool (age 4 by December 1, 2019) will get to be part of Mega Kids Camp Jr., while elementary kids (kids entering K-6<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall) will get to choose from one of five “tracks” to participate in all week. We'll also offer Parent Camp, where parents can meet other adults and gain valuable skills for their parenting tool belt. Since we want the whole family to participate and want as many of our Pearce Church family members to be involved as possible, Mega Kids Camp will run in the evenings from 6:30-8:30, with dinner served starting at 5 each night. As you can imagine, there will be many opportunities for the entire Pearce family to join the MKC team. **Child and volunteer registration forms will be available beginning Monday, April 1.**

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## COMMUNITY—JOURNEY GROUPS

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**Journey Groups:** We find community in and through our Journey Groups, where we seek to live this out whether through a Sunday Class or a Small Group meeting during the week. You are invited to “Know, Grow, and Go” as we build life-changing relationships with our God and one another! Sunday morning groups are listed below; if you would like to find a group meeting during the week, contact Pastor Bill at [gibbons\\_bill@pearcechurch.org](mailto:gibbons_bill@pearcechurch.org).

**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; The Upper Room (Room 251)
- **20-Somethings**, Matt Kerwin, facilitator; Loft B, teen area

**Overflow-College Ministry** meets on Tuesdays this semester, from 6-8pm at Common Grounds Café at Pearce: March 26, April 9 & 23, and May 7. Oasis Nights are planned for March 19 and April 16. Stay connected on social media to hear about upcoming special events and service opportunities (search: Overflow- College Ministry on Facebook; Overflowcollege on Twitter, Snapchat, and Instagram). Want to join the mailing list or have any questions? Contact Pastor Chris at [obrien\\_chris@pearcechurch.org](mailto:obrien_chris@pearcechurch.org).

**Wednesday Morning Prayer:** We've switched our day from Monday to Wednesday! All are invited to join Dr. Nelson Grimm on Wednesday mornings at 9am in The Upper Room (Room 251) for a time of prayer. Together, we will express our appreciation to God for the gift of prayer; acknowledge the many ways we have been blessed, both individually and as a church; and pray for each other, our community, and our world.

**Women's Bible Study:** Looking for a place to connect with other women? Fill Your Cup Journey Group, for women age 30-55, meets on Wednesdays at 6:30pm in the Friendship Center. This week, they begin the book, "Espresso with Esther." Book cost is \$7 and may be purchased at the reception desk during the week or at the study on Wednesday nights. Questions? Contact Nicky Gibbons at [nicknack1221@yahoo.com](mailto:nicknack1221@yahoo.com) or Joan Goulart at [goulart\\_joan@pearcechurch.org](mailto:goulart_joan@pearcechurch.org).

**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. The group meets on Wednesdays, from 6:30-8:30pm at the O'Brien home: March 27, April 10 & 24, and May 1, 15 & 29. Stay connected on social media to hear about these and other special events (search: 20s@Pearce on Facebook, Pearce20s on Twitter, and Pearce20Somethings on Instagram). Want to join the mailing list or have any questions? Contact Pastor Chris at [obrien\\_chris@pearcechurch.org](mailto:obrien_chris@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. If you'd like to learn more about Celebrate Recovery at Pearce, you can email the leadership team at [cr@pearcechurch.org](mailto:cr@pearcechurch.org).

**Journey Pray-ers** meets on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 in Room 82 (lower level education wing). God provides an amazing battle plan to regain those things in life that have been snatched away by the enemy of our soul, a strategy that begins and ends with prayer. To learn more, contact Sue Harkins at [bammyto6@gmail.com](mailto:bammyto6@gmail.com).

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## SERVICE

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**2020 Teen Nzige Mission Trip Info Meeting:** Any teens interested in participating in our 2020 trip to Nzige, Rwanda, and their parents, are invited to attend an informational meeting on Sunday, March 24, at 4:30pm in the Loft (teen area). Come get your questions answered! Applications and interviews will be required to be a part of this mission team; preference will go to juniors and seniors. Questions? Contact Pastor Kayleigh at [schumske\\_kayleigh@pearcechurch.org](mailto:schumske_kayleigh@pearcechurch.org) or Ally Turner, our Youth Ministry Director, at [turner\\_ally@pearcechurch.org](mailto:turner_ally@pearcechurch.org).

**Can shopping help missions? Absolutely!** Our annual Mission Garage Sale is coming April 26 & 27. Mark your calendar, begin to set aside items that you can donate, and plan to shop 'til you drop! All proceeds from the garage sale go to support local and global mission initiatives. Want to do even more? Many hands are needed to help with set-up and pricing during the week, various jobs during the sale, and clean-up on Saturday afternoon. Sign-ups begin the first weekend in April.

If you have prescriptions filled at Wegmans, please save the plastic zipper bags they come in. We can use those to group many smaller items for the sale. We'll accept those small zipper bags, along with all other garage sale donations, on Sunday, April 21, from 11am-12:30pm and Monday-Wednesday, April 22-24, from 8:30am-7pm.

**Food Cupboard Update:** 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. **This week's needs are Ramen noodles, chunky soup, and paper towels.** 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.

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## FYI

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**Pearce 4 Kids Summer Camp:** Parents, are you looking for a fun program for your kids this summer? You should check out Pearce 4 Kids Summer Day Camp! Camp is an 8-week summer program for kids entering Kindergarten this fall through children 12 years of age. Each week (July 1-August 23) includes a field trip and fun activities designed around that week's theme, like Gone Campin', Spy Training Camp, and Mad Science. Children going into Kindergarten and 1st grade will enjoy activities in a separate hallway from the older campers. Brochures with more information, including pricing and how to register, are available at the lobby Welcome Desk and at [pearce4kids.org](http://pearce4kids.org).

**Job Openings:** We are hiring an evenings and weekends Facilities Team Leader and a part-time evenings and weekends cleaner. Working on this team is more than a job. We believe we're creating the kind of warm, welcoming environment that can give hope to everyone who visits our building. Send your resume to Bob Antes at 594-9488 or [antes\\_robort@pearcechurch.org](mailto:antes_robort@pearcechurch.org).

**Free Methodist Church – USA General Conference, July 16-19, 2019, in Orlando, FL:** Join 3,000 Free Methodists from around the world for the 2019 General Conference. The conference will focus on three themes: In (Discipleship), Out (Evangelism), and Up (Worship). There will be plenary sessions, focus groups, programs for kids of all ages, and worship services every night. Several pastors from Pearce will be attending. To learn more and register, visit [fmcusa.org/gc19](http://fmcusa.org/gc19)

**IF:Northgate:** Northgate Free Methodist Church is hosting IF:Northgate on March 29 & 30. Together, along with thousands of women around the world, you'll worship God and discover what it looks like to lean on His wisdom, not our own. Cost is \$15. Learn more and register at [northgate.iflocal.com](http://northgate.iflocal.com).