

PEARCE CHURCH

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News, Events & Updates (NEUs) October 12 & 13, 2019

WORSHIP

SATURDAY:

- 5pm **Worship** Service in Parmerter Chapel

SUNDAY:

- **No Equip Study Hour for adults, teens, and kids** (classes resume next Sunday, October 20)
- 10am **Connect** with coffee and conversation
- 10:30am **Worship** Service in the Sanctuary

October 12/13: At the end of this year, Pearce will celebrate five years of being “Linked with Love” with the Free Methodist church and school in Nzige. A total of seven teams, comprised of eighteen different individuals from Pearce Church and Pearce 4 Kids, have journeyed to Nzige. An eighth team, comprised of Pastor Wally and Rev. Dr. Doug Cullum, Dean of Northeastern Seminary, will leave on November 9 to provide pastoral training in Nzige for Free Methodist pastors. In addition, Bishop Samuel Kayinamura; Rwandan ICCM Director, Ephaste Niyigena; and Neddy Nanjowe, Regional Coordinator for ICCM in Burundi, DRC, Ethiopia, Malawi, and Rwanda, have each made the journey to North Chili to affirm our partnership with this Rwandan community.

Since its inception, the small preschool in Nzige has added several buildings, expanding to include primary grades. In addition, land has been purchased for a banana plantation and for grazing livestock. A playground has been added and new restroom facilities built. This year, construction began on a sanctuary to accommodate the growing ministry. Many sponsored children’s lives have been significantly improved through the generosity of the families of our congregation. If you’d like to sponsor a child or learn more, stop by the table in the lobby this weekend.

Join us this weekend to celebrate this partnership and the ways in which both of our communities have been blessed. Pastor Wally will bring the message, “Planting While Traveling,” and the Pearce worship team will enrich our services with music celebrating Christian community. Pastor Wally is no stranger to Pearce, having served as its Lead Pastor from 2008-2017. In his retirement from pastoral ministry, he continues to serve as an adjunct professor at Roberts Wesleyan College and Northeastern Seminary. He and his wife, Mary, celebrated 41 years of marriage this past May. The Flemings enjoy good books, traveling, and conversations over cups of coffee.

On Saturday evening, Jared and Tracy Bush bring their son, Elijah Jack Bush (born April 7, 2019), and Andrew and Jennifer Dorr bring their son, Asher John Dorr (born July 26, 2019), to be dedicated.

After both worship services, we’ll gather in the Family Life Center for a **Potluck**. If you weren’t able to sign-up ahead of time, you are still welcome to join us! Jim Heeks and our food service team will provide pulled pork, hot dogs, rolls, beverages, and paper products. What should you bring? **If your last name starts with A-L, bring a dessert; M-Z, bring a salad/side.** Drop off food in the kitchen before the service—be sure to label your dish if you’d like it back!

October 19/20: Dr. Tim Dwyer will be our guest preacher October 19/20 and October 26/27. Tim has been married to Paula for 36 years, and has two sons, Peter (a police detective in Atlanta), and Philip (a software engineer in Indianapolis). Both sons are married, and the Dwyers have two grandchildren. Tim was a long-time teaching pastor at Edgewood Free Methodist and has been teaching for 31 years at Anderson University, Roberts Wesleyan College, and Warner University (in Lake Wales, Fl). Tim recently wrote an article published in *Light and Life Magazine*. You can read the article here: <https://lightandlifemagazine.com/the-day-of-the-lord/> or find copies of the magazine in the lobby.

Children’s Sabbath—October 19/20: Every year in October, congregations across Monroe County join together in a Sabbath recognition of the inestimable worth of our children. This weekend event is coordinated by The Children’s Agenda’s Interfaith Collaborative. People of all faith traditions agree that children deserve to be loved, respected, and have their needs met. In support of those beliefs, Children’s Sabbath provides an opportunity to learn more about a significant issue that would improve the lives of children in our community, and to advocate for change. This year, the Children’s Interfaith Weekend advocacy will be centered around the “Kids Can’t Wait!” campaign, begun in 2018. In 2018, the Collaborative collected and delivered 2,179 letters signed by members of 52 congregations, requesting an increase in funding for Early Intervention services. In partnership with advocates from around New York State, a victory was achieved! The 2019-20 state budget included a 5% rate increase for three Early Intervention services: Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Speech Language Pathologists—the first rate increase in 15 years!

However, there is still much work to be done to ensure that special education and therapies are provided to young children with special needs on time, as is required under federal law. There are two programs that provide these services, depending on the child’s age: Early Intervention for infants and toddlers, and Preschool Special Education for children ages 3-5. There have been improvements made in both programs in 2019 (due in part to our 2018 advocacy efforts), but too many children are still forced to wait for physical and occupational therapy, special teachers for deaf and blind children, and other critical services. Children who can access these supports early in life are more successful in school and life compared to children who wait until kindergarten.

On October 19 & 20, we’ll participate in Children’s Advocacy Weekend. Stop by the table in the lobby to sign a letter asking Governor Cuomo to increase payment rates to Early Intervention and Preschool Special Education professionals in the New York State 2020-21 budget, to retain providers of these services and reduce waiting lists. You can also download the letter and a fact sheet at: thechildrensagenda.org/partnerships/interfaith/worship-and-education-resources

Hymn Sing: You’re invited to a Hymn Sing on Sunday, October 27, at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary. Bring your best voice, and join us for a joyful evening of singing great hymns of our faith together! Contact: Julie Smith, smith_julie@pearcechurch.org

Preaching Schedule:

- November 2/3-November 23/24: Dr. Wayne McCown
- November 30/December 1-December 14/15: Pastor Harry Heintz
- December 21/22: Bishop Linda Adams
- December 24 (Christmas Eve Services at 5 & 7pm): Pastor Wally Fleming

COMMUNITY

Golden Heirs (seniors 55 and over): Join Golden Heirs for a luncheon in the Friendship Center on Monday, October 14, at noon. Our own Pastor Harold Scott will be sharing “From a Pastor’s Heart.” Cost is \$5 and covers all the soup you can eat, plus bread, fruit, and cookies. Reservations are not required. If you’d like, you can bring a can of soup to donate to our food cupboard—we’re running low on that. Golden Heirs luncheons are held on the second Monday of every month, September-June. Watch the NEUs each month for cost and special program information. Join the Golden Heirs Facebook Group to keep up with the latest information. Contact: Alberta Anderson, 594-2667.

The Dementia Caregivers Support Group meets on Tuesday, October 15, 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 or sandwich 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 support to people who have experienced loss through death. Led by Dorcas McCown and Ruth Logan, Grief Care meets on Tuesday, October 15 (and on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month), from 6:30-8pm in The Upper Room (Room 251). Contact: Dorcas McCown, dorcasmccown@mac.com

Savory Suppers will be served each Wednesday, from 4:30-6:15pm 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. Sign-up using the form below (online form available each week, Thursday—5pm Monday), call the church office, or stop at the reception desk. **October 16 Menu:** Virginia Baked Ham with Pineapple Sauce, Chicken Noodle Casserole

CR Women's Step Study in The Upper Room: A new Women's 12-Step Study has started on Thursday nights from 7-8:30pm. This is an in-depth study that works through many issues we all face in life. The purpose of this study is to allow us to become free from life's hurts, hang-ups, and habits. It is a safe place to share your heart and the things you currently struggle with, along with the pains and hurts from the past. This new group is open to new members through October 24; then it will become a closed group. (A new men's 12-step study will begin in January.) For more information, or if you are interested in joining us, please contact cr@pearcechurch.org.

The Pearce Widowed Seniors group has changed their regular meeting time to the third Thursday of each month. You're invited to join them for a time of sharing, friendship, and encouragement this Thursday, October 17, at 11:45am at Slayton Place in Spencerport. **RSVPs are required**; email Jean Ellinwood at jellinwood28@gmail.com or 594-9647 no later than Tuesday, October 15.

Fall Into Fun: Pearce Kids' Ministry, along with Pearce 4 Kids, is excited to offer our first Family Fun Night of the year—Fall Into Fun on Friday, October 25, from 6:30-8pm. Families with kids up to 5th grade are invited to join us for this awesome night! We're bringing in bounce houses (one just for preschoolers) and there will be face painting, crafts, snacks, and carnival games! And, guess who's coming to Fall Into Fun this year? Our very own feathered friend, Percy. (If you weren't at Mega Kids Camp this summer, you'll have to come meet Percy!) Come-and-go; wear a costume if you'd like (no scary/violent costumes, please). Parents must stay with their children; it will be great fun for everyone!

SERVICE

Operation Christmas Child: Pearce is again joining with Operation Christmas Child, a ministry of Samaritan's Purse. For 25 years, they have been collecting shoe boxes filled with gifts and delivering them to children in need all over the world. Beginning next weekend (October 20/21), we'll have shoe boxes available to pick up and return to Pearce filled with gifts. To get the shoe boxes ready for pick-up, **we're having a box making party on Wednesday, October 16, at 6:30pm** in the yellow room (Journey Kids Wing). The more people we have helping to assemble the boxes, the faster it will go. No need to sign up, just come to the lobby that night. Then, look for the table in the lobby on October 19/20 and pick up a box or two (or more!) to fill. You'll be providing a very special gift to a child, and you will be blessed along the way, too. What a great way to serve our world! To learn more about Operation Christmas Child, visit <https://www.samaritanpurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

Our 2019 Thanksgiving Basket Ministry has begun! Mark Saturday, November 23, on your calendar and plan to help us pack and deliver boxes. Leading up to that Saturday, there are many ways to get involved and help with this ministry:

- **Copy Paper Boxes:** With all the food we collect, we need about 1,000 boxes to assemble the food for distribution. You can drop off box donations at the food collection table in the lobby or store them in the balcony of Parmerter.
- **Donate Food:** We expect to provide 1,000 families (more than 5,000 individuals) with Thanksgiving Baskets that include a turkey, fresh produce, and about 15 other food items. Food collection will continue through November 22. Donations can be separate food items or a complete "Adopt-a-box" of food items. Adopt-a-box donations are a big help and our goal is to collect 200 this year. Sign-up and get a list of items needed for Adopt-a-Box donations at the lobby collection table.
- **Money for Frozen Turkeys:** We hope to raise \$12,000 to purchase 1,000 frozen turkeys to go in the boxes. Place your financial donation in the offering or drop it off at the lobby reception desk during the week; checks made payable to Pearce Church, with "turkeys" on the memo line.

For additional information or questions, contact Terry & Sherri Taber at ttaber2@rochester.rr.com.

Guest Services Team Meeting: All members of Guest Services from Saturday and Sunday Services (greeters, ushers, curbside greeters) are encouraged to attend a team meeting on Tuesday, October 15, at 7pm in the Friendship Center. Pastor Harold Scott, Joan Goulart, and Kim Brittin will share our vision for this team, some new ideas and best practices on making people feel welcomed, and each individual group will meet for a time of training and prayer. Did we mention dessert will be served? If you're not on the team yet, but you're interested in learning more, please contact Joan Goulart at goulart_joan@pearcechurch.org.

Food Cupboard: Our food cupboard is running very low on many items. Just a few extra things added to your cart while grocery shopping can help us maintain food and personal care item supplies so that we can serve our neighbors who are in need. **Our needs are jam and soups.** Donations can be left in the shopping cart in our main lobby at any time. Financial donations are also accepted. Thank you for faithfully supporting this important ministry.

FYI

Job Opening: We are looking to hire two part-time evening and weekend cleaners. Interested persons should send their resume to Bob Antes at antes_robert@pearcechurch.org or call Bob at 585-594-9488 with questions.

Giving Envelopes: Later this fall, we will be ordering new giving envelopes. If you do not currently receive giving envelopes and would like to have a set for 2020, please contact our Bookkeeper, Jess Alcorn, by Friday, October 18. If you currently receive envelopes, but do not want a new set for 2020, please let us know, and we will maintain your giving number without ordering you a new set of envelopes.

The Barnes Science & Faith Symposium: “The ‘Genesis’ of Science and the ‘Science’ of Genesis” will explore the intersection of theology and science in the book of Genesis with Dr. William Brown of Columbia Theological Seminary. Held at Roberts Wesleyan College, October 23 at 7pm and October 25 at 7:30 p.m. Lectures are free—registration is requested for the October 23 event. Find more information and register at roberts.edu/barnes-symposium.

Pre-order the 2019 Free Methodist Yearbook now! A resource with the personnel, organization, and statistics of the Free Methodist Church USA. Cost for a spiral bound book is \$16.95 or perfect bound book is \$12.95. Go to <http://fmcusa.org/bookstore/shop/> and then type in “2019 Free Methodist Yearbook” to order. (The church office will not be taking individual orders.)

CALENDAR (pearcechurch.org/events)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

- **Saturday Prayer Time** | 4:30pm | Friendship Center
- **Journey Kids Jr. (birth-6 years old)** | 5pm | Journey Kids Wing
- **Worship Service** | 5pm | Parmerter Chapel
- **Pearce Potluck** | following the Worship Service | Family Life Center

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

- **Journey Kids Jr. (birth-5 years old)** | 9-11:15am | Nursery Wing (lower level)
- **Connect** | 10am | Main Lobby
- **Worship Service** | 10:30am | Sanctuary
- **Pearce Potluck** | following the Worship Service | Family Life Center

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14

- **Golden Heirs Luncheon** | Noon | Friendship Center
- **Futsal** | 7pm | Family Life Center

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15

- **Men's Prayer Breakfast** | 6am | Town and Country Restaurant (3205 Chili Ave.)
- **Men's Prayer & Bible Study** | 8:45am | Room 82
- **Dementia Caregivers Support Group** | Noon | Conference Room
- **Bible Quiz Practice** | 6:30pm | The Loft
- **Grief Care Group** | 6:30pm | The Upper Room
- **Floor Hockey** | 7pm | Family Life Center
- **Guest Services Team Meeting** | 7pm | Friendship Center

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16

- **Wednesday Morning Prayer** with Nelson Grimm | 9am | The Upper Room
- **Kids Gym** | 10am | Family Life Center
- **Savory Suppers** | 4:30pm | Family Life Center
- **Celebrate Recovery Community Group** | 6:30pm | Parmerter Chapel
- **Choir Rehearsal** | 6:30pm | Sanctuary
- **Journey Group (Women): Fill Your Cup** | 6:30pm | The Upper Room
- **Youth Group for Middle School (grades 6-8) and High School (grades 9-12)** | 6:30pm | The Loft
- **Assemble Boxes for Operation Christmas Child** | 6:30pm | Yellow Room (Journey Kids Wing)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

- **Pearce Widowed Seniors** | 11:45am | Slayton Place, Spencerport (RSVP to Jean by October 15, jellinwood28@gmail.com or 594-9647)
- **Journey Group (Women): Made in His Image** | 6:30pm | Friendship Center
- **Celebrate Recovery Women's Step Study** | 7pm | The Upper Room

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

- **Morning Moms** | 9am | Friendship Center