

# PEARCE CHURCH

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

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## News, Events & Updates (NEUs) October 19 & 20, 2019

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### WORSHIP

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#### SATURDAY:

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

#### SUNDAY:

- 9am **Equip** Study Hour for adults, teens, and kids\*
- 10am **Connect** with coffee and conversation
- 10:30am **Worship** Service in the Sanctuary

#### \*Equip Study Groups for All Ages:

- **Ages 2-4**—meets in the downstairs nursery hallway
- **K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade**—meets in the Journey Kids Wing
- **Parents**—meets in the Yellow Room (Journey Kids Wing). “Future Family and Parental Guidance.” *Facilitators: Celeste & Mark Donleavy*
- **Teens**—meets in The Loft
- **Adults**
  - **Gospel Ambassadors**—meets in the Friendship Center. “Christ Alone: The Supremacy of the Gospel...Hebrews.” *Facilitator: Rick Kinde*
  - **Bible Explorers**—meets in Room 82. “The Gospel of Mark.” *Facilitator: Bill Roushey*
  - **Son Seekers**—meets in Room 81. “Psalm 119.” *Facilitators: James Kerwin, Rod Bassett*
  - **FOCUS**—meets in Room 80. “Thriving in Babylon.” *Facilitator: Shelly Bliss (shared teaching)*
  - **Young Adults**—meets in The Upper Room. “This Week in Facebook.” *Facilitator: Matt Kerwin*

**October 19/20:** Dr. Tim Dwyer will be our guest preacher this weekend and next, October 19/20 and 26/27. This weekend, Dr. Dwyer will preach on “The Perfect Teaching,” from Psalm 19:1-9. 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 October, congregations across Monroe County join together in a Sabbath recognition of the inestimable worth of our children. This event is coordinated by The Children’s Agenda’s Interfaith Collaborative. This year 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. This weekend, 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](http://thechildrensagenda.org/partnerships/interfaith/worship-and-education-resources)

**Hymn Sing:** You're invited to a Hymn Sing next 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

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## COMMUNITY

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**Final Fall Savory Supper:** The final dinner in this fall's Savory Suppers series will be served this 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 on our website ([pearcechurch.org/event/savory-suppers](http://pearcechurch.org/event/savory-suppers)) or call the church office by Monday at 5pm. **October 23 Menu:** Baked Chicken French; Pulled Pork

**Celebrate Recovery:** Did you know that 2/3 of the people that attend Celebrate Recovery do not struggle with addiction? Any hurt, hang-up, or habit is welcome at CR. Come as you are!

- **CR Movie Night:** You're invited to a CR movie night on Wednesday, November 6, during our regularly scheduled Celebrate Recovery Community Group, from 6:30-8:30pm in Parmerter. We will be watching the movie Breakthrough (PG). When her 14-year-old son drowns in a lake, a faithful mother prays for him to come back from the brink of death and be healed. Come join us for an evening of fellowship and encouragement—newcomers are welcome! If you'd like to learn more about Celebrate Recovery, visit [celebraterecovery.com](http://celebraterecovery.com) or email [cr@pearcechurch.org](mailto:cr@pearcechurch.org).
- **CR Women's Step Study:** We have begun a new Women's 12-Step Study on Thursday nights, from 7-8:30. 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. It will be open to new members for the first four weeks (through October 24); then it will become a closed group. For more information, or if you are interested in joining us, please contact [cr@pearcechurch.org](mailto:cr@pearcechurch.org).

**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!

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## SERVICE

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**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 this weekend, October 20/21, shoe boxes will be available to pick up and return to Pearce filled with gifts and a \$9 donation per shoebox to provide for shipping and other ministry expenses. 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.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

**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.

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## FYI

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**Bereavement:** Bev Keim passed away on October 13, after a battle with cancer. A Funeral Service was held at Pearce on October 18. Pray for Bev's husband, Bob; her children, Missy, Rob, and Kristina; and the entire Keim family during this time of loss.

**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](http://roberts.edu/barnes-symposium).

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## THANKSGIVING BASKET MINISTRY

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Over the past twenty-five years, Pearce's Thanksgiving Basket ministry has grown to provide over 1,000 families with a basket of food for Thanksgiving. The expansion of this community outreach has been possible through the generosity of the Pearce congregation and our partnership with several other organizations and churches: Heart & Soul Church, Rochester Family Mission, Browncroft Community Church, many Rochester city churches, Nurse Family Partnership, and Lifetime Assistance. Our network for food donations includes Pearce Church, Foodlink, Browncroft Community Church, Greece and Webster elementary schools, the Charles Finney School, Rochester Family Mission, and neighborhood collections.

With a ministry of this magnitude, you may wonder how you can help. There are many ways to get involved! Stop by the Thanksgiving Basket donation table in the lobby to find more information on these opportunities.

**Copy Paper Boxes:** We need about 1,000 boxes (copy paper or equivalent size) to assemble the food for distribution. Box donations are being collected at the food collection table in the lobby or in the balcony of Parmerter.

**Make Maps:** If you can help print maps to aid drivers with deliveries, contact Terry & Sherri Taber at [ttaber2@rochester.rr.com](mailto:ttaber2@rochester.rr.com).

**Donate Food:** Each of the 1,000 boxes (feeding more than 5,000 individuals) will include a turkey, fresh produce, and about 15 other food items. Food collection continues through November 22. Donations can be separate food items or a complete "Adopt-a-box" of food items. Since Adopt-a-box donations are a big help, our goal is to collect 200 this year. Adopt-a-box sign-ups and a list of items needed are available at the collection table.

**Money for Frozen Turkeys:** We hope to raise \$12,000 to purchase the 1,000 frozen turkeys needed to go in the boxes. You may 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.

**Pack Boxes:** Help us fill boxes on Saturday, November 23, starting at 9am in the Family Life Center. No need to sign-up for this, just show up ready to help!

**Deliver Boxes:** It generally takes about 60-90 minutes to deliver 8-10 boxes, including the time to drive into the city from Pearce Church. Delivery sign-up sheets will be available in the main lobby soon and a driver's instruction sheet will be available in the Pearce Family Life Center beginning Saturday, November 23. The schedule for deliveries is:

- Saturday, November 23: 10am-4pm
- Sunday, November 24: Noon-4pm
- Monday, November 25: 9am-4pm

In order to deliver as many boxes on Saturday as possible, please consider signing up for deliveries on that day. Our goal is to deliver 800 boxes on Saturday. This requires about 75 drivers. Are you available to help?

**Prayer:** Pray this ministry meets physical and spiritual needs of families. Pray this provides the "salt and light" Jesus talked about in the Sermon on the Mount. Pray for enough food to meet all the needs and for the safety of all volunteers.

For additional information or questions, contact Terry & Sherri Taber at [ttaber2@rochester.rr.com](mailto:ttaber2@rochester.rr.com).

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## CALENDAR (pearcechurch.org/events)

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### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

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

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

- **Journey Kids Jr. (birth-5 years old)** | 9-11:15am | Nursery Wing (lower level)
- **Equip Study Hour Groups for Kids, Teens, and Adults** | 9am | various locations
- **Connect** | 10am | Main Lobby
- **Worship Service** | 10:30am | Sanctuary

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 21

- **Futsal** | 7pm | Family Life Center

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22

- **Men's Prayer Breakfast** | 6am | Town and Country Restaurant (3205 Chili Ave.)
- **Men's Prayer & Bible Study** | 8:45am | Room 82
- **Bible Quiz Practice** | 6:30pm | The Loft
- **Floor Hockey** | 7pm | Family Life Center

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

- **Wednesday Morning Prayer** with Nelson Grimm | 9am | The Upper Room
- **Kids Gym** | 10am | Family Life Center
- **Savory Suppers (final dinner of this series)** | 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

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24

- **Journey Group (Women): Made in His Image** | 6:30pm | Friendship Center
- **Celebrate Recovery Women's Step Study** | 7pm | The Upper Room
- **Volleyball** | 7pm | Family Life Center

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

- **Morning Moms** | 9am | Friendship Center
- **Family Fun Night: Fall Into Fun** | 6:30pm | Family Life Center