PEARCE CHURCH

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News, Events & Updates (NEUs)
October 26 & 27, 2019

WORSHIP

SATURDAY:
• 5pm Worship Service in Parmeuter 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-5th 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
  o Son Seekers—meets in Room 81. “Psalm 119.” Facilitators: James Kerwin, Rod Bassett
  o FOCUS—meets in Room 80. “Thriving in Babylon.” Facilitator: Shelly Bliss (shared teaching)
  o Young Adults—meets in The Upper Room. “This Week in Facebook.” Facilitator: Matt Kerwin

October 26 & 27: Dr. Tim Dwyer will be our guest preacher again this weekend. He’ll preach on “The Perfect Life,” from Psalm 19:10-14. 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.

Hymn Sing: You’re invited to a Hymn Sing this Sunday, October 27, at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary. Come ready to sing and have a favorite hymn in mind—requests will be taken! Contact: Julie Smith, smith_julie@pearcechurch.org

Next Weekend, we begin a month-long sermon series on Thanksgiving with guest preacher, Dr. Wayne McCown. Dr. McCown has served as an ordained minister in the Free Methodist Church since 1964. Though still actively engaged in ministry, he officially “retired” in 2008 as the Vice President and Founding Dean of Northeastern Seminary at Roberts Wesleyan College.

Dr. McCown earned his B.A. from Seattle Pacific University, B.D., (M.Div.) from Asbury Theological Seminary, M.A. from the University of Washington, Th.M. and Ph.D. from Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia. Following completion of his doctorate in Biblical Studies in 1970, Wayne began his ministry on the west coast, as a professor at Seattle Pacific University, Western Evangelical Seminary, and Azusa Pacific University. He was first elected to administrative office in his mid-thirties, serving as Dean of Western Evangelical Seminary and then Superintendent of the Southern California-Arizona Conference of the Free Methodist Church.
The McCowns came east in 1988 when they joined the Roberts Wesleyan College community. At RWC, Dr. McCown first served as Vice President for Academic Affairs, then Senior Vice President and Provost of the College and founding Vice President and Dean of the Seminary. Dr. McCown now holds the honorary titles of Provost Emeritus of Roberts Wesleyan College and Dean Emeritus of Northeastern Seminary. In 2018, Northeastern Seminary awarded him the honorary degree Doctor of Divinity (D.D.).

Drs. Wayne and Darlene are both significantly involved at Hope Africa University in Bujumbura, Burundi. In January, they will be returning for their 12th tour as visiting faculty. Wayne has served for 13 years on the states-side Friends board supporting the development of this Free Methodist university. Wayne also serves on another Friends board supporting development of a Free Methodist university in Hyderabad, India, and as liaison to a third Christian university the Free Methodist Church is developing in Haiti.

Recently, Wayne was reelected to the board of Lighthouse Christian Camp. Previously, he served for six years as board chair and Camp president; he now chairs the Spiritual Life Committee. Wayne and Darlene celebrated their 56th anniversary on June 14. They have two sons, Mark (Dorcas) and Peter (Wendy); a foster daughter passed away in 2006. They have six grandchildren.

**Preaching Schedule:**

- 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

**Exit Offering:** Typically, on the first weekend of each month, we receive an Exit Offering at the end of worship services to support a Pearce or local ministry. Our Exit Offering next weekend will go to supplementing our Thanksgiving Basket ministry. (Holy Communion will be served later in November.)

**Children’s Christmas Celebration:** This fall, kids in K-5th grade will be rehearsing for a performance of “Spread the News!” during the December 15 worship service. All kids in K-5th grade are invited to join this Christmas celebration filled with singing and acting. Rehearsals begin Sunday, November 3—kids will be released during the service and can be picked up in the Journey Kids Gray Room after the service. To learn more, contact Lydia Monroe at monroe_lydia@pearcechurch.org

**COMMUNITY**

**Grief Care Group:** After the funeral, when the cards and flowers have stopped, your grief continues, and you feel alone. That’s why we offer Grief Care. Starting Tuesday, November 5, our grief support group will be using materials from GriefShare, a nationwide program presented in local churches to support those grieving the loss of a loved one. No matter how long ago you lost your loved one, you’re welcome to join the Pearce Grief Care Group. Grief Care meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month, at 6:30pm in The Upper Room. ($15 suggested donation for workbook.) Brochures and flyers with more information are available at the welcome desk in the lobby. Contact: Dorcas McCown, dorcasmccown@mac.com

**Celebrate Recovery 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 or email cr@pearcechurch.org.

**Pearce Church Blog:** The first edition of the Pearce Church Blog was posted on October 24. A couple of times a month, a Pearce staff member will share helpful information from their area of expertise or whatever is on their heart or mind at the time. If you didn’t receive the blog in your inbox on Thursday, but you would like to, email pearce@pearcechurch.org and ask to be added to the list. If you don’t have access to a computer, printed copies are available in the lobby.
**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. You can pick up a shoe box in the lobby this weekend. Once you fill your box with toys and gifts (suggestions are included in the shoe box), return it to Pearce, along with 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 canned tuna, applesauce, and pears.** 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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**THANKSGIVING BASKET MINISTRY**

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. 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.

**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.
CALENDAR(pearcechurch.org/events)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26
- 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 27
- 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
- Hymn Sing | 6:30pm | Sanctuary

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28
- Futsal | 7pm | Family Life Center

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29
- 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 30
- Wednesday Morning Prayer | 9am | The Upper Room
- Kids Gym | 10am | 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 31
- Morning Moms | 9am | Friendship Center

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1
- Morning Moms | 9am | Friendship Center