

PEARCE CHURCH

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News, Events & Updates (NEUs) November 16 & 17, 2019

WORSHIP

SATURDAY:

- 5pm **Worship** Service in Parmerter 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
- **Teens**—meets in The Loft
- **Adults**
 - **Parents**—meets in the Yellow Journey Kids Room
 - **Gospel Ambassadors**—meets in the Friendship Center
 - **Bible Explorers**—meets in Room 82
 - **Son Seekers**—meets in Room 81
 - **FOCUS**—meets in Room 80
 - **Young Adults**—meets in The Upper Room

This Weekend, Holy Communion will be served as a corporate act of thanksgiving. Dr. Wayne McCown will bring the message “Give Thanks...when you hit bottom,” from 1 Corinthians 10:16; 11:23-24. Dr. McCown has been ordained in the Free Methodist Church since 1964, and he “retired” in 2008 as the Vice President and Founding Dean of Northeastern Seminary. He and his wife, Darlene, are both involved at Hope Africa University in Bujumbura, Burundi, and will be returning in January as visiting faculty. Wayne and Darlene celebrated their 56th anniversary on June 14 and have two sons, Mark (Dorcas) and Peter (Wendy); a foster daughter passed away in 2006. They have six grandchildren.

Preaching Schedule:

- 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
- December 28/29: Pastor Harold Scott

COMMUNITY

Bereavement: Shelley (Ron) Sadler’s father, William Steding, passed away early this past Friday (November 8) in Zephyr Hills, Florida. He and his wife, Nancy, have lived in Florida for a number of years. Please keep Nancy, Shelley, and the entire family in your prayers as they grieve this loss. A Memorial Service will be planned for some time in the spring or summer, here in New York.

Nominating Committee Nominations: We’re accepting nominations for full members of Pearce to serve on our Nominating Committee for a three-year term. The Nominating Committee brings the congregation a slate of candidates to serve on our Official Board. Nomination slips are available at the lobby reception desk. Place your nomination in the box at the reception desk through November 24.

The Dementia Caregivers Support Group meets on Tuesday, November 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. Contact: Mary Lou Bates, 594-2232

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, our grief support group. No matter how long ago you lost your loved one, you're welcome to join the Pearce Grief Care Group. Grief Care meets this Tuesday, November 19 (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

Pearce Widowed Seniors will meet on Thursday, November 21, at 11:30am at the North Chili Tim Hortons. Come for this time of sharing, friendship, and encouragement. Contact: Jean Ellinwood, ellinwood28@gmail.com

Financial Forum: What are Pearce's plans in regard to budget and stewardship in 2020? Are you interested in learning more about what is happening financially at Pearce, and what we may expect next year? We'll review the 2019 budget and contributions and look ahead to 2020 at our annual Financial Forum on Monday, December 2, at 7pm in Parmerter Chapel.

Family Fun Night—Christmas Story Hour: We are very excited to announce that our Christmas Story Hour is back! Families are invited to this special night filled with singing Christmas songs, listening as Pastor Wally reads some favorite Christmas stories, lots of giggles, and of course, some yummy snacks. Kids can wear their jammies and bring a special stuffed animal or blanket. Christmas Story Hour will be held in Parmerter Chapel on Friday, December 13, at 6:30pm. We can't wait to see you and your family there!

Service of Hope: Over the past year or two, many people in our congregation have experienced the death of a loved one or another significant loss in their lives (employment, marriage, health, etc.). The holiday season is often difficult and painful, as you remember your loved one or grieve other changes. For this reason, the Pearce Parish Nurse Team and Grief Care Support Group Team are providing a special worship service to assist anyone who has experienced loss. This Service of Hope will be held on Sunday, December 15, at 4pm, and is designed to offer comfort and hope during the holiday season. If you have a friend or neighbor who has been touched by loss, please invite them to join you so they, too, may know the Lord's comfort.

SERVICE

Snow Team: Winter weather has arrived! For the next several months, we'll all be arriving at church in the snow, ice, and cold. If you'd like to help serve our church family and guests by ensuring our sidewalks are clear and safe, we'd love to have you on our snow team! Check your calendar to pick a date or two this winter that works best for you, then sign up and get your snow gear ready. This is a great ministry opportunity for families with teenagers or a small group. Shovels and a snow blower are provided, as well as instructions on what to do. Sign up at the reception desk in the lobby. Contact: Bob Antes, at antes_robort@pearcechurch.org

Thanksgiving Baskets: We're in November, and Thanksgiving is just a few weeks away! If you'd like to join us in our Thanksgiving Baskets outreach, there are many ways to do that! Our goal is to deliver 1,000 baskets to families in our community. Contact Terry & Sherri Taber at ttaber2@rochester.rr.com with questions.

- **Copy Paper Boxes:** We still need about 600 copy-paper-sized boxes to assemble the food for distribution. Drop them off near the food collection table in the lobby, or you can store them in the balcony of Parmerter.
- **Make Maps:** If you can help print maps to aid drivers with deliveries, contact Terry & Sherri Taber.
- **Donate Food:** 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. Sign-up and pick up 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.
- **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:** Sign-up to be a driver and 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. The schedule for deliveries is:
 - Saturday, November 23: 10am-4pm
 - Sunday, November 24: Noon-4pm
 - Monday, November 25: 9am-4pm
- **Prayer:** Pray this ministry meets the 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.

Nzige Mission Team: Pastor Wally and Rev. Dr. Doug Cullum, Dean of Northeastern Seminary, are in Nzige, Rwanda providing pastoral training in Nzige for the Free Methodist pastors of that area of the country. They return to Rochester November 20. Check Facebook for photos and updates: [Linked with Love / Pearce & Nzige FMC](#)

Linked with Love Christmas Market, December 7 & 8: A team of four families (parents and teens) from Pearce will be heading to Nzige in July 2020. The team will be hosting a Christmas Market this December to raise funds for their trip. Crafts and baked goods will be for sale, along with a silent auction in the Pearce lobby. Pastor Wally, who will have recently returned from Nzige, is bringing home artwork from the children. This framed artwork will also be available for purchase. Other exciting items include hand-painted Bibles and journals, blankets, paintings, photography, and so much more—all locally made and just in time for Christmas. On Saturday, from 2-7pm, there will be live music featuring high school students. Celebrate an “Evening at the Market” on Sunday from 5-7:30pm with appetizers, Christmas caroling, and music by Roberts Wesleyan College students, all in a warm Christmas environment.

Save the dates, December 7 & 8, and plan to shop and support our next team heading to Nzige. Contact Karen Hopkins at pearcestudentministries@gmail.com or 645-3516 with any questions or if you’re interested in supporting this event by donating an item or baked good.

Job Opportunity: We have a job opening in our maintenance and custodial staff for a part-time or full-time evening lead, to work with and oversee the evening and weekend cleaning crew. This is a staff position that would require some mechanical ability. Candidate must take ownership for set-up/tear down for events, schedule the staff, oversee all evening and weekend custodial staff, and be responsible to close and secure the building. Interested persons should send their resume to Bob Antes at antes_robert@pearcechurch.org. Call Bob at 585-594-9488 with questions.

CALENDAR (pearcechurch.org/events)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

- **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 (children in K-5th grade will be released to the Journey Kids Gray Room during the service to rehearse “Spread the News”)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

- **Men’s Prayer Breakfast** | 6am | Town and Country Restaurant (3205 Chili Ave.)
- **Men’s Bible Study** | 9:45am | Room 82
- **Dementia Caregivers Support Group** | 12pm | Conference Room (*bring your lunch*)
- **Bible Quiz Practice** | 6:30pm | The Loft
- **Grief Care Group** | 6:30pm | The Upper Room
- **Floor Hockey** | 7pm | Family Life Center

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

- **Wednesday Morning Prayer** | 9am | The Upper Room
- **Celebrate Recovery Community Group** | 6:30pm | Parmerter Chapel
- **Choir Rehearsal** | 6:30pm | Sanctuary
- **Youth Group for Grades 6-12** | 6:30pm | The Loft

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

- **Pearce Widowed Seniors** | 11:30am | Tim Hortons, North Chili

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22

- **Morning Moms** | 9:30am | Friendship Center

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

- **Thanksgiving Baskets—Packing and Delivery** | starts at 9am | Family Life Center
- **Journey Kids (K-5th Grade) Thanksgiving Basket Packing Party** | 10am | Journey Kids Wing
- **Memorial Service for Anna-Jean McClarin** | 1pm | Sanctuary