

PEARCE CHURCH

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News, Events & Updates (NEUs) November 23 & 24, 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, Dr. Wayne McCown concludes our series on Thanksgiving with the message, “Give Thanks...when you are on the rebound,” from Nehemiah 8:1-9, 17; 12:37-43.

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
- December 28/29: Pastor Harold Scott

COMMUNITY

A Memorial Service for Anna-Jean McClarin will be held at Pearce this Saturday, November 23, at 1pm.

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 this Sunday, November 24.

Thanksgiving Holiday: Kids Gym, and Youth Group will not meet this Wednesday. The church office and building will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 28 & 29. And, Sunday morning Equip Study Groups will not meet December 1. For full schedule, check our website calendar: pearcechurch.org/events. We hope you have a restful holiday!

Annual 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: Families are invited to this special night filled with singing Christmas songs, listening as Pastor Wally reads some favorite Christmas stories, lots of laughter, and of course, some yummy snacks. Kids can wear their jammies and bring a special stuffed animal or blanket. Story Hour will be held in Parmerter Chapel on Friday, December 13, at 6:30pm. While we know this will be a fun night for everyone, we also know that Christmas is a wonderful time to share the good news of Jesus and the hope we have in Him. Consider inviting a family you know (who may not know Jesus yet) to come with you this year.

Christmas Buffet Luncheon: On Sunday, December 15, Pearce kids will present “Spread the News” during the beginning of the worship service. After the service, you’re invited to the Family Life Center for a buffet lunch. Jim Heeks and his team will be creating a delicious holiday meal with options like “Angeled” Eggs, Rosemary Herb Roasted Pork Loin with Cherries Orange Glaze, BBQ Chicken with Green & Red Peppers, Bacon Mac AuGraten, Susan’s Carrot Cake, and Snowball Cupcakes. It will be the perfect opportunity to connect and spend time together as a church family during this busy holiday season. Cost: \$6 per person (kids 4 and under eat free). Make reservations at the Welcome Desk in the lobby starting this weekend, then purchase tickets at the door. You can also RSVP on our website, pearcechurch.org/events

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

Operation Christmas Child: Thank you to Gregg Wergin and his team for assembling and distributing boxes and to everyone who filled boxes with gifts for children around the world! A total of 353 shoe boxes were sent to Operation Christmas Child from Pearce this year.

Nursery Help: Our littlest church family members would love to spend some time with you! If playing with a toddler, reading a book to a preschooler, or rocking a baby sounds at all inviting to you, consider helping in our nursery. Stop by the table in the lobby this weekend to learn more or sign-up for a service or two.

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 Welcome Desk in the lobby. Contact: Bob Antes, at antes_robort@pearcechurch.org

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 Opportunities: We have job openings on our maintenance and custodial team. A part-time or full-time evening lead is needed 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. There are also openings for part-time evening and weekend cleaners. Call Bob Antes at 585-594-9488 with questions. Interested persons should send their resume to Bob at antes_robort@pearcechurch.org.

Thanksgiving Baskets: After weeks of collecting food and box donations for our Thanksgiving Basket ministry, packing day is finally here! Join us in the Family Life Center this Saturday (November 23) starting at 9am. Delivery of baskets also begins on Saturday, from 10am-4pm and will continue Sunday (noon-4pm) and Monday (9am-4pm). There's still time to make a financial donation to help with the cost of purchasing 1,000 frozen turkeys for the boxes. Place your donation in the offering this weekend or drop it off at the lobby reception desk during the week; checks made payable to Pearce Church, with "turkeys" on the memo line. Contact Terry & Sherri Taber at ttaber2@rochester.rr.com with questions.

RAIHN (Rochester Area Interfaith Hospitality Network) is a not-for-profit organization that assists homeless families to achieve sustainable independence by supporting them with tailored services including shelter, food, and case management. Pearce is one of 30 Support Congregations who provide additional volunteers and meal support to 13 hosting congregations. Our next week to show the love of Jesus to our homeless neighbors (71% of whom, in the past 6 months, have been employed full-time!) will be December 1-8. In December, our guests will be housed in Elmgrove United Methodist Church. We would love to grow our volunteer base for this ministry. If you are interested in volunteering with this program in the future, we would be happy to pair you with a current Pearce volunteer for a "trial shift." Contact Bev Faro at bmfaro@rochester.rr.com to indicate your availability.

If you would like to support RAIHN this holiday season, below is their wish list:

- **Bus Tickets**—RTS all-day unlimited passes or stored value passes
- **Toiletries (full size)**—body wash, hand soap, deodorant, lotion, toilet paper, full size bath towels, hair brushes.
- **Cleaning Supplies**—mops, brooms, dust pans, dish soap, laundry detergent, sponges, buckets, plungers, toilet brushes, kitchen/bathroom disinfectant cleaners and wipes, toilet bowl cleaner, rubber gloves, paper towels, light bulbs
- **Office Supplies**—printer paper, printer ink/toner, tape, stamps
- **Merchant Gift Cards**—Walmart, Tops, Wegmans, Aldi, PriceRite, gas stations
- **Baby/Child Items**—diapers, pull ups, new underwear, new pajamas
- **Adult Items**—new underwear, new pajamas

Donations may be taken directly to RAIHN (142 Webster Avenue, Rochester, NY 14609) or call 585-506-9050.

CALENDAR (pearcechurch.org/events)

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
- **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 24

- **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 26

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

- **Wednesday Morning Prayer** | 9am | The Upper Room
- **Celebrate Recovery Community Group** | 6:30pm | Parmerter Chapel

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28—Thanksgiving Day (church office and building closed for the holiday)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22 (church office and building closed for the holiday)