

PEARCE CHURCH

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News, Events & Updates (NEUs) December 7 & 8, 2019

WORSHIP

SATURDAY:

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

SUNDAY:

- 10am **Connect** with coffee and conversation
- 10:30am **Worship** Service in the Sanctuary

This Weekend, Pastor Harry Heintz continues our Advent sermon series with the message, “The Voice” from Matthew 3:1-12. Harry is a retired Presbyterian pastor. He served Brunswick Church in eastern NY for 38 years. After retirement, he and his wife moved to Henrietta to be closer to their daughter, son-by-marriage, and two grandsons. Harry is an adjunct professor at Northeastern Seminary (mainly teaching preaching and biblical leadership) and preaches frequently in this region. We’re delighted to have Pastor Harry with us as guest preacher through December 14 & 15.

Next weekend, Journey Kids present, “Spread the News!” during our Sunday morning service. Following the service, you’re invited to the Family Life Center for a Christmas Celebration. There will be opportunity to mingle and enjoy some munchies together. (Note: This Christmas Celebration is in lieu of the Christmas Buffet Luncheon.)

Preaching Schedule:

- December 21/22: Bishop Linda Adams
- December 24 (Christmas Eve Services at 5 & 7pm): Pastor Wally Fleming
- December 28/29: Pastor Harold Scott

CHRISTMAS AT PEARCE

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. They will be hosting a Christmas Market this weekend 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 recently returned from Nzige, brought home artwork from the children. This 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. The market is also open Sunday morning, 8:30am-1pm. 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 Christmas environment.

Make plans to shop at the Christmas Market this weekend, December 7 & 8, 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. Check our website for more info: pearcechurch.org/nzige

Golden Heirs: Adults 55 and over are invited to the Golden Heirs Christmas Turkey Dinner on Monday, December 9, at noon in Parmerter Chapel. Cost: \$10 per person. You won’t want to miss hearing the music of Joshua and Johanna Fugate, Jenny Honan, and the Pearce 4 Kids Nursery School children. For reservations, call Janet Follansbee at 585-746-5237.

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. Consider inviting a family you know (who may not know Jesus yet) to come with you this year.

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. Invitations are available to pick up at the lobby Welcome Desk. 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.

Let's make Christmas meaningful again—join us in Advent Conspiracy! Advent Conspiracy was founded on the radical idea that we can celebrate Christmas humbly, beautifully, and generously. Advent is the greatest story ever told, when God entered our world to make things right, and it changes everything—including the way we celebrate Christmas. Over the last decade, thousands of churches have celebrated with more relational traditions, partnered with more organizations, and have channeled more resources to the poor, marginalized, and forgotten. At Pearce, we receive an Advent Conspiracy Exit Offering to go to Clear Blue Global Water Project, which exists to provide clean, safe water to desperately needy locations. You can learn more at clearblueproject.com. And, learn more about Advent Conspiracy at adventconspiracy.org. On their home page, you'll find links to many resources like their blog that provides practical ways to participate in AC and an AC Spotify playlist curated to help us remember the gift of Jesus all season long.

SERVICE

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. Help is especially needed during our 5pm Christmas Eve Service. Contact Lydia Monroe at monroe_lydia@pearcechurch.org if you'd like to help.

Snow Team: 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. 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_robert@pearcechurch.org

Food Cupboard: Thank you for your donations to our food cupboard! You are helping us provide food and personal care items throughout the year to our neighbors who are in need. Items needed at this time are toothbrushes, shampoo, and crackers. Donations can be left in the shopping cart in our main lobby at any time. Financial donations are also accepted and used to purchase items and materials to sustain our cupboard.

FYI

Bereavement:

- David Roushey, son of George and Pauline, passed away on Wednesday, December 4. Pray for George, Pauline, and the entire family during this difficult time.
- Josephine Morganti, mother of Marge (Jack) Wilson and grandmother of Cheryl (Dan) Pappa, passed away on December 4. The family is planning a Memorial Service early in the new year. Please hold the family in prayer for God's comfort during this time of loss.

Official Board Meeting: At each meeting of our Official Board, an Open Forum is available for members of the congregation to present topics to the board or ask questions of the board. This 20-minute session is scheduled to begin immediately following the opening devotion and prayer. It is helpful to contact the board chair, Terry Taber at terrytaber2@aol.com or 585-224-5730, ahead of time to note your attendance and topic. The Official Board meets at 7pm in the Conference Room on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Meeting dates are listed on the events page of our website.

Copies of the November Official Board meeting minutes are available at the lobby Welcome Desk.

Pearce Pastoral Care Team: Under the leadership of Pastor Harold Scott, our Community Care Pastor, our Pastoral Care Team assists with hospital visitation, follow-ups at home, and visits to our seniors and shut-ins. Each pastor on this team serves several days each month. The Pastoral Care Team is made up of the following ordained ministers: Brian Babcock, Laverne Bates, Dave Carden, Wally Fleming, Larry Greeno, and Nelson Hill. If you are ever hospitalized or going through a time of personal struggle, you can anticipate one of these pastors to follow up with you. If you have questions, you may call the church office at 594-9488.

CALENDAR (pearcechurch.org/events)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

- **Linked with Love Christmas Market** | 2-7pm | Main Lobby
- **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, DECEMBER 8

- **Linked with Love Christmas Market** | 8:30am-1pm | Main Lobby
- **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”)
- **Linked with Love Christmas Market** | 5-7:30pm | Main Lobby

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

- **Golden Heirs Luncheon** | 12pm | Parmerter Chapel
- **Futsal** | 7pm | Family Life Center

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

- **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, DECEMBER 11

- **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
- **Youth Group for Grades 6-12** | 6:30pm | The Loft

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

- **Journey Kids “Spread the News!” Rehearsal** | 6pm | Sanctuary
- **Volleyball** | 7pm | Family Life Center
- **Official Board Meeting** | 7pm | Conference Room (*A 20-minute Open Forum for members of the congregation begins immediately following the opening and prayer. Contact Board Chair, Terry Taber at terrytaber2@aol.com or 585-224-5730, if you’d like to present a topic or ask questions of the Board.*)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

- **Family Fun Night: Christmas Story Hour** | 6:30pm | Parmerter Chapel

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

- **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, DECEMBER 15

- **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, including “Spread the News!” presented by Journey Kids** | 10:30am | Sanctuary
- **Christmas Celebration** | 11:30am (immediately following the service) | Family Life Center
- **Service of Hope** | 4pm | Sanctuary