

PEARCE CHURCH

News, Events & Updates • November 8, 2024

This Weekend (November 9 & 10)

Saturday Worship: 5:00pm / Sunday Worship: 9:30am

Sermon Series: Free to Serve
Sermon Title: Set Free to Live Generously
Scripture: 2 Corinthians 8:1-15
Preaching Pastor: Pastor Todd

Special Worship Elements

Pastor Louis Colon of Heart & Soul Church in the City of Rochester will join us in our services this weekend. This will be an opportunity to get acquainted with him and learn some of the exciting things God is doing there as we partner together.

This Week (November 8 – November 16)

Saturday, November 9

- Family Pancake Breakfast – follow [this link](#) for more information

Sunday, November 10

- Sunday Morning Prayer at 9am in the Parlor
- 24-hour Prayer Vigil, which includes prayer for Pearce's mission, vision, and ministry through the lens of [Free to Serve](#). Go to [this link](#) to sign up for a 30-minute prayer time, starting at 6pm on Sunday. Go [here](#) to download the 24-Hour Prayer Guide.

Monday, November 11

- Golden Heirs will meet for lunch and a program in the Friendship Center from noon – 1:30pm
 - Lunch: Soup (Cost \$6)
 - Program: Speaker, Tom Bowers, will share Civil War stories from the local area
- Celebrate Recovery meets in the Loft at 6:30pm
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Tuesday, November 12

- Tuesday Men's Breakfast meets 7am at the Town and Country Family Restaurant (3205 Chili Ave, Chili, NY 14624)
- Tuesday Morning Bible Study for men and women will meet from 9- 10:15am in Room 80
- Floor Hockey from 6:45 – 8:45pm in the Family Life Center for older teens and adults

Wednesday, November 13

- Common Grounds Café open from 10am – 2pm
- Community Bible Study (CBS) meets from 10:30am - 12:20pm
- Oasis (Youth Group) meets at 6:30pm and will leave at 6:40pm for their Teen Progressive Dinner – [go here](#) for more info and to register
- Choir Rehearsal from 6:30 – 7:20pm in the Sanctuary
- Men's Choir Rehearsal at 7:30p – 8:20pm in Parmerter
- Worship Team rehearses from 7:30 - 8:30pm in the Sanctuary

Thursday, November 14

- Mary & Martha's Group will meet at the home of Alberta Anderson (3216 Union St., North Chili) at 11:30am
- Zoom Vision Event – follow [this link](#) at 7pm to join an online Vision Event (no RSVP necessary)

Free to Serve Commitment & First Fruits Celebration Sunday - November 24 @ 9:30am

We look forward to one of the most significant worship services in the life of Pearce Church on Sunday, November 24 at 9:30am. We will unite as a whole congregation to celebrate our commitment to God through the Free to Serve Campaign and to offer the first fruits offerings toward our commitments. This will be a special day of worship and celebration of God's grace and provision. Everyone is invited to stay after the service for a reception with hors d'oeuvres, hot potato bar, mac & cheese bar, and more! **(Note: there will not be a Saturday service on November 23.)**

Plan Ahead

November 28 & 29: Building closed for the Thanksgiving holidays

December 13: Christmas Story Hour for kids and their families:

- Time: 6:30 - 8pm
- Location: Parmerter Chapel
- Join in the fun by bringing a blanket or sleeping bag, wearing your pajamas, etc.
- A reception with snacks and crafts will immediately follow Story Hour
- **December 24:** Christmas Eve Service
 - Date & Time: December 24 at 5pm
 - Nursery provided through preschool age

Giving & Serving Opportunities

- Thank you to all who are donating to our Food Cupboard! This week's needs are:

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| ○ Tomato Products | ○ Canned Corn | ○ Baking Mixes | ○ Bar Soap |
| ○ Pasta | ○ Canned Peas | ○ Pancake Mixes | ○ Shampoo |
| ○ Pasta Sauce | ○ Canned Fruit | ○ Sugar | ○ Deodorant |
| ○ Chunky Soups | ○ Peanut Butter | ○ Flour | ○ Feminine Hygiene Products |
| ○ Tuna | ○ Jelly | ○ Razors | |
| ○ Canned Beans | ○ Salad Dressing | ○ Toothbrushes | |
| | ○ Juice | ○ Toothpaste | |

If you need food support, please contact the church to set up an appointment.

- **Thanksgiving Community Food Ministry:**

Our Thanksgiving Community Food Ministry is underway! We're excited to launch this annual ministry. Pearce, together with our sister church Heart & Soul, Rochester Family Mission, other city churches, and local agencies, are identifying families in need throughout the Rochester area. Our shared goal is to provide boxes of food, fresh produce, and frozen turkeys to 1,150 families. Pearce's specific contribution is to prepare 250 Adopt-a-Boxes.

How Can You Help?

- **Drop Off Adopt-a-Boxes:** Filled Adopt-a-Boxes can be brought to Pearce Church between October 19 and November 17. So far, we've received 147 Adopt-a-Box commitments—let's keep it going!
- **Volunteer for Food Collection:** Join us on Saturday, November 16 and Sunday, November 17, after our services, to help transport food items, Adopt-a-Boxes, and supplies from various storage areas to the Family Life Center. Volunteers will meet in Pearce's main lobby for instructions.
- **Help Pack Thanksgiving Boxes:** On Thursday, November 21, we'll gather in the Family Life Center (gym) at 9:30 AM to pack over 800 Thanksgiving boxes. It usually takes 1-2 hours, and we need all hands on deck to ensure families in need have a special meal for the holiday.
- For more details, [follow this link](#) or stop by the table in the main lobby this weekend, where you can sign up to adopt a box and pick up a shopping list to help fill it.
- **Backpack Food Program:**

Join others on Tuesday, November 12 at 12:00pm at our first monthly Backpack Food Packing event in the Upper Room (Room 251). Together, volunteers will pack enough weekend meals for 42-50 students, filling gallon bags with items like oatmeal, cereal, snacks, canned pasta, and soup. It's a small effort that makes a big difference in the lives of these children. To sign up, visit the Backpack Food Program poster on the mission board in the Lobby and scan the QR code, or [follow this link](#).
- Check out the various [ways to give](#)

Prayer

- **10@10:** Join others in our congregation who pause wherever they are for 10 minutes each day at 10 am to pray for Pearce Church. If you'd like more information, contact [Robin Day](#).
- **Prayer Chain:** Daily prayer updates are sent Monday through Friday at 3:30pm, providing information about the needs of our Pearce community. If you have a personal prayer request, update, or bereavement information to share, send it to pearce@pearcechurch.org, or call the church at 585-594-9488, and we will be sure to include it in our next update.

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