

PEARCE CHURCH

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News, Events & Updates (NEUs) January 18 & 19, 2020

WORSHIP

This Weekend, we welcome Supt. Pam Braman as our guest speaker. Pam will round out our series of guest pastors we've invited to the pulpit since last September, as we awaited an interim pastor. We are so grateful to each pastor who has shared with us during this time of transition and pray God's blessing on their future preaching ministry as they serve area congregations.

Welcome, Pastor Glenn & Nancy! Our interim pastor, Glenn Teal, and his wife, Nancy, will be joining us for worship this weekend! Following worship services, you're invited to a welcome reception in the Family Life Center. Pastor Glenn officially begins his ministry here on Monday, January 20, and will begin preaching in services January 25 & 26.

Equip Study Groups offered this semester on Sundays at 9am:

- **Ages 2-4**—meet in the downstairs nursery hallway
- **K-5th Grade**—meet in the Journey Kids Wing
- **Teens**—meet in The Loft
- **Adults**
 - **Gospel Ambassadors**—Using Wesley Adult Bible quarterly curriculum, the focus of the winter series is *Deliver Us: God Redeems His People*; and will take the group through the book of Exodus. (*Friendship Center; facilitator: Rick Kinde*)
 - **Bible Explorers**—12-week study on the book of Job. Videos, notes, and discussion will highlight dealing with pain and suffering and how it relates to a sovereign God, as well as how the unanswered questions in Job can be found in the person of Jesus Christ. (*Room 82; facilitator: Bill Roushey*)
 - **Son Seekers**—Will continue studying the book of Psalms. Specifically, considering some psalms of lament. Psalms of praise are great, but what do you do when life stinks? (*Room 81; facilitators: James Kerwin, Rod Bassett*)
 - **Focus**—The Focus group will be using an eight-week video series, "Starting Point," by Andy Stanley. Everything has a starting point—your life, your relationships, your education, your career. Sometimes we forget that faith has a starting point as well. What if you could find a new starting point for faith? (*Room 80; facilitator: Shelly Bliss—shared teaching*)
 - **Life. Money. Legacy**—Dave Ramsey presents a biblical view of money in five entertaining, practical messages, followed by class discussion. Each of the five sessions teaches viewers how to handle their personal finances God's way and how to build a lasting legacy that will transform generations to come. (*Yellow Room—Journey Kids Wing; facilitator: Tyler Logan; Hosts: Celeste & Mark Donleavy*)

COMMUNITY

New Welcome Center: Did you get the chance to check out our new Welcome Center last weekend? If you didn't, be sure to stop by this weekend. We've moved our Welcome Center up front in the lobby so that guests can easily find it. But the Welcome Center isn't just for guests, it's also the place to stop to sign up for any Next Steps at Pearce and ask questions. Next Steps can be anything from becoming a member or being baptized to talking about where you may want to serve in our church family—look for more information on Next Steps in the coming weeks.

Pearce 4 Kids Nursery School/Pre-K Registration for fall 2020 will be held Thursday, January 23, 7am–6pm. Due to the high interest in this program, it is requested that each person in line submit only one family registration. Thank you for making fair accommodation for everyone. For more information on this event, call 594-1833, e-mail P4Kinfo@pearcechurch.org, or visit pearce4kids.org.

Our Celebrate Recovery Community Group began meeting last January, and you're invited to join us as we celebrate this one-year milestone! Come to Parmerter Chapel on Wednesday, January 22, from 6:30-8:30pm for a special time of worship, sharing, and celebration. This will be a great opportunity for you to experience what CR is all about. Celebrate Recovery is for anyone, not just those struggling with addiction—we all have hurts, habits, or hang-ups at some level, in some form. The CR Community Group meets year-round on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30pm. It's run like a worship service, with a time of singing, teaching or a testimony, and break-out sessions. There is no commitment to show up every week. We hope to see you January 22 as we celebrate one year of this impactful ministry here at Pearce. If you'd like to learn more about Celebrate Recovery, contact the leadership team at cr@pearcechurch.org. Leaders will be available in the Pearce lobby this weekend if you'd like to ask questions or pick up information materials.

Annual Celebration: On Wednesday, February 5, we invite you to join us for the Pearce Annual Celebration. We'll gather in Parmerter Chapel at 6pm to reflect on and celebrate God's faithfulness over the past year, both individually and corporately as a church family, and we'll consider how we can be faithful to Him in the coming year. Food makes everything fun! A soup and salad dinner will be served, and you can sign-up at the Welcome Center or on the calendar page of our website to bring a dessert to share.

Kids, we didn't forget you! Nursery care will be provided through age 5 in the Journey Kids wing; kids in K-5th grade will have a pizza party! If you plan to bring your kids, let us know by signing up at the Welcome Center or on the calendar page of our website.

Official Board & Nominating Committee Nominees: All full members of Pearce are encouraged to vote for new members of the Official Board and Nominating Committee. Voting will take place at the Annual Celebration on Wednesday, February 5; in the church office on Thursday, February 6, from 8am-5pm; and at the Welcome Center before and after worship services on February 8 & 9. Absentee balloting is not permitted by the Free Methodist discipline. Brochures will be handed out in worship services this weekend and are available at the Welcome Center to learn more about the nominees for our Official Board: Beth Bellinger, Mike Faro, Julie Grimm, Susanne Mohnkern, Jim Morton, and James Weise; Mike Vannest is running unopposed for re-election as treasurer. In addition, there are three slots open for serving on the Nominating Committee for three-year terms. These individuals have been nominated for the Nominating Committee: Lon Bailey, William Christopher, Lois DeRoo, Todd Draper, Laura Sarchet, and Bob Williams. Please read through the brochure and prayerfully consider your selection. In addition to voting for new members of the Official Board and Nominating Committee, there will also be a vote regarding a few policy changes—we'll share those details soon. (You must be present at the Annual Celebration to vote on policy changes.) If you're a full member of Pearce, we encourage you to attend the Annual Celebration and vote.

SERVICE

Food Cupboard: Our food cupboard provides food and personal care items to our neighbors who are in need. Right now, we're running very low on many items. Maybe you can add an extra item or two to your grocery cart this week? **Our main needs right now are jelly, paper towels, and Kleenex.** 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.

Foodlink Mobile Pantry, January 25: Pearce will host a Foodlink Mobile Pantry in the Family Life Center on Saturday, January 25, from 9-11am. This mobile food pantry provides perishable food from Foodlink's warehouse, providing fresh produce to those who need it most. If you would like to help make this important ministry happen, sign-up at the Welcome Center in the lobby. Help with everything from unloading the truck to setting up and distributing food is needed January 25 from 8am-12pm in the Family Life Center. The Foodlink Mobile Pantry is available to anyone in our congregation and community who can use a little help at times. All volunteers are invited to receive food also. Contact: Sue Smout, smout_sue@pearcechurch.org

FYI

Pizza Sale Fundraiser: The Pearce Bible Quiz Team will be selling pizzas in the lobby through January 26. All proceeds will help support the team's yearly expenses, including costs to attend the National Competition being held in Seattle, WA in June. Stop at their table in the lobby this weekend to order cheese or pepperoni pizzas. Cost is \$11 for cheese pizza, \$12 for pepperoni pizza. Payment at time of ordering is preferred. Pizzas will be ready for pick up just in time for the Super Bowl! They'll be in the lobby on Saturday, February 1, after the worship service, and on the morning of Sunday, February 2. Contact: Rob Distaffen, rfdistaffen@gmail.com

Bereavement: Pray for these families as they mourn the loss of their loved ones.

- Rose Verkayk, mother of Jim (Linda) Bushart, died on Wednesday, January 16. Service arrangements will be communicated as they become known.
- Deanna J. Swan, mother of Jeff (Kristina) Swan, died on Thursday, January 9. A funeral was held on January 17.

FYI: Copies of the minutes from the January Official Board meeting are available at the Welcome Center.

CALENDAR (pearcechurch.org/events)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

- **Memorial Service for Isabelle Leupold** | 1pm | Sanctuary
- **Saturday Prayer Time** | 4:30pm | Friendship Center
- **Nursery Care (birth-6 years old)** | 5pm | Nursery Wing (lower level)
- **Worship Service** | 5pm | Parmerter Chapel—followed by a Welcome Reception for Pastor Glenn & Nancy Teal

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

- **Nursery Care (birth-age 4)** | 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—followed by a Welcome Reception for Pastor Glenn & Nancy Teal

MONDAY, JANUARY 20

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

- **Men's Prayer Breakfast** | 6am | Town and Country Restaurant (3205 Chili Ave.)
- **Men's Prayer & Bible Study** | 8:45am | Room 82
- **Dementia Caregivers Support Group** | Noon | Conference Room
- **Bible Quiz Practice** | 6:30pm | The Loft
- **Grief Care Group** | 6:30pm | The Upper Room
- **Floor Hockey** | 7pm | Family Life Center

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

- **Wednesday Morning Prayer** with Nelson Grimm | 9am | The Upper Room
- **Kids Gym** | 10am | Family Life Center
- **Celebrate Recovery Community Group** | 6:30pm | Parmerter Chapel
- **Choir Rehearsal** | 6:30pm | Sanctuary
- **"Fill Your Cup Women's Bible Study"** | 6:30pm | The Upper Room
- **Youth Group for Middle School (grades 6-8) and High School (grades 9-12)** | 6:30pm | The Loft

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23

- **P4K Nursery School/Pre-K Registration** | 7am | Lobby
- **Volleyball** | 7pm | Family Life Center

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24

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