

PEARCE CHURCH

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News, Events & Updates (NEUs) February 29 & March 1, 2020

WORSHIP

This weekend: Pastor Glenn and Nancy are back from a short stay in Florida. This weekend, Pastor Glenn will conclude our “Timeless: Life Lessons from Old Testament Characters” series with the fascinating story of Ruth. Here’s a woman with all kinds of trouble to contend with: widowhood, loneliness, poverty, racial prejudice, and more. Yet, in the midst of it all, God brings help in the form of a kindly old farmer, who turns out to be a shirt-tail relative—a kinsman redeemer—who can and does provide exactly what they need. That’ll preach!

Exit Offering: Holy Communion will be served in worship services this weekend. Our tradition is to receive an Exit Offering following each service of communion, to benefit a local or global ministry. However, this month, we’re waiting a few weeks to receive our Exit Offering so that we can receive the offering while J.R. and Becky Crouse, Free Methodist missionaries serving in Ecuador, are here with us. The Crouse’s will be in North Chili the weekend of March 21 & 22, so we’ll have opportunity to hear an update from them directly and then receive an Exit Offering to help support their work in Ecuador.

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**
 - **Focus** (*Room 80; facilitator: Shelly Bliss—shared teaching*)
 - **Son Seekers** (*Room 81; facilitators: James Kerwin, Rod Bassett*)
 - **Bible Explorers** (*Room 82; facilitator: Bill Roushey*)
 - **Gospel Ambassadors** (*Friendship Center; facilitator: Rick Kinde*)
 - **NEW OPTION: “Greater Than”** (*Yellow Room—Journey Kids Wing; facilitator: Celeste Donleavy*)
Everyone is invited to join the five-week series, “Greater Than.” In this video series, Francis Chan walks us through his own difficult childhood to help us understand that God is greater than any pain, sin, or hardship that we might encounter in this life.

New Music Series: “soulTunes—Jazz, Celtic & Classical Music to Touch Your Soul.” Beginning next weekend, our services will incorporate worship and featured songs designed to illustrate the various ways God works to change lives. Sometimes God works in surprising, innovative ways—like jazz. Other times God uses the practical, down-to-earth aspects of the Celtic Way to call us heavenward. Certainly, the classical theme of majestic grandeur is often used by God to remind us of the timeless nature of Christian spirituality. These would all be ideal weekends to invite the music lovers in your life to join you here at Pearce Church for worship. You’ll want to make every effort to come a little early each week to catch special preludes from a jazz combo, Celtic flute quartet, and Pearce’s own classically-trained musicians!

COMMUNITY

Bereavement: Harry Matteson, husband of Shirley, died on Friday, February 21, after suffering from Alzheimer’s. A service celebrating Harry’s life will be held this summer in northern New York where Harry served as a school principal for many years. Please remember Shirley and her family in prayer as they grieve Harry’s death.

Prayer Gathering in Parmerter Chapel on Thursday, March 5, at 6:30pm: When we work, we work—but when we pray, God works! Pastor Glenn is challenging the entire Pearce Church family to make prayer a priority by joining together for an hour of corporate prayer this week. Pastor has said he believes this particular prayer event may be the most important activity in the life of our church during his tenure. Please, make every effort to join us. Childcare for infants-5th grade will be available. Sign-up at the Welcome Center or on the events page of our website if you need childcare, so we know how many kids to expect.

Nzige Variety Show Dinner: The 2020 Nzige Mission Team invites you to enjoy an evening of good food, music, and laughter at a Variety Show Dinner on Friday, March 6, from 6-8pm in Parmerter Chapel. Dinner will be provided by Texas Bar-B-Q Joint in Spencerport. The Variety Show will feature many talented members of the Pearce family and community. Cost is \$15 for adults; \$10 for kids age 10 and under. Purchase tickets in the lobby on the weekends or at the reception desk Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm. All proceeds will help the team get to Nzige, Rwanda this summer. At the dinner, you will have the opportunity to make a donation to the team and commit to pray for them. If you'd like to help us provide dessert for the evening, you can sign up in the lobby this weekend. Pull out your favorite recipe or pick up a pie at the grocery store—it doesn't need to be homemade. You can sign up to donate a pie or reserve tickets on our website, too: pearcechurch.org/event/variety-show-dinner

Golden Heirs (adults 55 and over): Come join the Golden Heirs for a soup lunch on Monday, March 9, at noon in the Friendship Center. Cost is \$5.00, plus a dollar or two for the donation box. Come with your questions for Chili Town Supervisor David Dunning: background stories, what's it's like to be town supervisor, interesting stories, etc. The group will enjoy hearing him fill in the details. Contact: Alberta Anderson, davenalberta12@gmail.com

Restore: A Night of Compassion—save the date! On Friday, March 20, at 7pm the Pearce family is invited to come together for a night of praise and worship, including special music by our choir and worship team. In addition to worship, we are asking you to consider making a donation to our Compassion Fund, which helps families in our community in their time of need. Through this fund, we've helped neighbors pay for rent or utilities, medical bills in times of crisis, and counseling sessions, among other needs. The Compassion Fund is currently benefiting Josh & Laura Sarchet, a young couple at Pearce, as they temporarily live in Pittsburgh while they await a lung transplant for Josh. More information will be available soon, but for now, be sure to add March 20 to your calendar and plan to attend this night of compassion and worship.

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 soups, canned chicken and tuna, and paper products.** Donations can be left in the shopping cart in our main lobby at any time. Financial donations are also accepted. Thank you for supporting this ministry!

Foodlink Mobile Pantry, March 7: Pearce will host a Foodlink Mobile Pantry in the Family Life Center on Saturday, March 7, 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 March 7 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

Pearce Missionaries: Pearce Church is committed to spread the Good News of Christ Jesus around the world. We presently support, both in prayer and financially, the following Free Methodist missionaries: JR & Becky Crouse, Ecuador; Mike & Andrea Green, Uruguay; and Chris & Yuko Wilkins, Japan. If you want to learn more about these families, visit fmcusa.org/fmwm/.

Pearce also supports the Andersons (International Youth Workers, Young Life, younglife.org) and a couple working with Bridges for Peace (bridgesforpeace.com).

Smart Giving: Did you know you can give to Pearce right from your smart phone? Simply text the amount you'd like to give to 585-617-0773. The first time you give via SmartGiving, you will be directed to enter some personal information as well as the card number from which you would like to give the funds. This information will be securely processed and stored for any future contributions you make to Pearce. We hope this will make your giving more convenient. If you have any questions about this option, you may contact our Executive Administrator, Honna Curtis, at curtis_honna@pearcechurch.org. Go to pearcechurch.org/giving to learn about other giving options.

CALENDAR (pearcechurch.org/events)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

- **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

MONDAY, MARCH 2

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

- **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
- **Youth Group for Middle School (grades 6-8) and High School (grades 9-12)** | 6:30pm | The Loft

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

- **Prayer Gathering** | 6:30pm | Parmerter Chapel
- **Volleyball** | 7pm | Family Life Center

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

- **Morning Moms** | 9:30am | Friendship Center
- **Nzige Variety Show Dinner** | 6pm | Parmerter Chapel