

PEARCE CHURCH

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News, Events & Updates (NEUs) February 15 & 16, 2020

WORSHIP

This Weekend: Join us for an innovative service, both Saturday evening at 5 o'clock and Sunday morning at 10:30, designed to remind us of the many different elements of worship. The Psalms are the prayer book of God's people and include prayers of celebration, contemplation, and lament. We'll explore all three aspects of worship through music, scripture, and song. Come prepared to enter into a soul-stirring encounter with the living God.

21 Days of Prayer: To prepare for our upcoming Prayer Gathering on March 5, why not join Pastor Glenn on the YouVersion App as we read "How to Pray—21 Days with Pete Greig" together. Just download the YouVersion Bible app, click on Plans, enter the title, and start reading and praying with us.

Equip Study Groups will not meet this Sunday because of February break for local schools. (The Gospel Ambassadors group will meet as usual.) All groups will resume next Sunday, February 23.

Ash Wednesday Communion Service, February 26, at noon in Parmerter Chapel. Did you know that Christians began observing Lent about a thousand years before we observed Christmas? This season of heart preparation has traditionally begun six weeks prior to Easter with a sacred ceremony involving the taking of Communion and the Imposition of Ashes. In recent years, many of us in the holiness/evangelical part of God's family have rediscovered and embraced this timeless tradition. Join Pastor Glenn Teal and Rev. Jeff Altman as they lead us in this powerful beginning to the Lenten Season.

COMMUNITY

Election results are in! We are pleased to announce that Susanne Mohnkern, Julie Grimm, and Mike Faro have been elected to serve three-year terms on Pearce's Official Board. Also, Lois DeRoo, Bill Christopher, and Todd Draper were elected to serve on our church's Nominating Committee. Thank you to those who took the time to participate in this year's election. And a special thanks to all who permitted their names to be placed on the ballot.

Journey Teens Snow Tubing: Teens (grades 6-12) are invited to a day of snow tubing to kickoff February break week. Invite your friends and meet at the church at 1pm on Monday, February 17, to head to Holiday Valley Tubing Park in Ellicottville, NY. (Returning to Pearce at 9pm.) There are 20 lanes with a conveyer lift to get back up the hill—and you can enjoy the bonfire pit and warming hut with a snack bar and fireplace! Cost is \$17 per person, plus money for snacks at the park and supper on the way home. RSVP by Friday, February 14, to TC at corbett_tom@pearcechurch.org.

Family Fun Night—Leap Eve: Did you know 2020 is a Leap Year? We think that calls for a little leaping to celebrate! Your family is invited to a night of fun and games at our Family Fun Night: Leap Eve on Friday, February 28, from 6:30-8pm in the Family Life Center. Parents, you may remember the video game Frogger from back in the day. (You may need to Google it for a reminder!) At Leap Eve, we'll have a life-sized Frogger game you and your kids can work your way through. There will also be a bounce house (more leaping!), crafts, photo booth, and snacks. Younger kids will have a play area designed just for them. This is a family event, so parents must stay with their children; it will be great fun for everyone! While we're getting in some exercise and laughter, we'd also like to support our Food Cupboard that helps people in our neighborhood when they need a little help with groceries or personal care items. Donations of juice, bar soap, or laundry detergent will be accepted at the door. (This is not a requirement at all!) We "hop" to see you at Leap Eve! Contact: Lydia Monroe, monroe_lydia@pearcechurch.org

Prayer Gathering: Pastor Glenn has called us to pray together on Thursday, March 5, at 6:30pm, beginning in Parmerter Chapel. Plans are coming together for an inspiring and innovative hour of corporate prayer including praying scripture, singing our prayers, and prayer walking throughout the facility. This is *not* your typical prayer meeting. The entire Pearce

Church family is urged to participate in what promises to be a memorable experience of God's Presence. When we work, we work—but when we pray, God works!

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 catered 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

Mission Garage Sale—April 24 & 25: Our mission garage sale is coming this spring and now is the perfect time to begin setting aside items to donate. From 2010-2019, we have raised \$174,252.80 to help local and global missions. Jennifer Verdugo (daughter of Jim & Susan Heeks) has stepped up to lead this major event and we are thankful for her service! As always, we'll need lots of help to make this weekend happen. Save the date, see if you have time available to help the week leading up to the sale, and keep watching the NEUs for more information. Contact: Jennifer Verdugo, jenniferaverdugo@gmail.com or 585-739-2821

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 fruit juices, canned chicken, bar soap, and shampoo.** 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.

Apartment/Room Needed: An NES student from Uganda is in need of an apartment or room to rent, within walking distance of Pearce Church (monthly budget of \$350). If you have, or know of, an available option, please contact Pastor Harold at 594-9488 or scott_harold@pearcechurch.org.

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

CALENDAR (pearcechurch.org/events)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

- **Nursery Care (birth-age 4)** | 10-11:15am | Nursery Wing (lower level)
- **Connect** | 10am | Main Lobby
- **Worship Service** | 10:30am | Sanctuary

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

- **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 (bring your lunch)
- **Bible Quiz Practice** | 6:30pm | The Loft
- **Grief Care Group** | 6:30pm | Parlor
- **Floor Hockey** | 7pm | Family Life Center

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

- **Wednesday Morning Prayer** with Nelson Grimm | 9am | The Upper Room
- **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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21