

PEARCE CHURCH

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News, Events & Updates (NEUs) February 22 & 23, 2020

WORSHIP

This weekend, we'll continue our series "Life Lessons from Old Testament Characters" with a consideration of the prophet Jonah. Pastor Wally Fleming writes about this weekend's message: "I love the story of Jonah because it so clearly reveals the tendency each of us has to run away from the very things God asks of us. God tells Jonah to go in one direction and the prophet intentionally runs in the opposite direction. Jonah's story prompts each of us to ask ourselves: 'Will I choose to follow God's leading in my life?'"

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**
 - **Young Adults** (*The Upper Room; facilitator: Matt Kerwin*)
 - **Parents** (*Yellow Room—Journey Kids Wing; facilitator: Tyler Logan*)
 - **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*)

Ash Wednesday Communion Service, February 26, at noon in Parmerter Chapel. (To give you time to get here from work, we'll start the service a little after noon and end a little before 1pm). 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

Bereavement: Edie Williams, wife of Dave, died following a heart attack on Saturday, February 15. Dave and Edie were in Florida for the winter when she died. A Memorial Service will be held in Florida and the family plans to hold a service at Pearce Church in May or June. Pray for Dave, his daughter, Shelly, and son, Tim, during their time of loss.

Family Fun Night—Leap Eve is coming Friday, February 28, from 6:30-8pm in the Family Life Center. All families are invited to this night of fun and games! 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! 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

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 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

CALENDAR (pearcechurch.org/events)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

- **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 23

- **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, FEBRUARY 24

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

- **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
- **Floor Hockey** | 7pm | Family Life Center

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

- **Wednesday Morning Prayer** with Nelson Grimm | 9am | The Upper Room
- **Kids Gym** | 10am | Family Life Center
- **Ash Wednesday Service** | Noon (will start a little after noon) | Parmerter
- **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, FEBRUARY 27

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

- **Morning Moms** | 9:30am | Friendship Center
- **Family Fun Night: Leap Eve** | 6:30pm | Family Life Center