

# PEARCE CHURCH

## News, Events & Updates | August 7, 2020

### WORSHIP

Back in the third week of March, when COVID19 hit hard, we decided not to meet for worship in person. However, we had a service all prepared as a celebration of The Celtic Way. Since this Sunday will be our first chance to worship again in person, we decided to revisit our original Celtic theme. **Timeless themes like *Worshipping the Trinity, Entering the Quiet, and Experiencing Everyday Spirituality* will be combined with beautiful Celtic Music** to create an overall worship experience designed to inspire your faith. Join us this Sunday at 10:30am on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#).

**If you haven't registered to join us for our first In-Person Worship Service this Sunday, there's still time!** To make sure we can safely accommodate everyone, we ask that you [register on our website](#) each week for the coming Sunday's service or you can call the church office. (Even staff members and those serving as volunteers need to register every week.) As excited as we are to see everyone, we do understand that not everyone will be ready to meet back in the building, and that is OK. We'll continue to offer online worship services on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#).

Following federal and state guidelines and guidance from the CDC, we have created a [Regathering Safety Plan](#) to facilitate reopening for in-person worship—we encourage you to [read through the entire safety plan](#). These guidelines will be re-evaluated on a regular basis and updated as needed. It's our hope that these guidelines are "for now," not forever. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the church office.

Here are some **important dates** to put on your calendar:

- **Sunday, August 9**—Regathering: In-person Worship and Online Worship (Facebook & YouTube) at 10:30am
- **Sunday, August 16**
  - In-person Worship and Online Worship (Facebook & YouTube) at 10:30am
  - **Farewell Picnic for Pastor Glenn & Nancy:** COVID-19, quarantine, schools and businesses closing, church online. Who knew? God did and He provided the perfect leader to carry us through. We're thankful for Pastor Glenn and Nancy's faithful service to our congregation. Since we can't shower them with hugs right now, let's send them off with a car full of cards to let them know how much we appreciate them! A basket will be available in the lobby to collect cards on August 16 or you can use the dropbox near the café entrance. **Following the service (11:45ish), you're invited to a BYOP (Bring Your Own Picnic Lunch)** on the Orchard Street lawn. You'll be directed to the Orchard Street lawn to find a circle for your family to sit and enjoy your lunch. Pastor Glenn and Nancy will make their way to each circle to talk with everyone and say final farewells. Since we're in Rochester, we'd better have a rain plan! If it rains, after the service we'll settle Pastor Glenn and his family under a canopy while everyone lines up in a car parade to say farewell. You can enjoy your lunch while you wait in your car.
- **Sunday, August 23**—In-person Worship and Online Worship (Facebook & YouTube) at 10:30am. **We will welcome Pastor Todd and Jeanne Daningburg as our new Lead Pastor.** You won't want to miss this special service with moments by Supt. Pam Braman and Terry Taber, Official Board Chair. We're planning a special welcome event for September 13, but for now we'll share a couple of ideas to help the Daningburgs feel welcomed right from the start. Write a card/welcome note and drop it in the basket when you come to church on August 23 or leave it in the dropbox near the café entrance. Post a greeting on the Pearce Nation Facebook group—bonus points if you add a picture of your family and include their names (there are a lot of us for Pastor Todd and Jeanne to get to know)!

### CONNECT

**We want to stay connected with you this summer!**

- Email us at [pearce@pearcechurch.org](mailto:pearce@pearcechurch.org) and ask to be added to the distribution lists for the NEUs, Prayer Focus, and weekly email from Pastor Glenn.
- Check our [Pearce Church Facebook page](#) throughout the week for reflection, worship, and prayer.
- Join [the Pearce Nation Facebook group](#) to keep in touch with your church family.

**Men's Prayer Breakfast** is back! Meet at Town and Country Restaurant (3205 Chili Ave.) at 7 o'clock on Tuesday mornings.

**TNT (Tuesday Night Teens)** events are still happening and teens and leaders have been having a blast! TNT is open to anyone entering 6th grade this fall through those who just graduated from high school.

- **August 8: TNT Saturday Edition 1pm-4pm:** Walk through historic Seneca Park (2222 St. Paul Street, Rochester, NY 14621) along and over the Genesee River; arrange own transportation; 1pm drop-off at parking lot by the zoo (look for TC's red Ram truck; <https://www2.monroecounty.gov/files/Park%20Maps/SenecaPark.pdf>); 4pm pick-up in the same spot; bring a facemask and walking shoes; water and snacks will be provided; advance sign-up is necessary—email TC at [corbett\\_tom@pearcechurch.org](mailto:corbett_tom@pearcechurch.org).
- This event was rained out last Tuesday so it's rescheduled for **August 11: TNT 6:30-8 pm at Black Creek Park** (3835 Union Street, North Chili, New York 14514). Hang out with friends; play bocce, whiffle ball, impromptu frisbee golf, or other games, and take a walk in the park or fish for bass and panfish (fishing tackle and bait will be provided, or bring your own—NYS fishing license is necessary for those age 16 and up). Drinks will be provided; arrange own transportation; bring a facemask; get dropped off at the parking lot by the playground (look for TC's red Ram truck; <https://www2.monroecounty.gov/files/parks/Maps/BlackCreekPark.pdf>); get picked up from the same spot at 8pm, and then meet for cream at Sprinkles (3193 Chili Avenue, 14624.). Advance sign-up is necessary—email TC at [corbett\\_tom@pearcechurch.org](mailto:corbett_tom@pearcechurch.org).

## SERVE

Would you like to plug in to ministry here at Pearce? Find a way to get more connected? **Joining one of our serve teams can be a great way to meet new people and use your giftings to serve the Lord.** As we move back to in-person worship services and continue to live stream our services every Sunday, there are many opportunities available (both digital and in-person).

- Our **Guest Services Team** responsibilities have changed a bit due to COVID guidelines. Each Sunday, we need about nine energetic and welcoming people serving as greeters, check-in helpers, and ushers. Training is provided. The goal is for each team member to serve one Sunday per month, arriving by 9:45 and staying through the end of the service. If you're interested in joining the Guest Services team, Joan would love to hear from you! You can contact her at [goulart\\_joan@pearcechurch.org](mailto:goulart_joan@pearcechurch.org).
- We have an amazing **Tech Team** who make sure our worship services are meaningful to everyone, both in person and online. We'd love to grow to two full teams, six people per team. Some positions require expertise, but some are perfect for anyone willing to learn. Training is provided on Thursday evenings. The Tech Team serves on Sunday mornings, starting at 9am through the end of the service. To learn more, contact Jessie Keim at [keim\\_jessie@pearcechurch.org](mailto:keim_jessie@pearcechurch.org).
- Our newest opportunity is the **Online Host Team**. Each Sunday, a host is available on our Facebook page to welcome those who join the live stream and answer any questions that may come up. If you're comfortable on Facebook and enjoy interacting digitally, this may be the connection point you're looking for. Each host serves one Sunday a month, from about 10:20am through the end of the service. This is the perfect opportunity for someone who isn't quite ready to come back to the building but who still wants to serve. Want to learn more? Contact Kim Mantegna at [mantegna\\_kimberly@pearcechurch.org](mailto:mantegna_kimberly@pearcechurch.org).

**Do you have a furnished apartment available to rent?** The Helms family, medical missionaries who have stayed in our mission house in the past, came home from Phnom Penh for medical tests in early May. Due to the pandemic, they have decided to stay put for a while and are looking to rent a furnished apartment in the Chili area—they have three young children. If you have an apartment available or would like to learn more, contact Bev Faro at [bmfar@icloud.com](mailto:bmfar@icloud.com).

## GIVE

Thanks for supporting Pearce! During the summer, many people take time to get away and savor this wonderful season of the year. Your continued financial support of Pearce while you are away is deeply appreciated. Ways to give:

- Online giving: click the "Pearce Church Online Giving" link on the [Giving page or our website](#)
- text "GIVE" to 585-617-0773 on your cell phone
- drop a check in the mail or our outdoor drop box (just outside the café entrance)
- contact your bank and set up automatic giving

### Pearce Year-to-Date Giving Update

	<b>2020 Budget</b> thru 31 weeks	<b>2020 Actual</b> thru 31 weeks	<b>2019 Actual</b> thru 31 weeks
Operations	670,996	657,884	695,399
Building	102,634	85,116	103,930
Missions	24,145	24,638	24,909