

# PEARCE CHURCH

## News, Events & Updates | September 25, 2020

### WORSHIP

**Join us for worship this weekend:** Saturday at 5pm in Parmerter Chapel and Sunday morning at 10:30 in the Sanctuary. If you plan to join us for either of these, we ask that you [register ahead of time on our website](#)—be sure you click through until you receive a confirmation email. Or, you can call the church office at 585-594-9488. We encourage you to [read through our entire safety plan](#). If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the church office. We also continue to livestream our Sunday worship service on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) at 10:30am (available on demand after that).

**This weekend,** Pastor Todd will continue our “One Another” series on relationships. Last weekend, we learned the importance of putting ourselves in others’ shoes (empathy) and walking in Jesus’ footsteps (follow) in order to Accept One Another. Practicing the key word from this coming week’s message will improve any relationship immediately. Please read Romans 12:9-21 and look for the word in verse 10—“Honor one another above yourselves.”

**Next weekend, October 3 & 4, Holy Communion will be served.** Prepackaged Communion elements will be available for those attending in person, along with a gluten-free option. Those worshipping with us from home are invited to prepare bread and juice before the service begins.

As is our tradition, we receive an Exit Offering following each Communion service. **Next weekend’s Exit Offering will go to Pearce-supported missionaries, JR & Becky Crouse,** serving with Free Methodist World Missions in Ecuador. The Crouses are currently on sabbatical here in the States. Check the [FMWM website](#) to learn more about their ministry. Those worshipping in-person can place their Exit Offering in the offering box as they leave the service, or you can mail a check to the church or use the drop-box outside our café entrance. (Mark checks for October Exit Offering and make sure cash is in an envelope labeled “October Exit Offering.”)

### CONNECT

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

- Email us at [pearce@pearcechurch.org](mailto:pearce@pearcechurch.org) to let us know how you’re doing and how we can pray for you, or ask to be added to our email lists to receive prayer requests and weekly announcements.
- As we enter the fall season with a new pastor, and begin to regather in other ways, we’re on [Facebook](#) every Wednesday at 7pm to pray, sing, or study and have fun being together.
- Join [the Pearce Nation Facebook group](#) to keep in touch with your church family. This is a great place to share life with each other—post or comment any time.

As part of our **Regathering Plan**, several ministries will begin meeting back in our building in the coming weeks. All ministries will follow our COVID 19 guidelines, including wearing a mask and maintaining social distance.

- **Journey Teens:** Beginning September 30, Youth Group (grades 6-12) will meet on Wednesdays from 6:30-8pm in The Loft at Pearce. Contact TC with questions at [corbett\\_tom@pearcechurch.org](mailto:corbett_tom@pearcechurch.org). Online Bible Quiz practice has started on Tuesday evenings. In-person practices will most likely begin in November 2020 or January 2021. Contact Rob Distaffen at [rfdistaffen@gmail.com](mailto:rfdistaffen@gmail.com) with questions regarding Bible Quizzing.
- **Journey Kids:** Beginning October 3 & 4, Journey Kids (infant-5<sup>th</sup> grade) will be offered during our Saturday evening and Sunday morning In-Person Worship Services. We’re also excited to announce that, starting this Sunday (September 20), our **Journey Kids Adventure Show** is available on the Pearce YouTube channel on Sunday mornings. Each episode includes a Bible story, Q & A with Nolan, and special time of prayer. Parents, subscribe to the Pearce Church YouTube channel and click the bell to receive notifications. Find weekly videos on the Journey Kids Adventure Show playlist. For more information, contact Lydia Monroe at [monroe\\_lydia@pearcechurch.org](mailto:monroe_lydia@pearcechurch.org).
- **Support Groups begin in September/October:**
  - **Grief Care** begins October 6. If you have experienced the death of a loved one, we want you to know you are not alone. Grief Care can provide you with a number of avenues for care and encouragement during your time of loss. The group uses [GriefShare curriculum](#) and meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm in The Upper Room. Contact: Dorcas McCown, [dorcasmccown@mac.com](mailto:dorcasmccown@mac.com)

- The **Celebrate Recovery Community Group** resumes October 7 at 6:30 in the Journey Kids wing and meets every Wednesday evening. This is a safe place where we can be set free from our hurts, habits, and hang-ups. CR is an open meeting, and everyone is welcome. Contact: CR leadership team, [cr@pearcechurch.org](mailto:cr@pearcechurch.org)
- Beginning October 20, the **Dementia Caregivers Support Group** will meet every 3rd Tuesday at noon in the Conference Room. This group supports dementia caregivers who face frustration, and even anger, as a part of everyday life. To learn more, contact Mary Lou Bates at [jmlbates@gmail.com](mailto:jmlbates@gmail.com).

## GIVE

Thanks for supporting Pearce! 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 of 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 |               |               |               |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|                                   | 2020 Budget   | 2020 Actual   | 2019 Actual   |
|                                   | thru 38 weeks | thru 38 weeks | thru 38 weeks |
| Operations                        | 822,511       | 784,145       | 825,911       |
| Building                          | 125,810       | 117,227       | 123,314       |
| Missions                          | 29,597        | 28,477        | 29,082        |

## THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY FOOD MINISTRY

Because of COVID 19, our community has an even greater need for food. We plan to provide Thanksgiving boxes again this year—how can we not? There are many challenges facing us to make this happen. As Pastor Todd, in his first sermon, gave us the mental picture of Aaron and Hur holding up Moses’ arms during the battle with the Amalekites, we need everyone’s prayers to “hold Pearce’s arms up” as we make Thanksgiving meaningful for families in our community during unusual and difficult circumstances.

**We are asking everyone to participate in Adopt-a-Boxes again this year, but with a plea to donate 1, 2, or even 3 boxes per family** to provide for the extra need. Please try to provide your own packing box, typically the size of a copy paper box. (There are only a few boxes available at church.) Since we’re asking for up to three adopt-a-boxes per family, we’re setting **three donation drop-off weekends to help spread them out a bit: OCTOBER 3 & 4, OCTOBER 24 & 25, AND NOVEMBER 14 & 15**. Please bring Adopt-a-Boxes to the church and leave them at the wall across from the Family Life Center (by the Orchard Street entrance).

### ADOPT-A-BOX Food Items

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 can of soup                 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 can of yams            | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 jar spaghetti sauce   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 can of green beans          | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 can/jar of applesauce  | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 box mac and cheese    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 can of corn                 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 can cranberry sauce    | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 pancake mix or cereal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 additional canned vegetable | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 box of stuffing        | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 box of potatoes       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 cans of fruit               | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 cans tuna or PBJ/jelly | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 box of jello          |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 box spaghetti          | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 dessert               |

We’ve ordered 1,000 turkeys from Palmer Foods. **Financial donations can be made to Pearce Church to cover the approximately \$13,000 cost.** Please specify your donation to the Thanksgiving Food Ministry. Thank you ahead of time for your contribution!

More information to come! Let’s get started! Pray! Pray! Pray! We can do this with God’s grace!

—Terry and Sherri Taber