

# PEARCE CHURCH

NEWS, EVENTS & UPDATES | October 18, 2020

## WORSHIP

It goes without saying that Pearce's Mission requires prayer. But let's say it anyway. Pearce needs to be a church of prayer. **Join us this weekend** as Pastor Todd dives into Acts 4:23-31 to discover how the early church prayed and how that can guide us in prayer for our Mission from God. If you plan to join us in-person Saturday at 5pm or Sunday at 10:30am, 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 also continue to livestream our Sunday worship service on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) at 10:30am.

We are offering **Baptism** on the weekend of October 24/25. Baptism is a testimony to God and people that you will live a new life in Christ, an outward act of what has happened in your heart. If you are interested in being baptized, or would like to discuss baptism, please contact Pastor Todd at [daningburg\\_todd@pearcechurch.org](mailto:daningburg_todd@pearcechurch.org) or call the church office at 585-594-9488. Parents, if your 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> grader is interested in being baptized, Pastor Todd would love to meet with you and your child to talk more about what it means to be baptized.

## THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY FOOD MINISTRY

Our Thanksgiving Community Food Ministry is in full swing! **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. Boxes (about the size of a copy paper box) are available at the church, if you need one. We've set aside **several special donation drop-off weekends to help spread them out a bit. NEXT WEEKEND, OCTOBER 24 & 25, is a drop-off weekend.** Bring Adopt-a-Boxes into the church and leave them at the wall across from the Family Life Center (by the Orchard Street entrance). If you miss the donation drop-off day, you can leave your donation at the church before/after any weekend service or weekdays from 6:30am-6pm.

### ADOPT-A-BOX Food Items ([find a print version here](#))

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|---------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| ○ 1 can of soup                 | ○ 1 can of yams           | ○ 1 jar spaghetti sauce   |
| ○ 1 can of green beans          | ○ 1 can/jar of applesauce | ○ 1 box mac and cheese    |
| ○ 1 can of corn                 | ○ 1 can cranberry sauce   | ○ 1 pancake mix or cereal |
| ○ 1 additional canned vegetable | ○ 1 box of stuffing       | ○ 1 box of potatoes       |
| ○ 2 cans of fruit               | ○ 2 cans tuna or PB/jelly | ○ 1 box of jello          |
|                                 | ○ 1 box spaghetti         | ○ 1 dessert               |

We have also ordered 1,000 turkeys from Palmer Foods. **Financial donations can be made to Pearce Church to cover the approximately \$13,000 cost.** Place donations in the offering box, our dropbox at the café entrance, or mail checks to the church. Please mark your check "Thanksgiving Ministry." Thank you ahead of time for your contribution! If you have questions, contact Terry or Sherri Taber at [ttaber2@rochester.rr.com](mailto:ttaber2@rochester.rr.com).

## CONNECT

If you'd like to learn more about Pearce Church and how to become a member, you're invited to **Pearce 101** later this fall. This two-part class will be held on Wednesday evenings, November 11 and 18. Save the date and watch for more information in the coming weeks.

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).

We invite you to join us for an **Election Eve Prayer Time on Sunday, November 1, at 5pm.** As a church family, we want to come together and acknowledge God's sovereignty and our humility and call out to God, asking Him to move in our midst at this time. There will be times of corporate and directed prayer, singing, and scripture reading. If you'd like to join us in person, we ask that you [register online ahead of time](#). The service will also be streamed on [YouTube](#).

A Memorial Service for Doris Curtis will be held at Pearce on Saturday, November 7, at 11 am. All guests are asked to [register for the service](#) and to wear a mask. Prayers for the family are appreciated during this time of planning.

## SERVE

Our **Food Cupboard** continues to help those in our community who are in need. When you're out buying groceries, consider picking up a few non-perishable items for our food cupboard. Current needs are shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, jelly, Chef Boyardee/quick meals for kids, kidney and black beans, juice, canned fruit, and canned and diced tomatoes. Donations can be left in the shopping cart in the main lobby. If you'd like to help on the Food Cupboard team, contact Brook Forrett at [brookedf@icloud.com](mailto:brookedf@icloud.com).

In the past, Pearce has distributed shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. However, this year, Pearce is encouraging people who would like to participate to pick up a shoebox at Hobby Lobby and find drop off dates and locations on the Samaritan's Purse website, under Operation Christmas Child <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>. For Pearce's special giving focus, we're encouraging everyone to help us **provide boxes of food to 1,050 local families this Thanksgiving**. Later, during Advent, we'll raise funds for Nzige through **Advent Conspiracy**. You can also give to **International Child Care Ministries**, a ministry helping Free Methodist Churches around the world serve on the front lines of compassionate ministry—find giving ideas at [childcareministries.org/giving-guide](http://childcareministries.org/giving-guide).

As we continue to gather for worship in our building, we need more welcoming people to serve on our **Guest Services team**. What help is needed?

- **Greeters**—welcome guests and ensure they're wearing masks
- **Attendance Takers**—check off folks who have registered to attend the service
- **Registration**—take the name and phone number of those who haven't registered for the service
- **Ushers**—seat and dismiss people from the service

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. Serve with a friend and then attend the service. We look forward to welcoming more volunteers to this team! Contact Joan Goulart at [goulart\\_joan@pearcechurch.org](mailto:goulart_joan@pearcechurch.org) to learn more and sign-up.

Want to join the Pearce team? We're looking for **Sunday morning custodians**. You can help us keep everyone safe and secure while they are in our building. Commitment is about five hours on Sunday mornings and includes opening and closing the building, light cleaning, and snow shoveling when needed. If you want to learn more or apply, contact Bob Antes at [antes\\_robert@pearcechurch.org](mailto:antes_robert@pearcechurch.org).

## GIVE

Thanks for supporting Pearce! Your continued financial support of Pearce is deeply appreciated. Later this fall, we will be **ordering new giving envelopes**. If you do not currently receive giving envelopes and **would like to have a set for 2021, please contact our bookkeeper, Jess Alcorn, by this Sunday, October 18**, at [alcorn\\_jessica@pearcechurch.org](mailto:alcorn_jessica@pearcechurch.org). If you have extras you didn't use during COVID that you can use next year, or if you've switched to giving digitally and don't need envelopes, please let Jess know.

### 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 dropbox (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 41 weeks	thru 41 weeks	thru 41 weeks
Operations	887,447	846,929	887,140
Building	135,742	125,773	133,242
Missions	31,933	30,716	31,495