

PEARCE CHURCH

NEWS, EVENTS & UPDATES | November 20, 2020

WORSHIP

This weekend will be a Service of Thanksgiving and Praise. If you plan to join us in-person, we ask that you [register ahead of time](#)—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.

Next weekend is the first weekend of Advent. Holy Communion will be served in worship services and following our tradition, an Exit Offering will be received. This month's Exit Offering will go to the village of Nzige, Rwanda to help them meet government regulations by building new classrooms for their school. The new classrooms will help keep older kids in school longer and will allow classes to spread out more due to COVID.

Just a reminder that our **Wednesday night [Weekly Connect times on Facebook](#)** have come to an end. In the coming week, we encourage you to take time to thank the Lord for all He has done in your life and the life of our church this year. Then, as we move into the Advent season, we'll focus as a church on Advent Conspiracy. You'll hear more later this month, but you can visit the Advent Conspiracy website now to learn what AC is all about and find ways to celebrate Christmas differently this year, <https://adventconspiracy.org/worship-fully/>. You'll find a link to 25 daily Advent devotionals and several activities are listed that emphasize worship. Consider choosing one activity each week of Advent that will help put the focus on worship instead of the busyness of the season. Be sure to join the [Pearce Nation Facebook group](#) so you can share any of your thoughts or discoveries with your church family!

Yes, we will celebrate Christmas Eve this year! We need to run things a little differently, but we will still hold services. We'll offer three in-person **Christmas Eve Services** in the Sanctuary at 4pm*, 6pm*, and 8pm (*childcare available for infants-age 4). Plus, we'll post a special pre-recorded Christmas Eve Service on YouTube and Facebook that night at the same times for those who can't make it to the church. Pre-registration for in-person services opens on December 1 and will be required for everyone attending.

COMMUNITY

A Memorial Service for Pauline Roushey will be held here at Pearce on Saturday, December 5, at 1pm. Anyone who plans to attend the service is asked to [register online before coming](#) (be sure you click through until you receive a confirmation email) and wear a mask.

We're accepting nominations for full members of Pearce to serve on our **Nominating Committee** for a three-year term. The Nominating Committee brings the congregation a slate of candidates to serve on our Official Board. **We are accepting nominations online only this year.** All members are encouraged to use this link to submit nominations: <https://www.pearcechurch.org/nominating-committee-nominations/>. If you don't have access to a computer, call the church office at 585-594-9488 to make your nomination. **The deadline for submissions is this Sunday, November 22.**

This is the week of Thanksgiving! Youth Group and Celebrate Recovery will not meet Wednesday, November 25. The church office and building will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 26 & 27. Have a restful holiday!

Mike & Andrea Green, Pearce-supported missionaries to Uruguay, are stepping down from their position as Free Methodist VISA Missionaries. While they still have a heart for the ministry in Uruguay, they have two young children and feel at this season in their lives, they need to focus on their marriage and family. When they move back to the States, they plan to call Grand Rapids, MI home for the foreseeable future. If you are currently supporting the Greens financially, they would appreciate your continued support through May 2021, as they plan to be actively involved in Free Methodist work until May. You can read more about their decision and transition in [this letter they wrote to our Pearce congregation](#).

THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY FOOD MINISTRY

A note from Terry and Sherri Taber: The Pearce Thanksgiving Community Food Ministry distributed food to about 1,050 families this year due to the generosity of our congregation and many other churches and organizations. The goal of 200 Adopt-a-Boxes was exceeded by at least 15 boxes, and there are sufficient funds for all the frozen turkeys! With food

donations from many places, we were able to put an ample amount of food into each remaining box and continue to pray this gift of love points folks to Jesus.

Thank you to the following: Pearce Church Staff and Congregation, United Methodist Church (corner of Buffalo & Westside), Community of the Savior, Foodlink, Churchville Chili Cheerleading Squad, Wheatland Chili Middle School, Chestnut Ridge Elementary School, Charles Finney School, Roberts Wesleyan College, and Northeastern Seminary. Thank you to Bob Antes and the custodial team for the set-up and clean-up. Thank you to Michael Gabriele for securing nearly 600 boxes and thank you to Chuck Rudd for providing his trailer to facilitate the outside distribution at Pearce. Due to COVID-19, we had a small group of folks who helped organize and pack the boxes; a big thank you to each of them—you know who you are! A special thank you to Jim Heeks for working with Foodlink on a weekly, sometimes daily, basis to secure food.

God is good. All the time.

Blessings, Sherri and Terry

SERVE

Thank you to everyone who donated warm coats, hats, blankets, and more for First Genesis Straight from the Heart ministry. Check our Pearce Nation Facebook group to watch a quick video showing all that was received. Please pray that these items bless the receiver and that the volunteers helping this weekend will be full of God's grace and love.

It's the season for hot cocoa, hats & gloves, and...**SNOW!** If you'd like to help serve our church family and guests by ensuring our sidewalks are clear and safe, [we'd love to have you on our snow team!](#) Check your calendar to find some dates that work best for you this winter, then [follow this link to sign up](#) and Bob Antes will contact you with instructions and more information. If you have questions, contact Bob at antes_robert@pearcechurch.org or 585-594-9488.

Our **Food Cupboard** continues to serve many people in our community every week, providing food and personal care items when they are needed most. We are in dire need of canned proteins like canned tuna and kidney beans and we're also running low on jelly, paper towels, and Kleenex. Donations can be left in the shopping cart in the main lobby. Thank you for faithfully supporting this ministry!

GIVE

Giving Envelopes are available to pick up in the lobby (across from the Family Life Center). If you have questions, please contact our bookkeeper, Jess Alcorn, at alcorn_jessica@pearcechurch.org.

Thanks for supporting Pearce! Your continued financial support of Pearce 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 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 46 weeks	thru 46 weeks	thru 46 weeks
Operations	995,672	942,244	992,516
Building	152,296	141,337	147,188
Missions	35,828	33,477	35,748