

PEARCE CHURCH

News, Events & Updates • April 30, 2021

WORSHIP

This weekend, we welcome Rev. Dr. Josef Sykora as our guest preacher and he will continue our 40 Days of Prayer series with the message, “WORD: A Time to Plant,” from James 1:12-21. Josef is the Doctor of Ministry Program Director and Associate Professor of Biblical Interpretation at Northeastern Seminary. Josef and his wife, Lynette, and their two boys live in North Chili.

Holy Communion will be served during worship services and an Exit Offering will be received for the school in Nzige, Rwanda. This offering will be combined with our Advent Conspiracy offering from last December to help them build new classrooms for the 2021/2022 school year so that the children who will age out can continue in school—many kids would drop out if there was not a grade to promote to. Like our [Linked with Love / Pearce & Nzige FMC Facebook page](#) to stay updated on our Nzige connection.

Journey Kids (birth-5th grade): Nursery care (birth-Pre-Kindergarten) is provided during the Saturday evening service. On Sunday morning, nursery care (birth up to age 2) is provided and Sunday School is offered for kids (age 2 years-5th grade) during the service.

40 DAYS OF PRAYER

We are excited that **40 Days of Prayer** at Pearce has begun! We encourage everyone to form **Prayer Pods** of 3-6 people that will meet each week of the 40 days to pray together for 15-30 minutes. Contact a friend or two to join you in a Prayer Pod and let us know by registering on our website, pearcechurch.org/stayinformed. You may also register your Prayer Pod at the Welcome Desk during worship services, during the week, or by calling the church office.

We'd like to have at least one Prayer Pod praying during each weekend service as our **Worship Service Prayer Team**. These teams will meet in the Friendship Center on Saturdays and the Parlor on Sundays to pray throughout the entire service. They will cover our times of worship by praying for God to anoint the pastor and worship leaders, to move in our hearts, to fill us with His Spirit, to unify Pearce Church, to protect us from the enemy, to make us responsive to the Word of God, and to work in Pearce ministries like Journey Kids and Journey Teens. If your pod would like to serve as the Worship Service Prayer Team for one service during the 40 Days of Prayer, please [sign up on this form](#).

Our next Prayer Walk will be held **Saturday, May 8, at 10am** and we'll pray for our community while walking around North Chili and the campus of Roberts Wesleyan College. (More information will be available next week.)

The 40 Days of Prayer will conclude with a continuous **40 Hours of Prayer from Thursday, May 20, at 6am until Friday, May 21, at 10pm**. We are asking people to sign up for at least one half-hour block of time to pray. The church will be open between 6am-6pm on both days for those who would like to come to the altar for prayer. People may also pray at home, including those who sign up to pray during the evening and overnight (6pm Thursday-6am Friday). [Use this form](#) to sign up. Let's unite our hearts and prayers together for God to move in our church, community, and world.

COMMUNITY

Sunday morning discipleship hour will meet in the building again starting THIS Sunday, May 2! Adult and teen options will run from 9-10am. (Journey Kids will continue to meet during the 10:30am Worship Service.) COVID guidelines are still in effect, including social distancing, wearing a mask while in the building, and thorough sanitizing.

- **Gospel Ambassadors**, led by Rick Kinde, will meet in the Friendship Center. The group will study *Signs: 31 Prophecies of the Apocalypse*, by Dr. David Jeremiah. Topics include: What does the Bible tell us about the future? Why is biblical prophecy relevant for Christianity today? What signs and signals will precede the end? Which of these signs has already come to pass, or experiencing now?
- **Son Seekers**, led by James Kerwin, will meet in Room 81 and will study the books of 1 & 2 Timothy.
- **Teens (grades 6-12)** will meet in The Loft.
- **Coffee & pastries** will be available in the café from 8:45-10:15am.

Floor Hockey is starting back up again for four weeks this May! Come to the gym (Family Life Center) from 7-9pm on Tuesdays, beginning May 4. Masks are required while in the building; bring your own water. Contact Matt Kerwin at kerwinmatt@yahoo.com to learn more and join the “Ric Flair Hockey” Facebook group to receive important updates.

Support Groups:

- The **Dementia Caregivers Support Group** meets at noon in the Pearce Conference Room on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. This group supports dementia caregivers who face frustration, and even anger, as a part of everyday life. To learn more, contact Mary Lou Bates (jmlbates@gmail.com).
- **Celebrate Recovery Community Group** meets on Wednesdays at 6:30pm in the Journey Kids hallway. 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 the CR leadership team at cr@pearcechurch.org to learn more.

Teenagers (grades 6-12):

- **Journey Teens Equip Study Hour** meets in The Loft on Sundays at 9am.
- **James and Nate Weise** live stream on Sunday mornings at 11:30 to Journey Teens [FB](#) and [Instagram](#).
- **Bible Quiz** practice is held in The Loft on Tuesdays at 7pm.
- **Youth Group** meets in The Loft on Wednesdays at 6:30pm.

Contact TC at corbett_tom@pearcechurch.org for more information about youth activities or to receive Zoom invitations.

An opportunity to get your vaccine! Pearce Church will host a one-day vaccination clinic for age 16 and up on Thursday, May 6, from 1-7pm, in cooperation with Monroe County Department of Health and RWC. Sign-ups are encouraged and can be done here: <https://www.monroecounty.gov/healthcalls/vac/form/pearced1pfitjwkfs>, however, they will take walk-ins. If you have any questions or need help signing up, please call the church at 585-594-9488 and someone will assist you. If you would like more information about the vaccine from a Christian perspective, we invite you to check out the resources on www.biologos.org.

Job Opportunities: The Official Board recently approved the revamped positions of **Youth Ministry Director** (half-time) and **Children’s Ministry Director** (half-time). Also, the board approved a new full-time position of **Associate Pastor of Discipleship**. We are getting the word out and prayerfully beginning the search for people with a heart for service and a passion for ministry to fill these important positions at Pearce. We ask the congregation to pray about these needs and to share the word about the positions with those who might be interested. You can [visit the jobs page \(pearcechurch.org/jobs\)](http://pearcechurch.org/jobs) of our website to find job descriptions and apply.

STAFF UPDATE

Dear Church Family,

Kim Mantegna recently shared that her family has decided to attend another church and therefore, she has resigned from her position as Director of Communication as of the end of April. Kim has served Pearce faithfully for over 20 years and her family has been a vital part of our church family throughout that time. We are sad to say farewell, but we affirm Kim and her family, accept that God is leading them, and entrust them to His gracious care. I hope you will join me in offering our heartfelt thanks to Kim for her service and to the Mantegna family for their ministry among us. Please pray for them and for Pearce during this transition.

With Faith,

Pastor Todd

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- 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