

PEARCE CHURCH

News, Events & Updates • September 17, 2021

WORSHIP

This weekend, Pastor Todd Daningburg will be continuing the sermon series on Mission with Vision, with the message “Enfold People into God’s Family” from Acts 9:10-21.

“On Mission with Vision” Learning Labs: Pastor Colleen is providing exciting opportunities for us to learn practical ways to fulfill Pearce’s mission and vision. The next learning lab will be offered Tuesday, September 21 at 10am and Wednesday, September 22 at 6:30pm. This week’s lab related to the “Enfold” aspect of our vision, and is on “Be Present.” More info on upcoming labs can be found or printed [here](#).

Next weekend, “Pastries with the Pastors” will be an opportunity to visit with the Pearce pastors in the Common Grounds café immediately following each worship service. This is especially intended for new visitors or those who are interested in learning more about Pearce and the various ministries available.

For kids’ information and more, please visit the [Stay Informed page](#) of Pearce’s website.

Employment Opportunities:

- Pearce is in need of part-time **evening facilities staff**. We are in search of capable, responsible and team-oriented people, who can be available for a typical schedule of 6-9:30pm on weekdays, with occasional weekend hours. If interested, please contact [Bob Antes](#).
- Pearce is looking for a **Communications Director** to oversee all aspects of communication at Pearce! This position involves developing and implementing communication strategies to reach our community for Jesus, and keeping folks informed of things happening at Pearce. We are accepting applications through September 30. If you are interested, please submit your resumé to [Honna Curtis](#).

COMMUNITY

Please join us in a **card shower** for Jessie Keim as she concludes her tenure at Pearce on Sunday, September 19. You can drop one off at the reception desk during this weekend’s worship services, or leave one in the basket available at the farewell reception after the September 19 worship service.

Fall Ministries are starting back up! Below are some options to consider plugging into!

- **Sunday Discipleship Hour:** Classes begin Sunday, September 19 from 9-10am. A list of class options will be available at worship services this weekend, and online soon. Be sure to check out these great options for the whole family!
- **Community Bible Study (CBS):** The class is open to women and children (up to age 11). The study includes Daniel, 1&2 Timothy, Titus, and James. This in-person Wednesday morning class meets from 10:30am-12:30pm. Online options are also available on Wednesday morning and evening. For more information or to register, check out the [website](#) or contact the class coordinator, Debbie Stahl, at 303-522-7933 or Laura Cockrell at 585-802-9569. (Children’s classes are currently full so any children will be put on a wait list.)
- **Pearce Teens:**
 - **Wednesday Night Youth Group (WNYG)** is a once a week gathering where teens (**6-12th grade**) regroup, recalibrate, and recharge spiritually that also provides a fun, enjoyable, and welcoming atmosphere for

teens (regardless of where they are at in their spiritual journey) to grow in community and friendship. Our teens come together as a big family to hang out, eat, have fun, worship, be mentored, and grow in their faith (MS and HS will be separate for small group discussion). This time helps teens to refocus themselves on embracing God's mission for them in what appears to be seemingly ordinary life. **Youth Group meets regularly on Wednesdays from (6:30-8pm).** We will **start and end our time in the gym/café.**

- The first of many **Sunday Morning "Teen Talks"** will be on **September 19 at 9am** and meet in the main teen area in the Loft (upstairs), and after announcements break up into a middle school group and a high school group. **Teen Talks** are an informal and collaborative time for teens that includes opportunities to share and grow in their understanding of the essentials of the Christian faith, while also allowing space for teens to grapple with questions. It's a time for teens to go deeper in their understanding of the basics of the Bible, the story of God, and how to interpret scripture. This time on Sunday mornings also provides teens the opportunity to discern how their faith intersects with the relevant issues of our day. **Middle School Teen Talks** (6-8th grade) focuses on the essentials of faith whereas **High School Teen Talks** (9-12th) delves deeper into Biblical interpretation, the creeds, and Christian issues.
- Interested in meeting some new friends and having fun while learning more about the Bible? Enjoy competition but in a fun and supportive environment? 6-12th graders are invited to join the **Bible Quiz** team. Practices are held on Tuesday nights from 7-8:30 in the teen area with tournaments once a month on Saturday from October through April. Join us as we study Hebrews, 1 and 2 Peter and Jude. Practices include study time, jumping practice, and a devotion and prayer time. If you have questions please contact Rob Distaffen at rfdistaffen@gmail.com or at (585) 260-5726.
- Our first **MSO (Middle School Only)** event of the year will be on **Friday, September 17 from 7-9pm at Pearce** where we will have a couple of fun activities along with a **nerf gun war!** We will **meet in the café** around 6pm.
- Our first **"One Big Event"** will be a trip to **Zarpentine Farms** (Hilton, NY) as we try to find our way through their latest and greatest **Corn Maze!** You can see a video of it [here](#). We are tentatively planning on going on **Friday, October 8 at 6pm**. Finalized details will be forthcoming!
- Our first **HSE (High School Exclusive)** event of the year will be on **Friday, October 22 from 7-9pm at Pearce**. More details will be available in the coming weeks!
- **Parents** can stay up to date by following the Pearce Teens Parents FB page.
- **Growth Groups:** Have you been considering plugging in at Pearce, or wondering how to start forming relationships on a smaller scale without the feel of a big crowd? Part of our vision is to enfold people into the life of our church by offering opportunities to be known and cared for and to grow in their relationship with Jesus alongside others who have the same desire. If you would like to join, or even facilitate, a Growth Group (small group), please contact [Pastor Colleen](#). The week of October 3 will be the start of a churchwide study, lasting 5-7 weeks. There is still time to join a group before the launch!
- The **Common Grounds Café** re-opened this week! The café is led by Jess Newcomb, with Monday-Friday hours of 9am-2pm, and Sunday hours of 8:30-11:15am. You are welcome to stop in anytime while it's open!
- A women's 7 week bible study, **Java with the Judges**, will be gathering on Wednesdays from 6:30-8pm at Pearce, starting on September 22, and led by Rev. Megan Hoose. This is a continuation of the Sandra Glahn's Coffee Cup Bible Series. If interested in joining this group, reach out to Megan at meganahoose@gmail.com

- **Grief Care:** After the funeral, when the cards and flowers have stopped, your grief continues and you sometimes feel alone. You're not. Our Grief Care support group is for those grieving the loss of a loved one. Starting September 21, the group will meet every 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 6:30pm in the Upper Room. Questions can be sent to Dorcas McCown at dorcasmccown@mac.com.
- **Dementia Caregivers Support Group** meets the third Tuesday of every month at noon in the Pearce Conference room. Bring your lunch with you. If you are providing care for a family member who has dementia, this group can be a great source of caring, understanding, and support. Their next meeting will be September 21. For more information, call Mary Lou Bates at 585-754-3462.
- **Celebrate Recovery (CR)** is a Christ-centered, 12 step recovery program for anyone struggling with hurt, pain, or addiction of any kind. This is a safe place to find community and freedom from the issues that are controlling our life. Community CR meets on Wednesdays from 6:30-8pm at Pearce in the Kids Ministry Worship Room. You can read more about Celebrate Recovery on their website: www.celebraterecovery.com . Questions can be directed to our leadership team by emailing CR@pearcechurch.org.
- **The Healing Journey:** a proven opportunity to help woman get past emotional, mental, and spiritual barriers keeping them from living the life they were created for. It provides an extremely effective environment to work on false beliefs, victim behavior, and much more. The purpose of the class goes beyond knowing the biblical road to freedom; the purpose is to get free! This class will start September 30 at 6:30pm and you can read more about the class at www.hishealinglight.org. Contact Robin Day for any questions and to register: (585)339-8837 or day_robin@pearcechurch.org.
- **Floor Hockey** (High School and up) began this week in the Family Life Center (gym) and will meet weekly on Tuesdays from 7-9pm. This is a chance to connect and build community with others who love to play. Contact Matt Kerwin with questions at kerwinmatt@yahoo.com
- The **Nominating Committee** has begun the process for selecting the next class of Official Board members who will be elected at our Annual Society meeting in February. Members of the Society who wish to be considered may communicate their interest to any member of the Nominating Committee by October 10. Members include Todd Draper (chair), Lois DeRoo (vice chair), Lois Corbett (secretary), Rob Thomson, Earl Bassett, Joan Goulart, Bill Christopher, Dan Kennedy, John Monroe, and Pastor Todd (ex officio).

GIVE

Thank you for your **Food Cupboard** donations! Currently, we are running low on the following items: ketchup, coffee, creamer, jam/jelly, shampoo, conditioner and deodorant. Donations may be left in the shopping cart in the main lobby when the building is open.

Thank you for your continued financial support of Pearce! Check out the various [ways to give](#).