

# PEARCE CHURCH

News, Events & Updates • October 8, 2021

## WORSHIP

**This weekend**, Pastor Todd Daningburg will conclude the sermon series on Mission with Vision, with the message “God’s Vision” from John 3:1-17, 34-35. We will also receive Brennan Coon as a Local Ministerial Candidate. Brennan has indicated a call to ministry in a chaplaincy setting, and the first step on the journey toward ordination is to become licensed for ministry in the local church. Brennan answered questions and shared his testimony with the Official Board, which approved him as an LMC at their September meeting.

**“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 final learning lab, “Moving from Comfort Zone to Growth Zone,” is available on Tuesday, October 12 at 10am or Wednesday, October 13 at 6:30pm. More info can be found or printed [here](#).

## Employment Opportunities:

- **Pearce 4 Kids Child Care Center** is looking for **full-time lead teachers** to work with our preschool age children. These positions involve planning and implementing curriculum, organizing the daily schedule, giving direction to a teacher’s assistant and communicating effectively with parents. Qualifications for these positions include one of the following:
  - Associate’s Degree or higher in Early Childhood, Child Development or related field
  - Child Development Associate Credential (CDA)
  - 9 College credits in Early Childhood, Child Development or a related field with a plan leading to a CDA credential.For more information, please contact Lydia Monroe at [Monroe\\_lydia@pearcechurch.org](mailto:Monroe_lydia@pearcechurch.org) or Mattie Laley at [laley\\_mattie@pearcechurch.org](mailto:laley_mattie@pearcechurch.org).
- 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 mid-October. If you are interested, please submit your resumé to [Honna Curtis](#).

## COMMUNITY

It’s not too late to begin attending **“Explore Pearce,”** a class for anyone interested in learning more about Pearce or becoming a member! The series of classes continues on Sundays from October 10-24 at 9am in the Conference Room during the Sunday Discipleship Hour. Please [let us know](#) if you are interested in attending!

**Conversations on Race** are two opportunities taking place in the coming weeks for us to listen and learn more about issues of justice and the important role of the Church when it comes to racial reconciliation. These relate to the upcoming sermon series on the Free Methodist Way, especially with the value of Love-Driven Justice.

- “America’s Racial Divide: How did we get here and what can the Church do about it?” with Nicole Doyley on Wednesday, October 27 at 6:30-8pm in Parmerter Chapel.
- “Racist Policy and Resistance in Rochester” with Shane Wiegand on Wednesday, November 3 at 6:30-8pm in the Friendship Center.

More information on these conversations and speakers can be found on our [website](#).

**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. There is still time to join a Growth Group. Some groups have started this week and others will be starting in the weeks ahead. If you are interested in being a part of a Growth Group this fall, please contact [Pastor Colleen](#).

**Kids Gym** is a weekly time for preschoolers and their caregivers to participate in safe, interactive play from 9-10am on Wednesdays in the Family Life Center.

Fall has just started but Thanksgiving is not far away, and planning is already underway for our annual **Thanksgiving Community Food Ministry**. Our goal this year is to provide boxes of food, fresh produce, and frozen turkeys for 1050 families in the Rochester area. In addition to families identified by Pearce, we partner with our sister church, Heart & Soul, as well as Rochester Family Mission, a dozen or so additional city churches and local agencies to identify families in need. How can you help? Look [HERE](#) for more info on how to fill an Adopt-a-Box, send financial support, and other ways you can participate in this community-wide ministry!

**Fall Ministries** are up and running! Below are some options to consider plugging into!

- **Sunday Discipleship Hour:** Classes are Sundays from 9-10am. A list of class options can be found [here!](#) (Please note that SonSeekers and Young Adult Classes will not meet this Sunday, October 10 during the discipleship hour.)
- **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 CBS [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)** meets regularly on Wednesdays from 6:30-8pm.
  - **Sunday Morning "Teen Talks"** are on Sunday mornings from 9-10am in the Loft.
  - **Bible Quiz** team practices are on Tuesdays from 7-8:30pm in the teen area with tournaments once a month on Saturday from October through April.
  - Our first **"One Big Event"** will be a trip to **Zarpentine Farms** on **Friday, October 8 at 6pm**.
  - Our first **HSE (High School Exclusive)** event of the year will be on **Friday, October 22 from 7-9pm at Pearce**.
  - **Parents** can stay up to date by following the Pearce Teens Parents FB page.
  - More info on all of the above teen activities can be found on the Pearce [teens page](#).
- **Golden Heirs:** Adults 55 and older meet monthly (September-June) to share lunch together on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month. The next luncheon is on October 11 at noon in the Friendship Center with a program "Roving Rick's Adventure Stories" with a meditation by Phil Graham. Cost is \$5 per person.
- **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. The group meets every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 6:30pm in the Upper Room and will meet next on October 19. Questions can be sent to Dorcas McCown at [dorcasmccown@mac.com](mailto: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 October 19. 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](http://www.celebraterecovery.com) . Questions can be directed to our leadership team by emailing [CR@pearcechurch.org](mailto:CR@pearcechurch.org).

## GIVE

Thank you for your **Food Cupboard** donations! Currently, we are running low on the following items: vegetable oil, sugar, and canned mandarin oranges, pineapples, pears, potatoes, mixed vegetables and carrots. Donations may be left in the shopping cart in the main lobby when the building is open. If you are interested in being included on the volunteer list as a backup when needed, please contact [Carolyn Showers](#).

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