

PEARCE CHURCH

News, Events & Updates • November 26, 2021

WORSHIP

This weekend, Pastor Todd Daningburg will begin the advent sermon series “Close to Home” as he delivers the message “A Reflective Moment Under a Tree” from Matthew 1:1-17. We will also celebrate the baptism of Nolan Kelley, son of Jason and Jennifer Kelley.

The **kids’ schedule** can be found on the [Pearce kids' page](#). This Sunday, November 28, there will be no Kids Konekt at 9am. There will still be Kids Worship during the worship services.

Next weekend, we will celebrate Communion together. Our exit offering will be for the school in Nzige, Rwanda, which is our Advent Conspiracy project. Thank you in advance for your generous support in this season celebrating the greatest gift ever given, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

COMMUNITY

Remember that classes are *not* meeting during Sunday Discipleship Hour (9-10am) this Sunday, November 28. All Discipleship options will resume the next week as we look toward this Advent season.

For those who have chosen to receive and use **giving envelopes** when contributing their tithes and offerings, new boxes of envelopes will be available in the lobby, on a table near the welcome desk, beginning this weekend. Please contact [Jess Alcorn](#) if you do not currently receive envelopes and would like to request a box.

Do you enjoy singing or playing an instrument? Do you love to worship through music? If you are interested in serving in **worship ministry**, we would love for you to join the team! Please contact [Kara Story](#) to schedule a time to connect.

Advent, the season of preparation for our Savior’s arrival and Coming Again, is here. Here are some special opportunities and events during this advent season:

- The **Advent Conspiracy** offering is an effort to push back against the materialism and consumerism emphasized in our culture. Rather than spending so much on presents for those who already have plenty, the Advent Conspiracy gives us an opportunity to give generously for the benefit of others who have been less fortunate. This year, we are inviting our Pearce family to unite in supporting our Connected Community in Nzige, Rwanda with an offering for the construction of new classrooms and bathrooms that are desperately needed. Like our [Linked with Love / Pearce & Nzige FMC Facebook page](#) to stay updated on our Nzige connection. Special offerings can be given throughout Advent by marking your gift for Nzige.
- **Advent Studies:** For Advent this year, we are offering two Advent studies during the Discipleship Hour on Sunday mornings from 9-10am. These studies began on November 21.
 - *Advent* by J.D. Greear – In this series, we will “take a deeper look at Jesus as Emmanuel, our Wonderful Counselor, the Everlasting Father, and the great I Am. When you know Jesus, you will realize Christmas is more than a nice story—the arrival of Jesus changes everything.”
Facilitator: James Kerwin; Location: Room 81
 - *Almost Christmas: A Wesleyan Advent Experience* by Magrey R. DeVega et al. - This study will encourage us to follow Christ wholeheartedly during Advent, connecting our Wesleyan heritage with traditional Advent themes of Love, Hope, Joy, and Peace. A book and a daily devotional are available to purchase for this study but are not required to participate in the class. Contact [Pastor Colleen](#) if interested in purchasing these books.
Facilitator: Pastor Colleen Dick; Location: Room 80

- Any and all are welcome to join a **Pearce Christmas Choir!** Julie Smith will be preparing this special ensemble to sing in our worship services the weekend of December 18 and 19. Rehearsals will be held on Saturdays, December 4, 11, and 18 from 4:15-4:45pm in Parmerter. Masks will be required to participate, regardless of vaccination status. (Plastic mask inserts will be provided to facilitate breathing while singing.) Please contact [Julie](#) to join and get more details!
- The **Service of Hope** is a time to acknowledge loss and grief, which can be overwhelming for some, especially during the holiday season. This service is an encouraging time to remind us of the Hope of the season, and that we are not alone. The Service of Hope will be on Sunday, December 12 at 5:30pm in the Sanctuary.
- **Christmas Story Hour** will be on Friday, December 17 from 6:30-8pm in Parmerter Chapel. Join in the fun by bringing a blanket or sleeping bag, wearing your pajamas and inviting kids and young families to come listen to a few Christmas stories and sing some festive songs! Please wear a mask.
- A **Christmas Brunch** will follow the morning worship service on Sunday, December 19. Saturday and Sunday services will include special music sung by the Pearce Christmas Choir, as well as music sung by the children!
- **Christmas Eve** candlelight services will be held on December 24 at 5pm and 7pm. Childcare will be provided for the 5pm service.

Now recruiting volunteers for **Flower City Work Camp 2022!** FCWC is a week of ministry in the city of Rochester, where around 50 churches in the area band together to serve our city through home repairs, sports camps, and outreach opportunities. While teens do much of the work, FCWC is truly a ministry of the entire local church. In fact, our *teens can't participate without adult involvement!* The week of camp is **April 18-22, 2022**. The more adult leaders we have, the more teens are allowed to come from our church! For more information on FCWC and how you as an adult can get involved click [here](#). For teen applications, click [here](#). **Teen applications** are due **January 16** and **adult leader applications** are due **February 1**. For any questions, please contact [Pastor Brian](#).

The **Financial Forum** this year will be on December 8 at 7pm in the Friendship Center. This is an opportunity to review the proposed budget for next year as well as recap on how 2021 finances are faring. Join us for a time of presentation, as well as some dessert!

Regular Ministries Info:

- **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. Kids Gym is on break next week; join us next on December 1!
- **Sunday Discipleship Hour:** Classes are Sundays from 9-10am. Classes are not meeting this Sunday, November 28, but will resume the following week.
- **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.
 - **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 2nd Monday of the month. The next luncheon is on December 13 at noon in the Friendship Center. Cost is \$10 per person and reservations are required. Please call Mary Lou Bates at 585-754-3462 to RSVP.

- The **Golden Heirs** are putting together **goodie bags** for international students at Roberts Wesleyan College. If you would like to contribute, please contact Alberta Anderson at 585-953-9179.
- **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 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 6:30pm in the Upper Room and will meet next on December 7. Questions can be sent to Dorcas McCown at dorcasmccown@mac.com.
- **Dementia Caregivers Support Group** typically 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. The next meeting will be December 14 and will be off-site. For more information, call Mary Lou Bates at 585-754-3462.
- **Celebrate Recovery (CR)** meets Monday evenings from 6:30-8pm in the Loft. 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. You can read more about CR on [their website](#). Questions can be directed to our leadership team by emailing CR@pearcechurch.org.

GIVE

Thank you for your **Food Cupboard** donations! Currently, we are running low on the following items: sugar, peanut butter, strawberry or orange marmalade/jam, beef or vegetable broth, tomato paste, ketchup, canned pears or mandarin oranges, and canned pasta products. 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](#).

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](#) or [Mattie Laley](#).
- Pearce is looking to fill a full-time **Communications** position to oversee all aspects of communication at Pearce! Video, graphic, and social media experience are highly valued in this role. If you are interested, please submit your resumé, or send any inquiries, to [Honna Curtis](#).