

# PEARCE CHURCH

News, Events & Updates • September 30, 2022

## This Weekend (October 1-2)

Pastor Todd will continue our sermon series, Rooted: Discipleship Basics, with the message, “Where is God When We Suffer” from Psalm 34:15-18 and 2 Corinthians 1:3-5.

**Family Worship Weekend** – An opportunity for the whole family to worship together, kids in kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade will join in the full worship service this weekend. (Kids Bags will be available.) Nursery care will be provided for infants through pre-K.

This weekend Pearce will continue our "**Sponsor a Backpack**" program. Pearce currently participates with Foodlink to provide bags of food to approximately 65 children in the Churchville Chili Central School District. Foodlink supplements the cost of the bags of food, leaving Pearce to cover the remainder of the cost. Our Pearce family has the opportunity to sponsor a child's bag of food for \$12 per month (or a one-time gift of \$144) and commit to pray for that child and their family throughout the week. Note that due to confidentiality, no names or information about the children receiving bags is provided. A signup table is in the lobby each week through Sunday, October 23. You may also sign up by clicking on the [Sponsor a Backpack](#) link. We currently have 42 backpacks available for sponsorship. If you have any questions, contact Karen Hopkins, Great Commission Leadership Team Chairperson, at 585-645-3516.

The **Backpack Food Program** needs three volunteers to pick up boxes from Pearce on Friday mornings and deliver them to the elementary schools. The time involved is approximately 30-45 minutes per week. Contact [Sue Smout](#) if interested.

## This Week (September 30-October 7)

### Saturday, October 1

- A **Memorial Service** for Jim Allen will be held at 2pm in Parmerter.

### Sunday, October 2

- **Sunday Morning Prayer** meets every Sunday morning at 9am in the Parlor.

### Monday, October 3

- **Celebrate Recovery** community group meets at 6:30pm in the Friendship Center.
- “**Nzige: The Love Continues**” - Join Pastor Wally Fleming in Common Grounds Café at 7pm on Monday, October 3 to hear of his recent trip to Rwanda and of the ways in which the love continues to flow between our “Connected Communities” of Pearce and Nzige.

### Tuesday, October 4

- **Tuesday Men’s Breakfast** meets 7am at the Town and Country Family Restaurant (3205 Chili Ave, Chili, NY 14624)
- **Men’s Bible** Study meets from 9-10am in Room 82, at Pearce. Call Fred Franzwa with questions at (585)233-1706.
- **Kids Musical Rehearsal** meets from 5pm – 6pm in the Gray Room in the Kids Min hallway.

### Wednesday, October 5

- **Kids Gym** meets at 9:30am in the Family Life Center and is for preschoolers and their caregivers
- **Community Bible Study (CBS)** meets from 10:30am – 12:20pm. For more information or to register, go to their website at [rochesterwest.cbsclass.org](http://rochesterwest.cbsclass.org) or contact class coordinator, Debbie Stahl, at 303-522-7933 or Laura Cockrell at 585-802-9569.
- **Youth Group** meets at 6:30pm in the Family Life Center (gym) and Common Grounds Café.
- **Alpha** meets from 6pm – 8pm in the Friendship Center
- **Men’s Choir Rehearsal** meets in from 6:45pm – 7:30pm in Parmerter
- **Worship Team Rehearsal** meets from 7:30pm – 8:30pm in the Sanctuary

## Thursday, October 6

- The **Mary & Martha's Group** meets in the Friendship Center at 11:30am. Bring a bag lunch and beverage.
- **Kids Musical Rehearsal** meets from 5pm – 6pm in the Gray Room in the Kids Min hallway.

## Plan Ahead

**Are you ready to take the step of baptism?** Our next opportunity for baptism will be on Sunday, October 9. If you are interested or have questions about this next step in your faith journey, contact [Pastor Todd](#) or stop at the Welcome center by October 2.

**THE GOLDEN HEIRS** is a group of those over 50 who meet each month to share a meal and enjoy fellowship together. You are invited to bring a dish to pass and enjoy a pot-luck style lunch on Monday, October 10 at noon in the Friendship Center. If you are unable to provide a dish to pass you are welcome to join at a minimal charge of \$5. The guest speaker will be Simon Devenish, Spencerport Depot Canal Director. Call Alberta Anderson 953-9179 or Mary Lou Bates 754-3462 at if you have any questions.

Pearce is hosting "**Listening, Learning, and Loving: A Seminar on Understanding and Engaging with the LGBTQ+ Community,**" on Saturday, October 15 from 9:30am - 1:30pm. Is there a way for the church and the LGBTQ+ community to interact? How can we have respectful dialogue about different view and experiences without alienation? What does unconditional love look like in the midst of varying perspectives on human sexuality? This half day seminar is designed to provide a safe space to listen and learn about how we might find a way through this difficult, and often painful, topic. Three segments will provide factual, practical and Biblical frameworks for:

- Individuals who struggle with how to start a sincere dialogue around this complex topic
- Parents of someone who now identifies as LGBTQ+ and are not sure how to walk this journey
- Members of the LGBTQ+ community who wonder how they fit within the church

The cost of the seminar is \$10 and registration, which includes lunch, is required. Register [online here](#) or in person at the Welcome Desk by October 9.

Do you have **new information** to share with the church office? [Send us a note](#) to update us on a new address, family member, contact info, prayer requests and more!

## Give/Serve

Thank you to all who are donating to our **Food Pantry!** This week's needs are:

- Canned Beans: Kidney, Cannellini, Great Northern
- Baked Beans
- Jam/Jelly
- Instant Boxes Potatoes
- Vegetable and Beef stock
- Spaghetti
- Sugar
- Elbow macaroni
- Rice-a-Roni
- Tomato Paste
- Laundry Detergent
- Ladies Deodorant

If you need food support, please contact the church to set up an appointment

**Offering Envelopes:** In an effort to be efficient and to reduce waste, we will be changing how offering envelopes are ordered. In the past, you were automatically ordered new giving envelopes, unless you had requested to not receive them in the coming year. Please indicate your preference on receiving or not receiving offering envelopes by clicking on this [link](#) and filling out a simple form. Please indicate your 2023 envelope preference no later than October 17.

**The Thanksgiving Community Food Ministry** will kick off the annual Adopt-A-Box program starting the weekend of October 8 and 9. Watch for more information about ways you can contribute to this ministry in the coming weeks.

**Clothing Bins** for gently used clothes are located in the hallway outside of the Friendship Center. Pearce will be accepting clothes through Monday, October 31, after which time we will no longer be accepting donated clothing.

**Employment Opportunity:**

- Pearce is hiring a part-time Common Grounds **Café Manager**. The successful candidate will oversee the operations, budgeting, purchasing and staffing of the café on Sunday mornings and throughout the week. If interested, please contact [Lydia Monroe](#).

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

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