

PEARCE CHURCH

News, Events & Updates • December 2, 2022

This Weekend (December 3 & 4)

This weekend, Pastor Brian will continue the Advent sermon series, “Waiting Well.” This week’s sermon, “Through Brokenness for Mercy” comes from Luke 1:67-80. We will celebrate Communion together and have a special exit offering that will go towards Family Promise of Greater Rochester, an organization which assists families at risk of or experiencing homelessness to achieve sustainable independence.

Family Worship Weekend - Nursery care will be provided for children ages infant thru pre-K. Kids who have completed Kindergarten – 5th grades will be in the service for the full hour this week. Kids Bags will be provided after the Children’s Moment.

Are you engaging in the **Advent Conspiracy**? During Advent, you are invited to conspire to show the love of Christ to others. Choose to do something each week that conveys hope, love, joy and peace to others during the four weeks leading up to Christmas. This is week two, so if you started last week, keep the trend going. If you missed a week, it’s not too late to start. Information on the Advent Conspiracy is available at the Welcome Desk in the Pearce Atrium. Once you have completed an Advent Conspiracy activity, please decorate an ornament for the Advent Conspiracy Tree located in the main lobby of Pearce. Will you join the conspiracy?

A Note from Pastor Todd about December 10 & 11 Worship Services

Dear Friends,

In past years, Pearce held a “Service of Hope” during the Christmas season to recognize and support those dealing with sorrow in their lives. It’s appropriate to acknowledge the griefs of our human existence, even as we prepare to celebrate the coming of our Savior to heal our broken world.

This year, in consultation with the Parish Nurses of Pearce, the pastoral team has decided to include time for lament as part of our regular Advent worship services. We will come alongside our sisters and brothers to follow Romans 12:15, which says, “Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.” The whole gathered community will have the opportunity to participate in supporting and encouraging one another, rather than isolating those who are grieving in a separate service.

Time for *Lamenting our Losses* will be included in our worship services on the weekend of December 10-11. The theme is, “Waiting Well: Through Sorrow for Joy.” During the service, those who wish, may light a candle in memory of a loved one. Please join us for this special service to offer our honest cry of lament to God and to encourage one another that Immanuel, God With Us, is near.

Pastor Todd

This Week (December 2 – 9)

Saturday, December 3

- Kids Musical Cast Party from 5-6pm in the KidsMin Hallway

Sunday, December 4

- Sunday Morning Prayer at 9am in the Parlor
- Kids Musical at 4pm in the Sanctuary followed by a cookie reception in the Family Life Center

Monday, December 5

- Celebrate Recovery community group meets at 6:30pm in the Loft

Tuesday, December 6

- 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.
- Bible Quizzing Practice meets from 7-8:30pm in the Loft

- Floor Hockey meets from 7-9pm in the Family Life center; for older teens and adults. Contact [Matt Kerwin](#) for more information

Wednesday, December 7

- 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
- Youth Group meets at 6:30pm in the Family Life Center (gym) and Common Grounds Café
- Choir Rehearsal meets from 6:30 – 7:20pm in Parmerter
- Men’s Choir Rehearsal meets from 7:30 – 8:15pm in Parmerter
- Worship Team Rehearsal meets from 7:30pm – 8:30pm in the Sanctuary

Thursday, December 8

- The **Mary & Martha’s Group** meets from 11:30am – 1:15pm in the Friendship Center. Bring a bag lunch and beverage.

Friday, December 9

- Parent Night Out from 6-8pm in the Family Life Center - Dinner for the Kids will include: Kraft Mac and Cheese, apples, yogurt, and sugar cookies for dessert. Click on this [link](#) to sign up.

Plan Ahead

- **THE GOLDEN HEIRS** is a group of those over 50 who meet each month, September – June, to share a meal and enjoy fellowship together. You are invited to join on Monday, December 12 at noon in the Friendship Center for a Christmas Dinner and Sing-A-Long, which will include a special song presentation by the Pearce Nursery School children. The cost is \$10 and **reservations are required** this month. If you would like, you may contribute a pie for dessert. Please call Alberta Anderson at 953-9179 or Mary Lou Bates at 754-3462 to reserve your seat at the table and advise if you will bring a pie.
- **Christmas Story Hour** will be on Friday, December 16 from 6:30-8pm in Parmerter Chapel. Join in the fun by bringing a blanket or sleeping bag, wearing your pajamas! You are encouraged to invite families with young children to come listen to Christmas stories and sing some festive songs! A reception with snacks and crafts will immediately follow the Story Hour. If you would like to volunteer to help with greeting families as they arrive, the reception or overseeing a craft table, contact [Mattie Laley](#).

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:

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| • Canned Beans: Black,
Cannellini, Great Northern | • Canned Potatoes & Carrots | • Cake Frosting |
| • Canned Pineapple, Mandarin
Oranges, Pears | • Baked Beans & Refried Beans | • Ketchup |
| • Canned Tomatoes: Stewed,
Puree, Crushed | • Chicken and Beef stock | • Mustard |
| • Tomato Paste | • Chicken Noodle Soup | • Vegetable Oil |
| • Spaghetti | • Tuna | • Coffee Creamer |
| • Paper Towels | • Rice-A-Roni | • Laundry Detergent |
| | • Ramen Noodles | • Razors |
| | • Small bags of rice | • Kleenex |

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

Volunteer Opportunities:

- **Shoveling Team:** Volunteers to shovel snow on the sidewalks for the Saturday evening and Sunday morning services are needed in order to enable everyone to enter and exit the building safely. While we all benefit from clear walkways, it is especially helpful to the littlest among us, parents pushing strollers, our elderly friends, and anyone using a wheelchair or walking aid. If you are interested in joining the shoveling team, contact [Bob Antes](#).
- **Hospitality Team:** We need volunteers to prepare the coffee that is provided for our congregation each Sunday morning in the main lobby, monitor it over the timeframe that it sits out and clean it up afterwards. If you are interested in serving on that team email catering@pearcechurch.org for more information.

Job Opportunity:

Pearce is hiring part-time **facilities staff**. We are looking for responsible and team-oriented people, who are available to work part-time, which will include some evenings and weekend hours. If interested, please contact [Bob Antes](#).

Thank you for your continued financial support of Pearce! Several blessings were noted at the recent Financial Forum:

- Giving for 2022 is up 1.6% compared to 2021. Praise the Lord for growth
- Pearce staff have managed Operational expenses well so that our expenses are below budget
- Investments in ministry from savings have been effective and we continue to maintain a solid cash position
- With strong giving in December, our 2022 budgeted income can be met

Our goal for 2022 is to realize a five percent increase in contributions from 2021. In order to do so, we need another \$25,000 in gifts above and beyond 2021 giving by year end. Please continue to pray and support the ministry of Pearce through your generous gifts. With God's help, we can do together what we cannot do alone. Check out the various [ways to give](#).

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