

PEARCE CHURCH

News, Events & Updates • June 2, 2023

This Weekend (June 3 & 4)

Saturday Worship: 5:00pm / Sunday Worship: 9:30am

Sermon Series: Acts Two Church: Back to Basics
Sermon Title: God's Plan
Scripture: Acts 2:22-31
Preaching Pastor: Pastor Todd

Special Worship Elements:

- 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
- Gideon Newcomb will be taking the next step in his faith journey through Baptism (Sunday)
- Milestone Weekend – at each service students completing 1st and 5th grades will be recognized and gifted with a Bible. Those receiving Bibles this weekend include:
 - 1st Graders: Gavin Boyce, Ezri Donleavy, Jack Logan, Eloise Newcomb, Dennis Robinson, Audrey Roth, Morgan Sagar, Felicity Thayer
 - 5th Graders: Clayton Campbell, Dominick Cartwright, Dawson Donleavy, Aaron Hoose, Julia Long, Damien Taylor
- Communion
- An Exit Offering will be received for World Relief Western New York – go [here](#) for more information

This Week (June 2 – June 9)

Sunday, June 4

- Sunday Morning Prayer at 9am in the Parlor

Monday, June 5

- Golden Heirs meet at noon in the Friendship Center for a picnic lunch:
 - Cost of lunch: \$5.00 (BBQ beef sandwich, chips, fruit & cookies)
 - Program: Men's Quartet in Parmerter (if you can't join for lunch, come at 12:45pm for the Men's Quartet)
- Celebrate Recovery community group meets at 6:30pm in the Loft

Tuesday, June 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 80, at Pearce - call Fred Franzwa with questions at (585)233-1706
- Head to Toe Hygiene Hub open from 6:30 – 7:30pm
- Bible Quizzing Practice meets from 7 - 8:30pm in the Loft

Wednesday, June 7

- Choir Rehearsal from 6:30 – 7:15pm in Parmerter
- Worship Team Rehearsal meets from 7:30 - 8:30pm in the Sanctuary

Thursday, June 8

- Mary & Marthas group field trip:
 - Time: Meet at 11:30am at Pearce Church
 - Field Trip Location: Lighthouse Christian Camp
 - RSVP to Alberta Anderson [here](#) or at 585-953-9179

Letter From Mike Wilson, Official Board Chair

Friday, June 2, 2023

Greetings Pearce Church,

Twenty-two years ago, our church purchased the property at 49 Orchard Street to serve as a respite for missionaries returning from the field. Over those years, many families made this house their home while they reconnected with friends and family. It gave them a place to refuel before heading back to the field. Pearce's Mission House Support Team invested their time and resources in caring for this space as a ministry to the missionaries.

In the last several years, we have experienced a change with fewer missionaries taking extended sabbaticals. Additionally, several who have utilized this space have concluded their service on the mission field. The occupancy rate by missionaries has averaged 26% over the last five years. Even with occasional use by others, the house has been vacant more than 50% of the time.

The Board established a task force to look further into the Mission House's use related to the mission and vision of the church. They received input from the Great Commission Leadership team (GCLT), missionaries who have used the house, and long-time supporters of the home. They also reviewed the costs of owning the home, which has averaged \$8,000 per year in maintenance and improvements. More expensive upkeep needs are anticipated in the next few years. The GCLT expressed that there are other priorities more aligned with Pearce's mission. In consideration of all these factors, the task force has recommended that Pearce sell the house.

The Board reviewed the task force recommendation and approved the sale of the house. The next step is a review and vote by the Society (Full Members). Your presence is requested to further discuss this proposal on Sunday, June 18 following the worship service. You will have an opportunity to hear more about this plan, ask questions, and vote on the path forward.

Please be reassured that Pearce will continue to support our missionaries financially and through prayers and will welcome them and assist them as we can during their home visits. Feel free to contact me or one of the Official Board members if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Mike Wilson, Board Chair, on behalf of the Official Board

General Information

The Pearce congregation is invited to the formal commissioning for Deana and Doug Porterfield as they depart Rochester in preparation to serve at Seattle Pacific University. The service will be at Pearce on June 13 at 7:00pm. This worship service will include elements of celebration for the Porterfields' ministry here in North Chili, and prayers and blessings for their journey and ministry to come. Bishops Adams and Whitehead will be present, as well as representatives from Roberts Wesleyan, Seattle Pacific, and Pearce Church. All are welcome to attend this special service!

Plan Ahead

- The **Saturday Summer worship** service will move to the Sanctuary starting June 10 so that we can enjoy worshipping in an air-conditioned space during the heat of the summer.
- **A Service of Worship and Commissioning** for President Deana Porterfield will take place on June 13 at 7pm in the Sanctuary with a reception following in the Lobby.
- **Family Fun Night at Chili Commons** will take place on Thursday, June 15 – go [here](#) for volunteer sign ups.

- Join us for a special “**Munch and Mingle**” after our worship services the weekend of June 17 & 18. Enjoy some delicious food and refreshment while connecting with others.
- **A Society (Full Members) Meeting will review and vote regarding the sale of the Mission House** on June 18 in Parmerter following the worship service. Stop by the lobby and grab a “Munch” and bring it with you. The vote will take place during the meeting, so attendance is necessary to participate.
- **Red Cross Blood Drive** is on June 20 from 1-6pm in the LFC. Our local hospitals have an urgent need for blood. Mark your calendars to give if you are able.
- **Rooted Celebration Night** will be held on June 21 from 6 – 8pm in the Loft and Friendship Center for all those currently in a Rooted Group.
- Led by Jean Bauch, “**Life’s Healing Choices**,” a small group for women, will be offered this summer on Wednesday evenings, 6:30 – 8pm, from June 21 - August 16. For more info and registration, go [here](#).
- **Teen Beach Day @ Hamlin Beach** is scheduled for June 23. Go [here](#) for information and registration.
- The **Sunday Summer worship** schedule will begin June 25
 - Worship will remain at 9:30am
 - There will be no Adult or Teen Discipleship Hour
 - Nursery care will be provided for children aged infant thru pre-k
 - Children completing Kindergarten – those completing 5th grade will begin worship service in the Sanctuary with their families and will be dismissed partway through the service to attend Kids’ worship
- **Pearce Camp Connect** (VBS) will be at Chili Commons June 26 – 29 from 6-8pm. Go [here](#) to volunteer.
- Working with the [Sleep in Heavenly Peace](#) organization, Pearce will host a Bunk Bed Build on August 26. Watch for more information and volunteer sign ups in the coming week.

Give/Serve

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

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| • Quick lunch products | • Pears |
| • Peanut Butter | • Ketchup |
| • Jelly | • Tomato Products (paste, crushed) |
| • Tuna | • Deodorant |
| • Cereal | • Shampoo |
| • Pasta | • Toilet Paper |
| • Canned Beef | • Laundry Detergent |
| • Cooking Oil | • Paper Grocery Bags |

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

Check out the various [ways to give](#)