

# PEARCE CHURCH

News, Events & Updates • August 29, 2025

## This Weekend (August 30 & 31)

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

Sermon Series: Finding Faith  
Sermon Title: Faith's Love  
Preaching Pastor: Pastor Doug Cullum  
Scripture: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

### Summer KidsMin: Weekend Worship

- Saturday Evening Service
  - Childcare will be available for all ages throughout the summer.
- Sunday Morning Service
  - Nursery care will be provided for children from infants through pre-kindergarten
  - Children who have just completed Kindergarten through 5th grade will begin the morning in the worship service with their families and be dismissed partway through to attend Kids' Worship
  - Parents, please remember to check your children into KidsMin before the service begins.

## This Week (August 29 – September 5)

### Sunday, August 31

- Sunday Morning Prayer at 9am – feel free to spend time in prayer in the Parlor prior to the service

### Monday, September 1

- PMC/P4K closed for Labor Day

### Tuesday, September 2

- Tuesday Men's Breakfast – 7am at Town and Country Family Restaurant (3205 Chili Ave, Chili, NY 14624)

### Wednesday, September 3

- Oasis (Youth Group) begins for the fall at 6:30pm in the gym and café (ends in same locations)

### Thursday, September 4

- Marys & Marthas Group will meet at the home of Alberta Anderson (3216 Union St., North Chili) at 11:30am
- Worship Team Kick-Off from 6-8pm in the Friendship Center– contact [Julie Smith](#) if you are interested

## Plan Ahead

- **September 6 & 7:** Fall Kick-Off weekend
  - Sunday Kids Worship begins for the fall
  - Munch & Mingle after both services - see Giving & Serving Opportunities on page 3 for how you can help
- **September 7:** Memorial Service for Hal Steltz
  - Visitation with the Family: 2–2:45pm at Pearce
  - Service: 3pm in the Sanctuary
- **September 7:** The Pearce Bible Quiz team is gearing up for the start of a new year of quizzing and fellowship. The first practice will be held on Sunday, September 7 from 6:30 to 8 pm at the church. All teens in grades 5-12 are invited to participate. The first practice will include a short informational meeting beginning promptly at 6:30. Attendance at the meeting does not commit you to quizzing, so if you are at all curious about quizzing, please feel free to attend. We are looking forward to the start of a new quizzing year! If you have any questions about quizzing please reach out to [Rob Distaffen](#) (or 585-260-5726) or [Rebekah Distaffen](#) (or 585-754-6202).
- **September 8:** Golden Heirs meets at noon in the Friendship Center – their September gathering includes:
  - Lunch/Cost: Sloppy Joes / \$5 per person
  - Program: Music Therapist, Kim Best, will be sharing about her love of music
  - To Register by September 1: Call the church at 594-9488 or contact Mary Lou Bates at 754-3462
- **September 9:** Tuesday Morning Men's & Women's Bible Study from 9-10:15am in Room 80

- **September 10:** Community Bible Study (CBS) at Pearce for women and children (up to age 11). This non-denominational, in-person Wednesday morning class meets from 10:30am - 12:20pm, beginning September 10. It includes personal Bible study, small group discussion, and teaching. This year's study is a 30-week study of the Book of Psalms. For more information or to register, check out the website [here](#) or contact class coordinator, Beth Bellinger, at 585-208-9779 or Laura Cockrell at 585-802-9569.
- **September 10:** Choir Kick-Off from 6:30 – 7:30pm in the Friendship Center– contact [Julie Smith](#) if interested
- **September 11:** Red Cross Blood Drive in the Family Life Center from 1-6pm

## Fall Adult Discipleship Options

Discover new discipleship opportunities launching in September! Click the course links below to learn more and register—please be sure to sign up by Friday, September 12. You can also visit the Discipleship Table before and after the weekend services on August 30–31 and September 6–7 for more information and in-person registration.

### Sunday Mornings starting September 14, from 10:45am – 12pm:

- [Practicing the Way](#)
  - Dates: September 14 - November 16 (no class 10/12 & 11/2)
  - Led by: Various Discussion Hosts
  - Location: Various Rooms throughout the building
  - Description: An 8-session community group experience featuring video teaching, guided conversation, and spiritual exercises designed to lay a foundation for lifelong apprenticeship to Jesus.
- [Community Care](#)
  - Dates: September 14 - October 5
  - Led by: Pastor Deano Pulice
  - Location: Friendship Center
  - Description: As we enter this new fall season, the Community Care Ministries of Pearce Church are seeking willing servants to help expand the church's Caring Ministries. CCM (Community Care Ministries) will be offering a 4-week training event to equip individuals who desire to show love and compassion to those who are hurting and in need of care. Topics include how to listen, walking with others through the valleys, using prayer to care, and more.
- [Explore Pearce](#)
  - Dates: September 14 - October 5
  - Led by: Pastor Todd Daningburg
  - Location: Conference Room
  - Description: A 4-week course that provides attenders an opportunity to understand our church's history, mission, and vision for the future. Learn where we come from, what we believe, and where we are going as a Free Methodist Church in our unique setting. Open to everyone, this course also serves as a great next step for those considering church membership.
- **Breakfast Club - College-Age Students** (no registration required)
  - Date Begins: September 14
  - Led by: Matt & Melissa Kerwin - contact [Matt](#) for more information
  - Location: Upper Room
  - Description: A discussion-based group for college-age and young adults based on the book "Offendable" by Brant Hansen. Food will always be provided!
- **Teen Talks - 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders** (no registration required)
  - Dates: September 14 - November 16 (no class 10/12 and 11/2)
  - Led by: Pastor Brian Roth & Chuck Cockrell
  - Location: Loft Main & Loft B
  - Description: Teens will work through "Practicing the Way," featuring video teachings, guided conversations, and spiritual exercises designed to lay a foundation for a lifelong apprenticeship to Jesus. Food is always provided!

*Wondering what to do with the kids while you attend your discipleship course? The adult discipleship courses offered on Sunday mornings will coincide with children and teen activities.*

## During the Week:

- **[Tuesday Morning Men's & Women's Bible Study](#)**
  - When: Tuesdays beginning September 9 (goes through the school year with various holidays off)
  - Time: 9–10:15am
  - Led by: [Bill Roushey](#)
  - Location: Room 80
  - Description: A study on the life of King David found in the book of 2nd Samuel. Absalom has made a bid for David's throne and the nation of Israel is on the brink of civil war. David's reliance on God through all this adversity gives us an example of how we can apply this scripture to our everyday lives.
- **[Emotionally Healthy Relationships](#)**
  - Dates: Tuesdays, September 16 – November 4
  - Time: 6:30 – 8:30pm
  - Location: Friendship Center
  - Cost of Materials: \$25
  - Led by: Cait Bates
  - Description: This course will equip you with practical relationship skills to help you truly love others like Jesus, even in difficult situations. You will learn eight practical skills, such as how to resolve conflicts in a mature way, how to speak and listen well, and how to break unhealthy ways of relating that go way back to your family of origin. Prerequisite: Emotionally Healthy Spirituality Course
- **Marys & Marthas:**
  - When: Thursdays
  - Time: 11am - 12:30pm
  - Coordinator: [Alberta Anderson](#)
  - Focus: This group of women meets both at the church and off-site, depending on the week, to study God's Word, pray together, share life, and serve alongside one another

## Giving & Serving Opportunities

- Thank you to all who donate to our **Food Cupboard!** This week's needs are:
  - Cereal
  - Jelly
  - Soups
  - Applesauce packets or cups
  - Coffee/tea
  - Laundry detergentIf you need food support, please contact the church to set up an appointment.
- **Calling All Bakers!** Would you be willing to help serve our congregation by baking two dozen muffins for our upcoming Munch 'n Mingles on September 6 & 7? We'd love a variety of flavors that include Blueberry, Chocolate, Banana, or Lemon Poppyseed. If you're able to contribute, go [here](#) to let us know what you will be bringing or call the church at 594-9488.
- **Backpack Food Bags Ministry:** Last school year, Pearce supplied weekend backpack food bags for 72 students in the Churchville-Chili Central School District, from children in UPK through 12th grade. For the new school year, our goal is to sponsor 90 backpack food bags. You can help supply a weekend Family Backpack of food by sponsoring a child for \$20 per month for 10 months (or a one-time gift of \$200) and committing to pray for that child and their family throughout the week. Please note that, to respect confidentiality, no names or personal information about the child receiving the bag will be shared. Stop by the table in the lobby on the weekends of September 6–7 and 14–15 to learn more about this vital ministry to our community.
- **Check out the various [ways to give](#)** to support Operations, Missions, and the Free to Serve Campaign

## Prayer

- **Prayer Chain:** Daily prayer updates are sent Monday through Friday at 3:30pm, providing information about the needs of our Pearce community. If you have a personal prayer request, update, or bereavement information to share, send it to [pearce@pearcechurch.org](mailto:pearce@pearcechurch.org), or call the church at 585-594-9488, and we will be sure to include it in our next update.

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