

PEARCE CHURCH

News, Events & Updates • September 5, 2025

This Weekend (September 6 & 7)

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

Sermon Series: Bold Moves
Sermon Title: Engage-Enfold
Preaching Pastor: Pastor Todd
Scripture: Acts 9:1-19

Special Worship Elements

- Note: Saturday Service will move back to Parmerter this weekend
- Communion
- Join us for a special Fall Kickoff "Munch'n Mingle" after the services. We will enjoy muffins and reconnect with one another, sharing stories and catching up after our summer travels. To spark conversation and foster meaningful connections, we'll be wearing nametags during and after the service. On your nametag, you'll be asked to answer the question: "What is your favorite book?"—so start thinking about your answer before you arrive!

This Week (September 5 – September 12)

Sunday, September 7

- Sunday Morning Prayer at 9am – feel free to spend time in prayer in the Parlor prior to the service
- Memorial Service for Hal Steltz
 - Visitation with the Family: 2–2:45pm at Pearce
 - Service: 3pm in the Sanctuary
- Bible Quizzing meets from 6:30 – 8pm in the Loft

Monday, 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
 - If you haven't yet registered, reach out to [Alberta Anderson](#)
- Celebrate Recovery, a space for honest connection and shared experiences as God is invited into our healing, meets at 6:30pm in the Friendship Center - to learn more, go [here](#) to email your questions

Tuesday, September 9

- Tuesday Men's Breakfast – 7am at Town and Country Family Restaurant (3205 Chili Ave, Chili, NY 14624)
- Tuesday Morning Bible Study (men and women) meet from 9-10:15am in Room 80

Wednesday, September 10

- Community Bible Study (CBS) meets from 10:30am – 12:20pm
- Oasis (Youth Group) meets at 6:30pm in the Loft
- Choir Kick-Off from 6:30 – 7:30pm in the Friendship Center– contact [Julie Smith](#) if interested
- Men's Choir Rehearsal from 7:30 – 8:30pm in Parmerter
- Worship Team Rehearsal from 7:30 – 8:30 in the Sanctuary

Thursday, September 11

- Marys & Marthas Group will gather for lunch at Bill Grays on Chili Avenue at 11:30am
- Red Cross Blood Drive from 1-6pm in the Family Life Center
- Official Board meets at 7pm in the Conference Room

Plan Ahead

- **September 19:** Parent Night Out from 6-8pm in the Family Life Center – watch for registration information in the coming weeks
- **September 26:** Teens leave at 6:30pm for a Moonlight Corn Maze at Long Acres - watch for registration information
- **September 28:** Segue for 4th - 6th graders from 3 – 4:30pm - drop off and pick-up in the Family Life Center

- **October 12:** Teen Apple Picking Outing from 2-4:30pm – watch for registration information in the coming weeks
- **October 13:** Golden Heirs meets at noon in the Friendship Center – the October gathering includes:
 - Lunch/Cost: Chicken & Biscuits / \$5 per person
 - Program: Pastor Deano will share
 - Register by October 8: Call the church at 594-9488 or contact Mary Lou Bates at 754-3462
- **October 17:** Family Trivia Night from 6:30 – 8pm in the Family Life Center
- **October 19:** Segue for 4th - 6th graders from 3 – 4:30pm - drop off and pick-up in the Family Life Center

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 service this weekend, September 6–7, for more information and to register.

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 attendees 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 - 6th – 12th 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 detergent
- If you need food support, please contact the church to set up an appointment.
- **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 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 this weekend (September 6–7) and next (September 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, or call the church at 585-594-9488, and we will be sure to include it in our next update.