

PEARCE CHURCH

News, Events & Updates • April 17, 2026

This Weekend (April 18 & 19)

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

- Sermon Series: Life in the Risen Lord
Sermon Title: Live Dynamically
Preaching Pastor: Pastor Brian
- Scripture: Ephesians 4:17-32

This Week (April 17 - 24):

Saturday, April 18

- RWU Beethoven Symphony Orchestra at 7:30pm in Hale Auditorium – go [here](#) for more information

Sunday, April 19

- Sunday Morning Prayer at 9am – feel free to spend time in prayer in the Parlor prior to the service
- Bible Quizzing meets from 6:30 – 8pm in the Loft

Monday, April 20

- Celebrate Recovery, a space for honest connection and shared experiences as God is invited into our healing, meets at 6:30pm in the Loft - to learn more, go [here](#) to email your questions

Tuesday, April 21

- Tuesday Men's Breakfast - 7am at Town and Country Family Restaurant (3205 Chili Ave, Rochester, NY 14624)
- Tuesday Morning Bible Study for men and women from 9-10:15am in the Friendship Center
- Dementia Caregivers Support Group meets at noon in the Conference Room
- Forum on Immigration from 6:30 – 8:30pm in the Friendship Center
 - Description: Based on Free Methodist views, Pastor Todd will lead a discussion focusing on the biblical, compassionate, and lawful ways to address the challenging issues related to immigration.
 - Registration: To help us plan, please consider registering your attendance using [this link](#) (note: registration is appreciated but not required)
- Adult Floor Hockey meets from 6:45 – 8:45pm in the family Life Center for older teens and adults

Wednesday, April 22

- From 11am to 9:30pm, Adelita's at Pittsford Plaza will donate 15 % of the day's total proceeds, including lunch, dinner, and take out, to [Family Promise](#) (formerly RAIHN). Enjoy a delicious meal while supporting Rochester families facing housing crises. [Go here](#) for more information.
- Wednesday Night Prayer Group meets from 6:30 – 7:30pm in Room 136 (KidsMin Hallway)
- Oasis Youth Group meets at 6:30pm in the Loft
- Men's Choir Rehearsal from 6:30 – 7:30pm in Parmerter
- Worship Team Rehearsal from 7:30 – 8:30pm in the Sanctuary

Thursday, April 23

- Mary & Martha Group meets at 11:30 in the Friendship Center
- Young Adults Small Group from 6:45 – 9pm at the home of Karen Reber – go [here](#) for more details
- Great Commission Leadership Team meets at 7pm in the Conference Room

Plan Ahead

- **April 25:** Spring Clean-Up Day on the grounds of Pearce from 9am - noon – go [here](#) for more information and to register your participation so we know how many helpers to anticipate
- **April 26:** Segue for 4th – 6th graders
- **May 1 & 2:** S.H.E. Women's Retreat at Encounter Church – go [here](#) for more information and/or to register
- **May 7:** Backpack Packing – watch for more details in the coming weeks
- **May 13:** Nursery School Graduation

- **May 14 & 15:** 2026 Genesis Annual Conference
 - Location: Roberts Wesleyan University (Cultural Life Center, with select workshops in the Smith Science Center)
 - Who may attend: Pearce lay leaders and congregants are invited to participate but must pre-register
 - Ordination Service: Thursday at 6:30 PM in Hale Auditorium; open to all and does not require registration
 - Pre-registration: Required and now open—register at the link provided [here](#)
- **May 28:** Family Fun Night at Chili Commons – watch for more information in the coming weeks

Spring Adult Discipleship Options (click on the links below to register)

- [The Generosity Practice](#)
 - Dates: Sundays, April 26 – May 17
 - Time/Location: 10:45am – noon / Friendship Center
 - Facilitator: Mike Wilson
 - Description: A 4-week video series course exploring the Christian practice of generosity. Through teaching, conversation, and practices, learn how to tap into God’s joy through his abundance, find freedom from greed through contentment, and how to embody God’s concern for those in need.
- [The Sabbath Practice](#)
 - Dates: Sundays, April 26 – May 17
 - Time/Location: 10:45am – noon / Loft A
 - Facilitator: Megan Hoose
 - Description: Sabbath is a 24-hour time to stop, rest, delight, and worship—the best day of the week. In our era of chronic exhaustion, emotional unhealth, and spiritual stagnation, few things are more necessary than the recovery of this ancient practice. Learn through video teaching, practice, reflection, and processing together. Free companion guide provided on the first day of the course.

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.

- [“The Hard Good” Book Study](#)
 - Date: Tuesdays, April 28 – June 2
 - Time/Location: 6:30 – 8pm / Loft B
 - Facilitator: Cait Bates
 - Description: What does it feel like to come back from something hard, to be able to hope again? Author Lisa Whittle teaches us that our challenges can become the keys to our greatest usability in the kingdom of God if we let God make good of them. Walk through “the hard good” together with others and be better prepared to be the people God wants us all to be, even when life gets real. The book for this study can be found on [Amazon](#).
- [Loss of Spouse Seminar](#) (1 session)
 - Date: Wednesday, April 29
 - Time/Location: 1 – 2:30pm / Parlor
 - Facilitator: Janet Bratt
 - Description: Designed to support those navigating life after the loss of a spouse, whether recent or long ago. The seminar includes video insights from grief experts and widowed individuals, small-group discussion, and a take-home booklet with practical guidance and encouragement for moving forward.
- [Grief Support for Adults](#) (3 sessions)
 - Dates: Wednesdays, May 6 – May 20
 - Time/Location: 1 – 2:30pm / Parlor
 - Facilitator: Janet Bratt
 - Description: A welcoming, safe space for those experiencing recent loss to connect, share stories, and navigate life after loss together.

Giving & Serving Opportunities

- Thank you to all who donate to our **Food Cupboard!** This week's needs are:
 - Coffee: Ground & Keurig (no whole beans please)
 - Tea Bags (all kinds)

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

- **Check out the various [ways to give](#)** to support Operations, Missions, and the Free to Serve Campaign

Prayer

- Join facilitators Sondra Anderson and Kim LaCelle on Wednesday evenings, March 25–May 27, from 6:30–7:30 pm in Room 136 (Kids Ministry Hallway) for a meaningful time of prayer. Each week will center on a different Scripture, with space for both personal concerns and prayer for our church ministries. All are welcome, whether your week has been full, you are carrying something heavy, or you would simply like to connect with others while your teen is at youth group. Come as you are and join us in seeking God together.
- 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.

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