

PEARCE CHURCH

News, Events & Updates • August 14, 2026

This Weekend (August 15 & 16)

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

Sermon Series: Summer Reflections
Sermon Title: The Mystery of Joy
Preaching Pastor: Julie Smith
Scripture: Luke 1:45-55

Farewell to Lydia Monroe

This week the staff said goodbye to Lydia Monroe, Pearce's HR and Communications Director, who retired as of Thursday. Throughout the past week, Lydia was thanked with cookies, serenaded with song, treated to ice cream and so much more. She is looking forward to a more fulltime role as "grandma" to her granddaughter Josie, whom she will be caring for on a more regular basis.

Interestingly, Lydia has held the most positions (seven) and served under the most lead/interim lead pastors (10) over her tenure, which has bridged "two millennia" (1991-2026). To all who have had the privilege to work alongside her, Lydia is known as a quiet force of efficiency, steadiness and common sense, selfless and joyful in her service, a teambuilder, encourager, and the guru of organization with the use of binders. She will certainly be missed.

And while we may have said goodbye to Lydia as a staff person of Pearce, we will continue to see her and her husband John as part of the Pearce church family, worshiping alongside us all. Thank you, Lydia, for your grace-filled and steady leadership over 30+ years at Pearce! In the words of Pastor Todd, "We send you out into this new season with our gratitude, support, and blessing."

This Week (August 14 – August 21):

Saturday, August 15

- Discover Bible Quizzing: An Evening for Pastors, Parents, and Youth Leaders from 5-7pm in the Friendship Center – contact [Lynette Sykora](#) for more information (includes dinner)

Sunday, August 16

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

Tuesday, August 18

- Tuesday Men's Breakfast - 7am at Town and Country Family Restaurant (3205 Chili Ave, Rochester, NY 14624)
- Teens leave for the Teen Camping Trip at 10am – go [here](#) for more details and/or to register
- Dementia Caregivers Support Group meets at noon in the Conference Room

Plan Ahead

- August 23:** We will give a warm welcome to RWU 1st Year students who join us for worship on this morning
- August 25:** Pearce Teens TNT (Tuesday Night Thing) from 6:30 – 8:30pm at the Newcomb's home (350 Westside Dr Rochester, NY 14624)
- September 7:** Pearce and P4K offices will be closed for Labor Day
- September 9:** Worship Arts Kickoff
 - Time/Location: 6-8pm in the Friendship Center
 - Who: Open to all current worship team members including choir participants and A/V teammates, as well as any others who are interested in joining the worship ministry
 - What: Share in a delicious potluck meal and hear the vision for the upcoming ministry year
 - Go [here](#) for more information and/ or to register, or contact [Julie Smith](#)

Fall is just around the corner! Below are some upcoming event dates to mark on your calendar - more details and information about these events will be shared in the coming weeks

- September 12 & 13:** Fall Kick-off and Ministry Fair
- September 14:** Golden Heirs meet at noon in the Friendship Center

- **September 19:** Debt Retirement Celebration – Come celebrate this exciting milestone with us as we give thanks, fellowship, and celebrate the retirement of our church debt
- **September 19 & 20:** Fall Discipleship begins
- **September 20:** Segue for 4th – 6th graders
- **September 27:** KidsMin Family Scavenger Hunt
- **October 8:** Family Serve Night
- **October 16:** Parent Night Out
- **October 24:** Memorial Tribute Concert for Michael Landrum at 2pm in the Sanctuary

Giving & Serving Opportunities

- *Thank you to all who donate to our **Food Cupboard!** This week's needs are:*
 - Pasta (any kind but spaghetti noodles)
 - Hamburger Helper
 - Tuna Helper
 - Instant Mashed Potatoes
 - Potato Side Dishes
 - Rice-a-Roni
 - Canned Soups
 - Ketchup
- **Check out the various [ways to give](#)** to support Operations, Missions, and the Free to Serve Campaign

Job Openings at Pearce:

- **Full-time Accounting & Business Manager:** This onsite position is currently scheduled for 30 hours per week, with the potential for additional hours in the future
 - **Full-time Public Relations & Human Resources Director:** This onsite position is scheduled for 40 hours per week
- Visit [this link](#) to review the job descriptions, and to obtain an application, or contact [Lydia Monroe](#), HR Director for more information.

Prayer

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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