



Westkirk PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Weekly

This Week's Activities September 6-13, 2015

Today

First Service - 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School Classes - all ages - 10:15 a.m.
Second Service - 11:15 a.m.
Worship Ensemble, Sanctuary, 2:30 p.m.
Choir, Great Hall, 4:00 p.m.

Monday

Labor Day - Office Closed

Tuesday

Lunch and Learn, Great Hall, 12:00 p.m.
Stephen Ministry Training, Hospitality Room, 6:30 p.m.
Children's Ministry Training, CWC, 7:00 p.m.
Koinonia Housekirk, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Deerfield, 10:00 a.m.
WOW Supper, 5:30 p.m.
Worship, Sanctuary, 6:15 p.m.
Classes for Children, Students and Adults, 6:30 p.m.
Explorers' Class, Pastor Michael's Office, 6:30 p.m.
Best Housekirk, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday

Dorcas Circle, Hospitality Room, 1:00 p.m.
AHG Leader Meeting, Blue Classroom, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday

Early Risers Housekirk, 8:00 a.m.
Stephen Ministry Training, Hospitality Room, 8:30 a.m.

Sunday, September 13

Communion Sunday
Glen Oaks, 2:00 p.m.
Worship Ensemble, Sanctuary, 2:30 p.m.
Choir, Great Hall, 4:00 p.m.
Mack Housekirk, 6:00 pm.

Our Weekly Concerns. New additions will be listed in bold print, and names will be removed upon request. Names left on for more than 3 weeks will be removed at the discretion of the office. Please keep these friends in your prayers: **Pastor Wayne Larson and Redeemer Presbyterian Church**, Carolyn Barnes, Beth Boeckemeier, **Norma Carter**, Darlene Denison, **Clarence DeSpain**, **Regi Donaldson**, Rep. John Forbes, Judy Gaumer, Emma Georgeff, Todd Hayes, **Eunice Hofmeyer**, Ellen Kinnaird, **Joyce Knowles**, Paul Kurtz, Don Lanham, Jennifer MacDonald, Marillyn McCulloch, Marie McGhee, Colleen Obrecht, **Paul Olson**, **Mary Riley**, **Bill Springer**, Karissa Stadlander, Hilbert and Loraine Vande Kamp. Condolences to: Ken Bratney and family and friends on the death of his wife, Ann; Clinton and Emily Crowder and family on the death of Emily's father, Gordie Fisher of Minnesota.

Confession and Assurance (We are Honest with God). The worship of God is the central purpose of the church. The primary focus of worship is not to inspire or motivate us (although we may be inspired and motivated) but to love God for God's sake. As in any relationship, love requires transparency. Having heard the Call to Worship (and recognizing God's worthiness to receive it), we now respond to his invitation to be forgiven, by honestly confessing our sin to him and receiving his response - the Scriptural affirmation that through Christ, we are forgiven indeed. We are forgiven because of the covenantal relationship we have with him. And we acknowledge that our relationship began with God's love for us. Last Sunday in the 11:15 service, we intentionally introduced a time of Confession and Assurance. This part of worship illustrates our relationship with God - our openness and honesty with him, and determination and grace with us.

The Staff, Session and Worship Commission here at Westkirk invite you to consider: 1) how honest and open your relationship with God really is and 2) how much that relationship is like a good marriage. Welcome to the worship of God at Westkirk!

<p>Your September/October/November copy of the Daily Bread is available at the Welcome Center today!</p>

Dorcas Circle. Ladies, please join us for our first class this season. We will meet Thursday at 1:00 p.m. in the Hospitality Room for coffee and dessert, a lesson and good conversation. This Fall we are studying Ray Vander Laan's video series, *The Way Of The Essenes*. Marilyn Long will be the hostess this month, with commentary by Donna Nelson.

Explorers' Class. This Wednesday (at 6:30 in Pastor Michael's office) will be the first of four Explorers' classes. If you haven't already signed up, please mark today's Connect Card. The Explorers' Class is your gateway to membership at Westkirk Presbyterian Church. Pastor Michael will lead the classes and it is a great opportunity to get to know him better, meet other Westkirk attendees and find out more about the church. It is a no-obligation experience as you will be given plenty of time after the classes conclude to determine if you would like to join in membership. If you cannot attend all the sessions, please let Pastor Michael know and he will make alternative arrangements for you. We look forward to seeing you there!

WOW Menu
Meatball Sandwich,
French Fries, Tossed Salad,
Fruit Cup and Cookie

Westkirk Lunch and Learn. All members and friends are invited to a meal and program on Tuesday, September 8, at noon in the Great Hall. Terri Smith of Senior Living Solutions will be speaking. We will feast on spaghetti and meatballs with salad, garlic bread and dessert. If you have an hour, come join us for a great time of fellowship. Sign up on the Connect Card **today**.

This Month's Communion Offering: Child Relief Foundation, Inc. to rebuild in Grand Gedeh County, Liberia. The war fought in Liberia damaged schools, churches, clinics ... so many things! Your financial contribution will help rebuild and restore hope to the people of this area. Darius Togba (a member of this church) and Philip Chayee will be traveling back to help their people in November of this year. Their nonprofit Child Relief Foundation will work to set up a school, clinic, church and help with new food innovations. The Communion Offering will be used to purchase many of the items needed and help with shipping costs. Please pray for these men and their ministry!

Housekirks. If you have been thinking about joining a Housekirk, now is a good time to do it. Check out our Housekirk brochure (available at the Welcome Center) to see if there are any meeting times that work for you. If you can't find one that works with your schedule, let one of the staff know of your interest so we can get you involved with a Housekirk as they become available. If you have been thinking about starting a Housekirk, talk with Mark Bakker or one of the staff members.

Urbandale Food Pantry
Item for September
Bars of Soap

The Drake International Student Host Family Program is seeking families and individuals to be friends with an international student. These students do not live with you. It is simply an opportunity to build a friendship with someone from another part of the world who is often forming his or her opinion of the United States – and Christians – for the first time! What an opportunity! Applications are at the Welcome Center. If you would like more information, email Dan and Amy Stout at brightencorner@hotmail.com.

Divine Design. God has led Diane Browne to start a ministry giving new life to discarded furniture and to the women who restore it, by training unwed mothers, women rescued from sex trafficking, and refugees, to learn a skill that will have the potential to become a way they can earn a living. She will be teaching them how to up-cycle, paint and sell furniture. God has provided a warehouse for painting, a consignment shop that will give the total profit to the women and a paint manufacturer will be supplying all of the materials needed.

What they need now are items to paint! If you have any of the following, find something discarded or very cheap at a garage sale, these ladies would really appreciate your donation. Ideas are: small chest, dresser, any size head/footboards, cupboards, vanities, buffets, rockers, chairs, end tables, desks, picture frames, cabinet doors, benches...anything made from wood or wood by-product...it doesn't matter if it's ugly, as long as it has potential and "good bones"!

If you have any of these items, please email Diane at: diane-browne99@gmail.com. Please pass this info along to your friends and family...everyone has "*something*" lurking in the corners that they want to get rid of!!!

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