



Westkirk PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Weekly

This Week's Activities March 19-26, 2017

Today

First Service - 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School Classes – all ages – 10:15 a.m.
Second Service - 11:15 a.m.
Choir, Sanctuary, 4:00 p.m.
Coram Deo Housekirk, 6:30 p.m.

Monday

Meeting of the Session, Great Hall, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday

Women's Bible Study, East Wing, 1:00 p.m.
Stephen Ministry, Hospitality Room, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday

WOW Worship, Sanctuary, 6:15 p.m.
Classes for Children, Students and Adults, 6:30 p.m.
Best Housekirk, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday

American Heritage Girls, Lounge, 6:00 p.m.
Faith Seekers Alliance Housekirk, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday

Early Risers Housekirk, 8:00 a.m.
Bridal Shower, Hospitality Room, 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, March 26

Choir, Sanctuary, 4:00 p.m.
One Ancient Hope Housekirk, Hospitality Room, 5:30 p.m.

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, Robert Barnes, Beth Boeckemeier, Tobias Caldwell and family, Darlene Denison, Gabby Duncan, Ellen Kinnaird, **Mike Kurtz**, Marie McGhee, Tom and Dianne Paplham, Don Powers, Joy Selleck, **Eric Willcox**. **Condolences to:** Cora Springer on the death of her grandmother, Deb Roesener from Arkansas; John Papp and Barbara Orend on the death of John's sister, Gloria Detweiler from Pennsylvania; Eric and Tracey Willcox and family and friends on the death of their son, Benjamin Berry; Family and friends of Robert Buchanan on his death.

Legislators for the week: Dave Deyoe, Stan Gustafson, Chris Hagenow, Chuck Holz, David Kerr, Shannon Lundgren, Mary Mascher, Tim L. Kapucian, Kevin Kinney, Charles Schneider, Jason Schultz.

Urbandale Centennial Easter Sunrise Service. Plan ahead! On Resurrection Sunday, April 16, at 6:45 a.m., Westkirk staff and worship leaders will be participating in the Easter Sunrise Service in honor of the 100th anniversary of the City of Urbandale. The non-denominational worship service will take place at the Living History Farms and everyone is invited. We don't know what the weather will be yet, but it's Iowa, so mid-April could be just about anything! Plan to dress warm and bring your own chair. Parking assistance and shuttles to the worship site (near the Church of the Land – one of Westkirk's early worship locations) will all be available. Look in upcoming editions of The Weekly for more details but plan to come and sing "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" as we watch the sunrise on Resurrection Sunday!

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is
Risen!



Summer Camp. Summer will be here before we know it, and summer means CHURCH CAMP! There are a couple of camps that we love here at Westkirk, and we've put information for you on the old communion table outside of the offices. Take a look and see which one might be the best for your family! Also, we are so glad to offer financial assistance again this year to those who need it! The deadline for scholarship requests is **Sunday, April 9**, and must be made *in writing* to Benae or Brandon (benaeduff@westkirk.org, brandonmick@westkirk.org).

Note From the Greece Mission Team. THANK YOU for your generous support of our efforts to fill our suitcases for the House of Damaris and the Refugee Centers in Athens, Greece. Listed below are the items we still need:

Body Lotions and Sprays: 8 oz. or smaller such as at Bath & Body Shop. Also, manicure products, nail polish, hairbrushes and combs.

Baby clothes: Onesies and sleepers (new, please), neutral colors, sizes Newborn and up through 24 months. Other clothes: size 12-24 months.

Socks. Help us fill a whole suitcase with socks for unaccompanied boys at FAROS. We will also take socks to the women in the Women's Center.

Candy! Hard candy only. No chocolate or gum.

If you wish to make a financial donation, please write a check to Westkirk and designate it for "Greece Supplies." Please put it in Pastor Brandon's box or the Evangelism box in the office. These gifts will help with the crafts we are ordering, tote bags, back packs and fabric markers from an online source, as well as fill in for items we still need for jewelry making at the House of Damaris.

<p align="center">Urbandale Food Pantry Item for March - Toothbrushes</p>
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Vacation Bible School. VBS is coming to Westkirk July 9-13, 2017 and the planning is in full gear! The theme for the year is 'A Mighty Fortress--In Jesus the Victory is Won', and is one to get super excited about!

Many hands, of any and **all** stages of life, are needed to help make VBS a success! This is an all-church event! Please sign up on the Connect Card or contact Benae Duff at benaeduff@gmail.com or (515) 707-9072 and ask how you can help! People are needed for the following areas: Promotion, Decorating, Registration, Opening/Closing, Bible Challenge, Crafts, and Games, and more--both during the week of VBS, and for preparation beforehand! Thank you!

A Call for Ushers. There is a core group of individuals and couples who are usually called on and can be relied upon, and we are very grateful to these people. As the church grows and we gain new members, we would like to see more new and old members become involved in the various aspects of the church. Ushering is one way of doing this with very little commitment of time. It provides a way to become involved, gives both old and new members a chance to interact and get to know each other and spreads the duties out to more than a handful of people.

The duties are not difficult and, in fact, it is perhaps one of the easiest things that one can be involved in. Duties consist of greeting people with a smile, handing them a bulletin, in some instances perhaps assisting them in finding a seat, taking up the offering and then helping count the offering. We ask that each of you give prayerful thought to volunteering to serve as an usher and say "yes" when someone calls you. If you would be willing to help once every few months and lighten the load for those already on the list, please check the box on the Connect Card. Thank you!!

**Your March/April/May copy of the
Daily Bread is available at the Welcome Center today!**

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