



Westkirk PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Weekly

This Week's Activities
April 16-23, 2017

Today

Resurrection Sunday

Sunrise Service, Living History Farms, 6:45 a.m.

Easter "Mini" Breakfast, Hospitality Room, 9:00-10:15 a.m.

Unified Worship Service, 10:30 a.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.

Explorers' Class, 6:30 p.m.

Best Housekirk, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday

American Heritage Girls, East Wing, 6:00 p.m.

Faith Seekers Alliance Housekirk, 7:00 p.m.

Friday

Secret Church, Hospitality Room, 5:30 p.m.

Game Night, 6:00 p.m.

Saturday

Early Risers Housekirk, 8:00 a.m.

AHG Mother/Daughter Tea, Hospitality Room, 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, April 23

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 Gary Bock and Team from Timberline Church**, Carolyn Barnes, Beth Boeckemeier, Katie Brown, Tobias Caldwell and family, **Robert Christensen II**, Darlene Denison, **Dale Droppers, Jim Erickson**, Ellen Kinnaird, Joyce Knowles, **Cindy Kurtz and Jim Eckels**, Marie McGhee, **Paul MacLafferty**, Paul Meinen, B. E. Mick, Tom and Dianne Paplham, Don Powers, Joy Selleck, **Celestine Togba**. **Condolences to: Marie McGee on the death of her daughter, Diane Berman of Texas.**

Legislators for the week: Ako Abdul-Samad, Rob Bacon, Bruce Beringer, Peter Cownie, Chris Hall, Curt Hanson, Lee Hein, Vicki S. Lensing, Chaz Allen, Bill Anderson, Mark Costello, Michael Breitbach.

**Urbandale Food Pantry
Item for April - Laundry Soap**

Move the Food - DMARC Food Pantry Collection. The quarterly monetary and food collection for the Des Moines Area Religious Council (DMARC) Food Pantry will be April 30. Monetary donations are especially helpful because the Food Pantry can purchase items at reduced prices and buy up to six times as much food as could be donated at retail cost. For example, \$25 will purchase 9 or 10 jars of peanut butter but the food pantry can use that same \$25 to purchase 23 jars. For those who prefer to donate food items, grocery sacks are available in the Hospitality Room. Please bring your donated food items to church or make a donation on April 30.

Time to Sign Up for Explorers' Class. The next Explorers' Class will begin this Wednesday, April 19, at 6:30 during WOW. (Classes will be held April 19 and 26 and May 3 and 17 - No class on May 10.) Mark your attendance on today's Connect Card, sign up at the Welcome Center or RSVP to Pastor Michael at westkirk@westkirk.org. The Explorers' Class is your gateway to membership at Westkirk Presbyterian Church. Pastor Michael leads the class 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 4 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!



Vacation Bible School. Hear Ye, Hear Ye, Vacation Bible School Volunteers! Your presence is requested in the East Wing on Monday, April 24, at 7:00 p.m. to prepare for a fabulous week of ministry this summer! Sign up on the Connect Card today. If you have any questions, please contact Benae Duff at (515) 707-9072 or benaeduff@westkirk.org.

Secret Church 17. Join us as we host David Platt's Secret Church 17 simulcast in the Hospitality Room this Friday, April 21, from 5:30-11:30 p.m. Sign up on the Connect Card or email westkirk@westkirk.org to register. The \$10 fee covers your study guide for the evening. This year's topic is: *Scripture and Authority in an Age of Skepticism*. The Bible is the foundation for faith among followers of Christ in churches around the world. Yet many such Christians never think to ask why this is the case. During this Secret Church, we will explore answers to critical questions about the Bible in order to discern what place it should (or should not) have in the lives of Christians and the implications those answers have for our lives, our families, and our churches in the culture around us.

Support Urbandale: Front Line Services and Mental Health. One or two Urbandale residents will be affected by mental illness in their lifetime. This Thursday, April 20, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at the Urbandale High School Media Center, join community leaders, health care providers, and front-line service providers for an evening of information and conversation to learn what you can do to help yourself, a loved one, and your community. When we are aware of the challenges facing our neighbors and aware of the resources that can help, we are stronger together. Please join us to support our community! Light refreshments will be provided. For more information visit the NAMI Greater Des Moines Event Page or email Ashley at eventsnamigreaterdesmoines@gmail.com. This event is sponsored by The Urbandale Lions Club.

Speakers include: Janice Landy, MD, Psychiatry, Section Chief, Broadlawns Medical Center; Andrea Bloch, DO, Psychiatry, Broadlawns Medical Center; Michele Hamilton, Coordinator of Student, Family, and Community Services, Urbandale Schools; Ross McCarty, Police Chief, Urbandale Police Department; Jerry Holt, Fire Chief, Urbandale Fire Department; David Sickelka, Senior Pastor, Urbandale United Church of Christ; Matt Connolly, Board Member, NAMI of Greater Des Moines.

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