



Westkirk Weekly

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

This Week's Activities **May 7-14, 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.

Monday

Commission/Committee Deacon Meeting, Lounge, 5:30 p.m.
Omega Housekirk, HR, 6:30 p.m.
Men's Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday

Lunch and Learn, Hospitality Room, Noon
Koinonia Housekirk, Lounge, 7:00 p.m.
Doulos Housekirk, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Deerfield, 10:00 a.m.

Thursday

Dorcas Circle, Hospitality Room, Noon

Friday

Greece Mission Team Leaves

Saturday

Early Risers Housekirk, 8:00 a.m.

Sunday, May 14

Mother's Day
Communion Sunday
Glen Oaks, 2:00 p.m.
Choir, Sanctuary, 4:00 p.m.
Coram Deo Housekirk, 6:30 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 Ryan Jorgenson and Harvest Bible Chapel**, Annie Alderson, Carolyn Barnes, Beth Boeckemeier, Darlene Denison, Tom Edson, Ellen Kinnaird, Joyce Knowles, Marie McGhee, Paul MacLafferty, Paul Meinen, Jackie Monroe, Tom and Dianne Paplham, Don Powers, **Dick Reed, Eric and Tracey Willcox**. Condolences to: Bill and Barb Springer on the death of Bill's mother, Wilma Springer, of Tennessee; Diane and Charlie Brown on the death of Diane's brother, Dale Droppers of Wisconsin.



Ruth Harbor Walk for Life 2017. Join Team Westkirk this Saturday, May 13, 2017 as we walk to show our support for Ruth Harbor House, a ministry right here in Des Moines serving young women with unplanned pregnancies and their babies. We will meet at the Embassy Suites Downtown (101 E. Locust) on the Riverview Lobby Patio at 9:00 a.m. The walk officially starts at 9:30 and lasts about one hour. The distance is less than a mile and at a pace for anyone who wishes to participate. You can go to www.RuthHarbor.org to register yourself - and be sure to indicate you are with TEAM WESTKIRK - or, just join us this Saturday morning for a lovely walk - rain or shine! (Bring an umbrella if raining). Questions? Call Gloria Huyser at (515) 284-7443 or email Glohuyser43@gmail.com.

This Month's Communion Offering - Benevolence Fund.

Four times a year our special Communion Sunday offering is designated for the Westkirk Benevolence Fund. The Benevolence Fund is a non-budgeted fund utilized for helping church members and folks from the community who need temporary assistance. Its only source of income is from special gifts such as yours.

Monies are approved by a member of the Pastoral Staff and a check is cut by the church treasurer. Approved funds go directly to pay for housing, utilities or medical bills. The benevolence fund can also supplement food dependence or fuel, but Westkirk contributes to and encourages the use of the Food Pantry system and is a partner with the Urbandale Police Department in providing gasoline.

Open House. Kyla Tuinstra would like you to help celebrate her graduation from Des Moines Christian School. Her party will be on Sunday, May 21, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the Hospitality Room. She would love to have you highlight your favorite verse in her Bible at the party.

Lunch and Learn. This Tuesday, May 9, Westkirk Lunch and Learn will meet at 12:00 Noon. Hot beef sandwiches will be served in the Hospitality Room. (The Great Hall Kitchen is not available for use.) Our program has yet to be confirmed. Please sign up on the Connect Card **today**.

Adult Sunday School. Pastor Paul's class meets in the Great Hall (west end of the building). The class is studying Galatians and everyone is welcome. Coffee is provided in the Great Hall.

David Vorm's Adult Bible Class meets in the Children's Worship Center (east end of the building) and is studying 1 Corinthians.

Please join one of these classes if you aren't already involved in Sunday School. They both are held from 10:15-11:00 a.m. between the worship services.



Remembrance Sunday. On Sunday morning, May 28, Westkirk will honor those who have died since May of 2016. We will have a unified, 10:30 a.m. worship service that morning. Please sign up on the Connect Card if you would like to remember a family member, friend or member of Westkirk with a carnation. The last day to sign up will be Sunday, May 21.



Graduation Sunday - June 4. Are you graduating this year? How about someone you know? On Sunday, June 4, we will be celebrating our graduates (high school, trade school, college, or graduate school) during our worship services! If you would like yourself or your graduate included in the celebration, please contact Brandon Mick in the church office or you can email him at brandonmick@westkirk.org.

Employment Opportunities. Ruth Harbor has been helping young women who are facing an unplanned pregnancy for over 16 years! A couple of years ago they began serving women after their baby was born and are now positioning themselves for more growth by employing: **house parents, back-up house parents and a program director.** You may have a personal interest in one of these positions, but positions like these are often filled through thoughtful "word of mouth" communication. Would you help us identify candidates or encourage them to visit with us? The rewards here are eternal! For more details contact Mark McDougal at 515-279-4661 or go their website www.ruthharbor.org.

<p>Urbandale Food Pantry Item for May - Toilet Paper</p>



Team Members from left to right: **Front:** Kyra Stadtlander, Elinor Wilde, Linda Wilde, Rebecca Donaldson; **Middle:** Mason Wells, Jeanne Mott, Sue Holcomb, Chuck Holcomb, Barb Gipple; **Back:** Brandon Mick, Tyler York, Styles Stadtlander.

Greece Team Commissioning Today in Second Service!!

Our team departs for Athens on Friday morning, May 12, and will return Sunday, May 21. We will be encouraging the refugees there with the many gifts that our Westkirk family has helped us gather. The guys will be working in the drop-in center for unattended youth. The women will be focused on the House of Damaris which is full to capacity with women who have been rescued and are recovering from sex trafficking. A number of babies have recently been born to some of these women, so our ministry among them will no doubt be rich! We are really excited about helping them make a wrap bracelet with the House of Damaris logo on it. It is our hope that they will be able to sell these and have a source of income.

If you would like to receive our daily updates during our time in Greece, please email Brandon Mick (brandonmick@westkirk.org) to get on the list. Thank you so much for all the support. Your generosity has made it possible for us to load up our suitcases with gifts and supplies to share with those in great need of the love of Jesus in a very tangible way! Please continue to pray for us as we go, sent out from Westkirk, carrying the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ!