



# Westkirk PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Weekly

**This Week's Activities**  
**May 14-21, 2017**

## **Today**

Mother's Day  
Communion Sunday  
First Service - 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School Classes - all ages - 10:15 a.m.  
Second Service - 11:15 a.m.  
Glen Oaks, 2:00 p.m.

## **Monday**

*Shepherd* Articles Due  
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**

Explorers' Class, 6:30 p.m.

## **Thursday**

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

## **Friday**

Game Night, Hospitality Room, 6:00 p.m.

## **Saturday**

Choir, Sanctuary, 4:00 p.m.

## **Sunday, May 21**

Music Sunday  
Kylah Tuinstra Graduation Open House, HR, 2:00-4:00 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 Michael Demastus and Fort Des Moines Church of Christ**, Annie Alderson, Carolyn Barnes, Beth Boeckemeier, **Katie Brown**, Darlene Denison, Ellen Kinnaird, Marie McGhee, Paul MacLafferty, Paul Meinen, Jackie Monroe, Tom and Dianne Papham, 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; **Larry and Sherie Whitehead on the death of Sherie's mother, Joyce Knowles.**



**Communion at Westkirk.** Please show discernment in leading your children during communion. You may certainly take your children with you to go forward for communion. At that time, you should indicate to the server if your children are to receive the elements. Since Paul encourages us (1 Corinthians 11:23-34) to examine ourselves in order not to take the Lord's Supper in an unworthy manner, we do not subscribe to the partaking of the elements by infants, toddlers or young children (paedo-communion). We do encourage parents to talk with their children about the Gospel, about communion, and bring them to meet with one of the pastors to help them discern if their child is ready to partake. A child who is ready to take communion is also ready to publicly profess his or her faith and be baptized, if they have not already done so.

**May 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.

**Urbandale Food Pantry  
Item for May - Toilet Paper**



**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](mailto:brandonmick@westkirk.org).

**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.



**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.

**Remembrance Sunday Breakfast.** Join your fellow Westkirk attenders for a special time of Fellowship in the Great Hall prior to our unified Remembrance Sunday worship service. Spend time getting to know one another, encouraging each other in love. Take this opportunity to share special memories of your loved ones. Breakfast will be served from 9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. A variety of hot egg casseroles, fruit medley, juice, and coffee will be available. Please be sure to SIGN UP on the Connect Card and indicate the number attending. "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And, let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." Hebrews 10:23-25

Lose anything over the winter? Check out the **Lost and Found** basket located in the Hospitality Room. Also, there are several jackets on the coat rack near the Lost and Found.



**MIGHTY FORTRESS VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
**July 9-13, 2017**

VBS is a church-wide event, and everyone can be involved. Please volunteer in one or more of the following ways, and note on the Connect Card how you will help!

**TEAM LEADERS & Assistants** – Team Leaders guide elementary-age kids through activities, help facilitate discussion, and generally join in the fun! Adults and high-school students can fill this role. There will be two crew leaders per crew.

**GAME LEADERS** – Lead the Teams in Tournament Games that connect to the day's Bible point in a fun and memorable way!

**EARLY CHILDHOOD LEADERS & Assistants** – Lead the pre-k Team through learning and activity times!

**STATION ASSISTANTS** -- Assist the Bible Challenge, Tournament Games, and Storytelling Leaders with setup, cleanup, and everything in-between!

**REGISTRATION** – Our registration team will be friendly faces who welcome families to VBS! Good organizational skills are helpful too.

**DECORATING TEAM** – In the weeks leading up to VBS we need a team of people to brainstorm, gather supplies, and create our Mighty Fortress décor.

**CRAFT PREP TEAM** – VBS wouldn't be complete without crafts! Our prep team will meet a few times before VBS to cut and prep our project supplies. No crafting experience necessary!

**THANK YOU!!!!**