

This Week's Activities August 27 - September 3, 2017

Today

Missions Sunday Unified Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. One Ancient Hope Housekirk, 5:30 p.m.

Monday Omega Housekirk, Hospitality Room, 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Bette Jones' Funeral – The Reserve, 2:00 p.m. Children's Ministry Training – Student Volunteers, 6:30 p.m.

> **Thursday** American Heritage Girls and Trail Life Boys Open House, GH/HR, 6:30 p.m.

> Sunday – September 3 First Service - 9:00 a.m. Sunday School Classes - all ages - 10:15 a.m. Second Service - 11:15 a.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 Spencer Keroff and First Church of the Open Bible,** Carolyn Barnes, Beth Boeckemeier, Katie Brown, Tom Edson, Judy Gaumer, Darlene Denison, Jonathan Griggs, Ellen Kinnaird, Marie McGhee, Paul MacLafferty, Paul Meinen, Tom and Dianne Paplham, Don Powers, Dallas Robison. Condolences to: **Family and Friends of Bette Jones upon her death**; **Suzette Carter and Robert Swenson and family upon the death of Robert's mother, Irene, from California.**

Still Looking to Find an Opportunity to Serve? Do you have about 15-20 minutes once a week or so? If you answered yes, then the Worship Commission has a place for you. We are currently looking for folks to serve as Greeters on Sunday morning, helpers to prepare the Sanctuary and others to clean-up for both Worship Services. If this sounds like a spot where you would like to get "plugged-in", please contact Linda Civitarese (443-610-5313) or Chuck Heitbrink (515-238-1824) for more information and get involved. We promise, it will take less than 20 minutes and we hope to have a rotation that will allow you to serve once every other month or so.

Women's Bible Study - New Study Begins Soon! Can you list the Attributes of God? Most of us can point to and define His Omnipotence, Omniscience and Omnipresence, but what about His Aseity, Sovereignty, Immutability and nine additional attributes? Want to know what they are? Want to know who our awesome God is? The Women's Bible Study (WBS) will be examining the Attributes of God in a 15-week, video-driven study by Steven J. Lawson with discussion following each lesson. No homework is required, and materials are free, but limited.

Classes will be on Tuesdays from 1:00-3:00 p.m. beginning next week **September 5** and go through December 19 in the Education wing (with no class on November 21). Please send an email to Regi Donaldson (<u>regidonaldson@live.com</u>) to register by **Thursday**, **August 31**. **Choir.** The Westkirk Choir is excited to announce the beginning of a new choir year! We are a funloving, tight-knit group of Christ-followers who love to serve by making beautiful music together. In a change from last year, rehearsals will be held on **Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.** The choir rehearses once a week beginning Wednesday, September 6, following Labor Day. The music we sing ranges from hymn arrangements to contemporary gospel music and is accessible to a wide range of ability levels. If worship through choral music is something you need more of in your life, come and join our community! In addition to singers of all voice parts, we are currently looking for anyone who could contribute to our ministry by accompanying on the piano. Questions? See Jordan Pohlmann, Director of Vocal Music.

Did you know... It takes over 30 hours of volunteer time to fully staff Children's Ministry each week? This is a blessing from the Lord and an amazing indicator of growth in our church family! Volunteers are needed for WOW and especially for the Nursery.

This is a great opportunity for all adults, especially those without young children at home, to invest themselves in the next generation!

Please pray about how the Lord would have you be involved, and contact Benae Duff for more information - (515) 707-9072 or <u>benaeduff@westkirk.org</u>. Thank you!

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

Urbandale Food Pantry Item for September - Bars of Soap It's Back to School Time. Orientation for the 60 new international students at Drake University is this week. If you are interested in being a host family for a student, contact Amy Stout from the American Family Friendship Program for International Students at Drake. Remember, the students do not live with you. This is a friendship program. Often these students come to the U.S. with a different picture of life in the U.S. This is a great opportunity to share your life and home with a young person from another country. For more information email: Dan and Amy Stout at brightencorner@hotmail.com



Operation Christmas Child. School time is here again. Now is the perfect time to purchase school supplies for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. The supplies will greatly bless a child in need and provide an opportunity for them to

learn about Christ and His love for them. Great deals on supplies have been found at Menard's where 100 pens can be obtained for free with a rebate. Wal-Mart also has spiral bound notebooks for 25 cents each and crayons for 25 cents a box. Please consider picking up a few items for shoeboxes as you shop for your own children.

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