



# Westkirk Weekly

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**This Week's Activities**  
**April 7-14, 2019**

## **Today**

First Service, 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School Classes (Children), 10:15 a.m.  
Students/Adults Sunday School – Mission Report – GH, 10:15 a.m.  
Second Service, 11:15 a.m.  
Foster/Adoptive Blessings Meeting, Great Hall, 12:30 p.m.  
High School Ministry, 4:30 p.m.

## **Monday**

Commission Deacons Meeting, 6:30 p.m.  
Omega Housekirk, 6:30 p.m.  
Men's Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.

## **Tuesday**

Lunch and Learn, Great Hall, Noon  
Bible Study Fellowship, 6:30 p.m.  
Koinonia Housekirk, 6:30 p.m.  
Best Housekirk, 7:00 p.m.

## **Wednesday**

WOW Supper, 5:30 p.m.  
Worship, Sanctuary, 6:15 p.m.  
Classes for Children, Middle School Students and Adults, 6:30 p.m.  
Choir Practice, Great Hall, 7:30 p.m.

## **Thursday**

Dorcas Circle, Hospitality Room, 1:00 p.m.  
Faith Seekers Alliance Housekirk, 6:30 p.m.

## **Friday**

Bring Your Own Craft Night, Hospitality Room, 6:30 p.m.

## **Saturday**

BSF Leaders' Meeting, CWC, 6:00 a.m.  
Early Risers Housekirk, Hospitality Room, 8:00 a.m.  
American Heritage Girls, Service Project, 10:00 a.m.

## **Sunday, April 14**

Palm Sunday  
Communion Sunday  
Glen Oaks, 2:00 p.m.  
High School Ministry, 4:30 p.m.  
Coram Deo Housekirk, 6:00 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 Noah Braymen and Redeemer Baptist Church, John Bartlett,** Beth Boeckemeier, Debra Decker, Regi Donaldson, Lois Dudley, Judy Gaumer, **Keith Groen,** Phil Groner, Ellen Kinnaird, Marilyn Lanham, Logan Lowrey, Paul Meinen, **Darius Togba.** Congratulations to Darius and Celestine Togba and their daughter, Eva Boe, on the birth of Eva's son, Lawrence Prosper Boe. Condolences to: Karen and Larry Breeding and family on the death of Karen's son, Jonathan Griggs; Katelyn Skeens and family on the death of her grandmother, Lila Rauk.

### WESTMINSTER CONFSSION OF FAITH

Question of the Week (answer on the back)

Q: Which is the ninth commandment?



**April Communion Offering.** Westkirk has a special opportunity to come alongside two of our member families in a unique way. First, we will be assisting **Edimon de Dombo** as he travels to Uganda to see his fiancée and make arrangements for his future wedding. He has travel expenses as well as expenses that need to be met here in Des Moines while he is away. Second, we will also be assisting the **Groner family** as they continue to adjust their lifestyles to meet the extraordinary health and diet needs Phil has to battle his cancer. Monies collected will be used to bless both of these Westkirk family care giving needs through our Benevolent Fund. To learn more how you may be able to help, please contact Pastor Michael at the church office. We always appreciate gifts to the Benevolent Fund and checks made out to Westkirk with 'benevolent fund' in the memo line are accepted any time.



Summer will be here before we know it, and summer means CHURCH CAMP! There are a few camps that we love, and we've put information for you on the old communion table outside of the offices. You'll want to check each website for specifics, but generally these camps are for kids age 8 up through high school. 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 **TODAY** and must be made in writing to [benaeduff@westkirk.org](mailto:benaeduff@westkirk.org).

**Prayer, Fasting and the Pursuit of God.** Join us for Secret Church on April 26 from 6:00 p.m. to 11:50 p.m. Our culture is constantly telling us that we can achieve anything we set our minds to. Sadly many followers of Christ and many churches have adopted this self-sufficient mindset relying on their own wisdom and abilities instead of relying on God. But what if we were never intended to be self-sufficient? And what if God has designed us so that our greatest satisfaction is found as we depend on Him fully for everything we need? In Secret Church 19, David Platt will take an in-depth look at the Bible's teaching on prayer and fasting. We'll see that our inabilities and weaknesses are the very place where God meets us with His strength and sufficiency. We'll also see that faithfulness to the mission of Christ requires depending on the Spirit of Christ. Through prayer and fasting, we demonstrate our need for God's power and our desire for His glory.

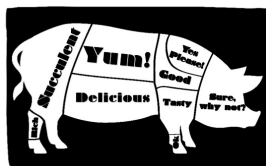
To register and pay your \$10 fee (which covers the study guide and dinner), please see Sue Holcomb or Brandon Mick.

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

**Mission Report.** Join us **TODAY** for a combined Sunday School Class (students and adults) as Pastor Michael reports on his recent trip to South Asia and Europe. Come hear about the work he was able to participate in training up pastors in these areas to faithfully preach the Word of God! The presentation will be held in the Great Hall.

**Westkirk Lunch and Learn.** On Tuesday, April 9, at noon, Westkirk Lunch and Learn will partake in a meal featuring meatloaf. Pastor Paul will share insights he received at a recent INSPIRE Conference. We will dismiss by 1:00 p.m. Please sign up on the Connect Card today!

**WOW Menu**  
**Chef's Choice, Salad, Fruit and Cookie**



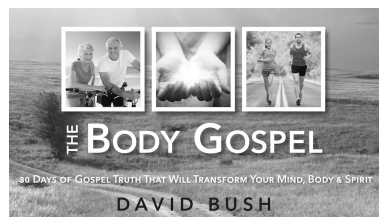
**Westkirk SmokeOut Fundraiser**  
**Saturday, May 11, 5:00-7:00 p.m.**  
**Suggested Donation: \$15/adult**  
**\$5/children 10 and under**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS and plan on joining us in the Great Hall for a delicious meal of smoked meats and classic BBQ sides prepared by our very own Brad Miller and Shannon Springer. You won't want to miss this great opportunity for fine food and fellowship! Proceeds from this event will go to support Westkirk's Student Ministry Fund! The Student Fund is used in many ways to help alleviate the costs of Student Ministry programming, events, and conferences.

To help give us an idea of how many folks are planning on joining us for this dinner, we are asking folks to **Sign Up on the Connect Card**. We are also looking for donations of pies to serve for dessert! You can also sign up at the **Connect Card** to bring a pie or two! If you have questions about the SmokeOut Fundraiser, please contact Brandon Mick in the church office or at [brandonmick@westkirk.org](mailto:brandonmick@westkirk.org).

**Dorcas Circle** meets on Thursday, April 11, at 1:00 pm. Please join us as we discover more about angels: should we worship them? Our study is led by Gail De Graaf and our hostesses are Gail and Kathy Powers. We enjoy food and fellowship together as we study God's Word, and hope you will come join us in the Hospitality Room!

**Easter Sunday Breakfast.** Bring your family and friends to our annual Easter Breakfast Buffet between 8:30 – 9:45 a.m. on April 21. We will be serving scrambled eggs, hash browns, French toast sticks, sausage, fresh fruit, coffee and juice. After breakfast, we will all worship together at a special 10:30 a.m. service. Please fill out the Connect Card and indicate the number coming to breakfast. Then mark your calendars with the breakfast and worship service times.



**How Important is What I Do With My Body?** When Paul tells us to glorify God with our bodies in 1 Corinthians 6, he is writing in the context of sexual immorality. But is a Godly sexual ethic the only way we do that? Do our bodies have a

role to play in the Kingdom outside of right behavior? If you want to learn more about what the Bible says about the stewardship of our bodies, David Bush, friend of Westkirk Presbyterian Church, has provided you an online, 30 day devotional called, "The Body Gospel." It is a component part of the ministry *Fit for the King* that both Pastor Michael and Hannah Bailey are part of. To download this free devotional, go to [www.fit4theking.net](http://www.fit4theking.net).

**Westkirk Women Connect B.Y.O.C.** (Bring Your Own Craft). Ladies, join us this Friday, April 12, at 6:30 p.m. in the Great Hall where you can work on your craft projects, enjoy conversation and refreshments with other Westkirk crafters. Please sign up on the Connect Card so we will have an idea of how many to expect.



**Maybe I should join the GREECE Team.** Has this thought gone through your mind? Have you prayed about it? We are praying for you and asking the Lord to put this team together. We are extending the application date to April 10. After that date we will open up spots on this team to others outside of our Westkirk family. We would like 5 women and 3 men to travel to Athens October 11–20, 2019. Questions?? Talk to Sue Holcomb if you would like more information (515-556-6742 or sue.holcomb@holcombcorp.com).

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

April 14	Palm Sunday
April 17	No WOW
April 18 - 7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday
April 19 - 7:00 p.m.	Good Friday
April 21 - <u>Resurrection Sunday</u>	
8:30 - 9:45 a.m.	Breakfast Buffet
10:30 a.m.	Unified Worship Service

A. The ninth commandment is, Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

**Westkirk Presbyterian Church**  
2700 Colby Woods Drive, Urbandale, Iowa 50322  
515-253-0330 westkirk@westkirk.org