



# Westkirk PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Weekly

## **This Week's Activities** **January 12-19, 2020**

### **Today**

Communion Sunday  
First Service - 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School Classes – all ages - 10:15 a.m.  
Second Service - 11:15 a.m.  
High School Ministry, 4:30 p.m.

### **Monday**

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

### **Tuesday**

Lunch and Learn, 12:00 p.m., Hospitality Room  
Bible Study Fellowship, 6:30 p.m.  
Koinonia Housekirk, 6:30 p.m.  
Best Housekirk, 7:00 p.m.

### **Wednesday**

*Shepherd* Articles Due  
WOW Supper, 5:30 p.m.  
Worshp, 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**

American Heritage Girls/Trail Life Boys Troop Meetings, 6:15 p.m.  
Faith Seekers Alliance, 6:30 p.m.

### **Friday**

Doane University Choir Concert, 7:00 p.m.

### **Saturday**

BSF Leader Meeting, Children's Worship Center, 6:00 a.m.  
Trail Life, Worthy Derby, Great Hall, 9:00 a.m.  
Game Night, Hospitality Room, 4:00 p.m.

### **Sunday, January 19**

High School Ministries, 4:30 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**, Kevin Bone, **Kay Cunitz**, Regi Donaldson, Judy Gaumer, **Keith Groen**, Phil Groner, Ellen Kinnaird, Marilyn Lanham, Logan Lowrey, Paul Meinen, Molly Runion, Bob Vanderzyl, Tracey Willcox, Joan Yentes. **Congratulations to Sam and Lydia Keithley on the birth of their son, Josiah Johann. Condolences to Dave Thomas and family on the death of his wife, Jamie.**

### **WESTMINSTER CONFESSION OF FAITH**

Question of the Week (answer on back)

Q. What is the work of creation?

**January Communion Offering.** Out of appreciation for her great contributions to the ministry here at Westkirk, and in memory of Pastor Paul, the January Communion offering will be a love gift for Donna Nelson.



**Who Takes Communion at Westkirk?** Westkirk celebrates the Lord's Supper at each service on the second Sunday of the month (as well as during special seasonal times of the year). Open communion means that if you are a professing Christian who has put your faith and trust in God through Jesus Christ alone and are a member in good standing at a local church anywhere, you are free to partake communion with us. If you are "between churches," the decision is one made between you and the Lord. Feel free to contact one of our pastoral staff if you are unsure.

**WOW Meal**  
**Chicken Strips and Tater Tots,**  
**Salad, Fruit and Cookie**

**Wreaths Needing Owners!** We have four beautiful large wreaths that used to hang on the Sanctuary windows that are available to go to a new home. They have a diameter of approximately 36". Please contact Gloria Huyser ([glohuyser43@gmail.com](mailto:glohuyser43@gmail.com); (515) 371-9834) if interested.

A HUGE thank you to all 1st service and 2nd service friends who stayed to help with the removal of Advent Decorations! We had a wonderful blend of our congregation, and all help, regardless of how big or small, was GREATLY APPRECIATED! This reflects the beauty of the church - contributing to the glory of God! I felt very blessed. Thank you! Gloria Huyser, Advent Decorating Organizer.

**Secret Church 2020.** We are in need of someone to be the **tech person** for the 2020 Secret Church to be held Friday, April 24, 2020, from 6:00 p.m. to midnight in the Great Hall. This year's topic is **God, Government and the Gospel**. You would be required to do a test run when they send out the link and also attend that evening. Although Dan Marvin has done this in previous years, he is unable to this year. He will, however, walk you through it. We cannot sign up to host until we have a tech person willing to attend and run the simulcast. Please contact Sue Holcomb ([sue.holcomb@holcombcorp.com](mailto:sue.holcomb@holcombcorp.com)) if you are willing to help!

**Bunco.** The kick-off for Girls' Night Out will be Thursday, January 23, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Don't miss it as we will have "Special Guests." A \$10 donation is suggested and all money goes to help fight human trafficking. RSVP on the Facebook page: Girls Night Out Bunco-With a Purpose or email/text Diane Browne 515-333-1213 or [dianebrown99@gmail.com](mailto:dianebrown99@gmail.com).

**Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention and Awareness Month.** On Thursday, January 16 at 11:00 a.m., Governor Reynolds will be signing the 2020 Proclamation declaring January as Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention and Awareness Month. All anti-trafficking advocates and allies are encouraged to come to the rotunda of the State Capitol in Des Moines to participate as we re-commit ourselves to eradicating this most heinous type of human exploitation. Following the proclamation signing, Governor Reynolds will present five Outstanding Anti-Trafficking Service Awards. **Among the honorees is Westkirk's Rocky Vest - Founder and driving force behind Break The Cycle, an annual 200-mile bike ride to raise funds to break the cycle of sex trafficking.**

The itinerary for the day is: **10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.:** Anti-Trafficking information table located in the Rotunda available to legislators and the public. **11:00 - 11:45 a.m.:** Governor Kim Reynolds signs proclamation and Presentation of Outstanding Anti-Trafficking Service Awards at the rotunda.

**Doane University Choir Concert.** The Westkirk Choir is pleased to announce the return of the Doane University Choir on Friday, January 17 at 7:00 p.m.. This concert is given at no cost to us and is part of the Doane Choir's annual tour, which sees them returning to the Midwest this year after recent tours to Europe and Brazil. The Doane Choir is the premier vocal ensemble at Doane University and excels across many different sacred and secular repertoires. Also performing with the Doane Choir will be the highly popular men's a cappella ensemble, Doublewide (originally a double quartet way back in the day). This will be a beautiful evening of music and fellowship as we invite these talented kids into our church, feed them, and hear their rich singing. Mark your calendars! You will not want to miss this.

As is tradition on these free concert tours, we will be providing home-stays for the choir members. We still need volunteers to open their homes for groups of 2, 3, or 4 students on the night of the 17th. If you have ever done this before, you know how wonderful it can be to get a chance to speak with and encourage these young people. They have a million forces pulling at their hearts, and a bit of kindness really resounds in a world that demands so much of them. If you have the space and can provide a light breakfast on Saturday morning, I hope you will consider hosting. Please contact me for info or to volunteer. Sincerely, Jordan Pohlmann and the Westkirk Choir.

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**SATURDAY 01.25.2020**  
**8:30AM-3:30PM**  
**COST: \$35**  
Includes lunch provided by Chick-fil-A

**FEATURED SPEAKERS**

 Dr. David Grubbs President of The Mission Church	 David Grubbs President of The Mission Church	 David Grubbs President of The Mission Church	 David Grubbs President of The Mission Church
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A: The work of creation is, God's making all things of nothing, by the word of his power, in the space of six days, and all very good.