



# Westkirk PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Weekly

**This Week's Activities  
November 20-27, 2016**

## **Today**

Jessica McKenzie Baptism  
Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Dedication  
First Service - 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School Classes – all ages - 10:15 a.m.  
Second Service - 11:15 a.m.  
Greening of the Kirk Activities, 12:30 p.m.  
Choir, Great Hall, 4:00 p.m.  
One Ancient Hope Housekirk, HR, 5:30 p.m.  
Coram Deo Housekirk, 6:30 p.m.

## **Monday**

Meeting of the Session, Great Hall, 5:30 p.m.  
Parish Deacons, Hospitality Room, 7:00 p.m.

## **Tuesday**

Wee Ones Playgroup, Hospitality Room, 10:00 a.m.  
Koinonia Housekirk, 7:00 p.m.

## **Wednesday**

No WOW Activities

## **Thursday**

Happy Thanksgiving

## **Friday**

Church Office Closed

## **Saturday**

Early Risers Housekirk, 8:00 a.m.

## **Sunday, November 27**

Advent - 1st Sunday  
Choir, Great Hall, 4:00 p.m.

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**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 Mike Rose and First Federated Church, Jim Anderson,** Carolyn Barnes, Beth Boeckemeier, Darlene Denison, Kurt Huyser, Ellen Kinnaird, Paul Kurtz, Brandon Louis, Marillyn McCulloch, Marie McGhee, Paul Meinen, Paul Olson, **Thomas Perrigo,** Don Powers, Senator Brad Zaun.



**Greening of the Kirk.** Please join us at 12:30 p.m. today in the Great Hall for a light lunch and preparation for Advent! After lunch, families will construct an Advent Wreath to take home to celebrate the Advent season.

The preparation for the season will continue around 2:00 p.m. in the Narthex as we begin to decorate the Sanctuary and other areas to celebrate the Advent season. There are trees to be decorated, wreaths to be hung in the windows, centerpieces to be placed on the tables, evergreen ropes to be draped on the entrance railing, poinsettias to be arranged in the Sanctuary, etc. Everything will be provided. All we need is your help!

We'll enjoy great fellowship, prepare God's house for Advent and take home a reminder of the Gift we have been given.

**No WOW Activities  
This Week**

**Move the Food DMARC Food Pantry Collection.** The quarterly collection for the Des Moines Area Religious Council Food Pantry is today. If you would like to make a monetary donation to this important ministry, please make your check payable to Westkirk, note DMARC Food Pantry on the memo line, and place your check in the offering. Please put any food donations in the labeled bin under the table in the Hospitality Room

Thank you for your generosity in helping with this local mission.



Hundreds of low-income families in our Urbandale community have difficulty meeting their day-to-day needs. During the holiday's, finding the resources for gifts and a special meal is out of reach for many of them. Parents want to give their child something special, but the hard reality is that many need to choose between basic living necessities like food, rent and utility bills and spending money on a special holiday gift or meal.

The Urbandale Community Action Network has organized an Adopt-a-Family program to pair up families in need with individuals or groups who want to help a family in need and to spread holiday joy. When you sign up to participate in the Adopt-a-Family program, you will receive all the information needed to help an Urbandale family celebrate. You'll purchase gifts suggested by each member of the family (approximately \$25 per recipient) and food for a special holiday meal (or provide an appropriate gift card to cover the cost of such a meal).

Please remember those children and families this holiday season who do not have an abundance of resources. Just a small token can brighten a child's entire year!

This year, when you and your loved ones are planning how to celebrate the holiday season, please include an opportunity to give back—pass your good fortune, your peace, hope and love to another family in Urbandale in need.

To sign up for the Adopt-a-Family program or get details on other events going on in our community, please contact the UCAN offices at 515-278-3936 or [Info@UrbandaleNetwork.org](mailto:Info@UrbandaleNetwork.org).

**Missing Keys.** Several sets of keys have been lost. If found, please bring to the office. Thank you.



**Your December/January/February copy of the Daily Bread is available at the Welcome Center today!**

**Transportation Helpers Needed.** Occasionally a member or friend of Westkirk requests a ride to a church service or function or to a doctor's appointment. If you would be able to help, please check the box on the Connect Card, or call Pastor Paul at 253-0330.

**Thanksgiving Dinner.** The Urbandale Food Pantry predicts they will be serving close to 1,000 families during the month of November. In order to reach the goal of providing a Thanksgiving meal to each of these families, your assistance is needed. Below are a couple of ways you could help them reach this goal:

- Make a monetary donation to the Urbandale Food Pantry to provide a holiday meal for a family in need during the month of November.

Feed-a-Family of 1: \$30.00	Feed-a-Family of 5: \$70.00
Feed a Family of 2: \$40.00	Feed-a-Family of 6: \$80.00
Feed-a-Family of 3: \$50.00	Feed-a-Family of 7: \$90.00
Feed-a-Family of 4: \$60.00	Feed-a-Family of 8+: \$100.00

- Donate a turkey or holiday food items (potatoes or instant potatoes, canned green beans, cream of mushroom soup, French fried onions, stuffing, gravy or a frozen pie) to the Urbandale Food Pantry (7611 Douglas, #34-35) during their hours of operation: Monday-Thursday 9:30-6:30 or Saturday 8:00-12:00.

Thank you for your past and continued support of the Urbandale Food Pantry.



**Single Moms' Night Out.** Single mothers throughout central Iowa are invited to attend a special Christmas dinner being held in their honor. With the help of many community sponsors, Single Parent Provision would like to treat single mothers to a special evening including a catered meal, program, gifts, and prizes all in the great company of other single moms. **Childcare is provided**, so while moms enjoy this elegant, uplifting evening, their children will enjoy a fun evening complete with activities, games, and a meal of their own.

When: 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 10  
Location: Vets Auditorium at the Iowa Event Center in downtown, Des Moines  
Registration: This event is **FREE**, but registration is required. Visit [www.singleparentprovision.org](http://www.singleparentprovision.org) by Dec. 1.

For more information or to help with this event:  
Website: [www.singleparentprovision.org/event-2346154](http://www.singleparentprovision.org/event-2346154);  
Email: [info@singleparentprovision.org](mailto:info@singleparentprovision.org); Phone: 515.868.9252.