



# Westkirk PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Weekly

## **This Week's Activities** **December 16-23, 2018**

### **Today**

First Service, 9:00 a.m.  
Children's Christmas Program, Sanctuary, 10:15 a.m.  
Second Service, 11:15 a.m.  
Coram Deo Housekirk, 6:00 p.m.

### **Monday**

Meeting of the Session, Great Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### **Tuesday**

Bagpipers (Biaggi's), 1:00 p.m.

### **Wednesday**

No WOW Activities  
Choir, Great Hall, 7:30 p.m.

### **Thursday**

Faith Seekers Alliance Housekirk, 6:30 p.m.

### **Saturday**

BSF Leader Meeting, CWC, 6:00 a.m.  
Early Risers Housekirk, Hospitality Room, 8:00 a.m.

### **Sunday, December 23**

First Service, 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School Classes, all ages, 10:15 a.m.  
Second Service, 11:15 a.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 Ed Jensen and Grace Reformed Presbyterian Church**, Beth Boeckemeier, Judy Gaumer, **Phil Groner**, Eunice Hofmeyer, Ellen Kinnaird, Marilyn Lanham, Paul Meinen, Nancy Morris, **Bill Roland**, Vicky Shaver, Sharon Wyckoff Willard. **Congratulations to: Carliann and Ryan Northfield on the birth of their son, Elijah Paul.**

**WESTMINSTER CONFESSION OF FAITH**

Question of the Week (answer on the back)

Q: How is the Sabbath to be sanctified?



**Little Hearts, Prepare Him Room.** Our Christmas program is this morning at 10:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary! Kids age 2-5th grade will be singing and sharing a gospel-centered Christmas message. Plan to stay for the program!

**Church Directory.** The Westkirk online directory is for the use of members and friends of the church. Once you have access through [www.westkirk.org](http://www.westkirk.org), you can view it and/or print it out on your own. Because of security reasons, only those who are actually in the directory can receive the password. To get the password, contact the church office. To be included in the directory, email Chuck Holcomb at [cholcomb@holcombcorp.com](mailto:cholcomb@holcombcorp.com).

**Calling all Cookie-makers!** After Westkirk's Christmas Eve service, we will have cookies and hot drinks in the Hospitality Room. Because the service has so many attendees, we need your cookies! Whether it's chocolate chip, ginger snap, or Grandma's secret recipe, please consider volunteering to bring cookies to be shared after service. We need your help! Please contact Reece or Cassie Lewellen if you are able to help, or sign up on the Connect Card! Thank you.

**Just Like Your House.** The House and Grounds Committee has re-set all the thermostats for the winter season. Due to climbing utility bills at Westkirk that coincide with more use of our beautiful facility, they also changed the time settings to a more favorable routine that fits our schedule. We hope that the new settings will mean less adjusting of the individual thermostats. Will you do us a favor? If you need to adjust the temperature in your area of the building, please do not adjust the temperature up and down and then push HOLD. Hold leaves the temperature at that setting permanently. This means it runs at that temperature until someone else comes along to set it back – which could mean for a day or more. Simply adjust the temperature and leave it there. When the next scheduled cycle comes along, it will go back to where it should be to save us money. Thank you!

**No WOW Activities**

**Perspectives Classes to be Held January 13 - May 5, 2019.**

This course is designed around four vantage points or "perspectives" — Biblical, Historical, Cultural and Strategic. Each one highlights different aspects of God's global purpose. Classes will be hosted by Westchester Church, 4919 Aurora, Des Moines on Sunday evenings from 5:00–8:00 p.m. with a dinner break halfway through. Registration is \$249. For more information, email Brandon Mick at [BrandonMick@westkirk.org](mailto:BrandonMick@westkirk.org) or Sue Holcomb at [sue.holcomb@holcombcorp.com](mailto:sue.holcomb@holcombcorp.com). We have scholarships for our church family members who wish to attend!

**Westkirk Holiday Schedule**

December 16	Children's Christmas Program (10:15)
December 16	No Sunday School Classes
December 19	No WOW
December 24	Candlelight Service - 5:30 p.m.
December 25-26	Office Closed
December 26	No WOW
December 31-January 1	Office Closed
January 2	No WOW



**Save the Date!** Mark your calendar now to join us for the free showing of the movie *The Insanity of God* Friday evening, January 11 at 7:00 p.m. (The movie is 90 minutes long.) RSVP not required – but will help us with room setup!

The Insanity of God is the true story of missionaries Nik and Ruth Ripken. After the death of their son, this ordinary couple journeys into the depths of the persecuted church, asking the question - IS JESUS WORTH IT? How does faith survive, let alone flourish in the places of the world that are overcome with the darkness of sin, despair and hopelessness? Join the Ripkens as they tell the story of being taught by believers in persecution "how to follow Jesus, how to love Jesus, and how to walk with Him day by day even when it doesn't make sense." Please plan to join us – friends and family welcome!

**Urbandale Food Pantry  
Item for December - Deodorant**

**True Blue Radio**  
Catch Westkirk on Truth  
Network 99.3 FM  
during the week,  
12:00-12:30 p.m.



**Found Item.** A ring was found in the Sanctuary. Please contact Benae or Suzette in the office to describe if you think it could be yours.

A: The Sabbath is to be sanctified by a holy resting all that day, even from such worldly employments and recreations as are lawful on other days; and spending the whole time in the public and private exercises of God's worship, except so much as is to be taken up in the works of necessity and mercy.

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