



Westkirk PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Weekly

This Week's Activities **October 27 – November 3, 2019**

Today

Reformation Sunday
Celebration Meal (Immediately After Worship)

Monday

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

Tuesday

Bible Study Fellowship, 6:30 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, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday

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

Saturday

BSF Leaders' Meeting, CWC, 6:00 a.m.

Sunday – November 3

Daylight Savings Time Ends
First Service - 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School Classes, all ages, 10:15 a.m.
Second Service, 11:15 a.m.
FAB Meeting, Great Hall, 12:30 p.m.
Explorers' Class, Hospitality Room, 1:00 p.m.
Potluck, Great Hall, 5:00 p.m.
Congregational Meeting, 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 Gary Bock and Timberline Church**, Kay Cunitz, Regi Donaldson, Judy Gaumer, Phil Groner, Ellen Kinnaird, Marilyn Lanham, Logan Lowrey, Kevin Namanny, Paul Meinen, **Bob Vanderzyl, Brent Willcox**. Condolences to Jean Pillers and friends on the death of her husband, Martin; Jack and Barb Wilson on the death of Jack's brother's wife, Judith Wilson in Wyoming.

WESTMINSTER CONFESSION OF FAITH

Question of the Week (answer on the back)

Q: What do we pray for in the fifth petition?

Call to Congregational Meeting. This is the official call by the Session for a Congregational Meeting of Westkirk Presbyterian Church on Sunday, **November 3, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.** **At this meeting we will explore the possibility of affiliation with a denomination. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend as your presence and input are very important to the life and health of Westkirk!**

The evening will begin with a potluck supper in the Great Hall at 5:00 p.m. Bring your favorite dish to share. The informational meeting of the congregation will follow at 6:00 p.m. At that time, Session will give their rationale for considering affiliation, present their recommendation, outline the process required of the denomination as well as our own by-laws, and then detail the primary differences between our Book of Order and theirs. Once this presentation has been made, Session will entertain questions. There will not be a vote at that time. This meeting is for informational purposes only. Current members of the Session will also be available to meet with you or your group specifically.

The nursery will be staffed for age 0-2 and kids age 3-5th grade will have a fun project to work on in the Children's Worship Center during the meeting! **Please sign up on the Connect Card if your children will be in attendance.**

**Daylight Savings Time Ends
Next Sunday - November 3!
Remember to move your clock BACK one hour.**

Share the Pew. It is heartwarming to have so many people attend our combined services at Westkirk. These special Sundays are a great opportunity to welcome guests and families. Have you ever noticed that some people sit in the Narthex during our combined services? They think there are no seats available in the Sanctuary, even though there should be room. As a congregation we want to make sure everyone feels welcome. There are some things you can do to help. Please do not save seats, especially for the Reformation, Christmas and Easter services. Sit towards the front so people can see available seating. Slide over and make room for someone to sit next to you. If you see someone looking for a place to sit, help them look. If we all look out for each other, everyone will be able to worship and be inspired by the service. Thanks, everyone!

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

A Call for Ushers. There is a core group of individuals and couples who are usually called on and can be relied upon, and we are very grateful to these people. As the church grows and we gain new members, we would like to see more new and old members become involved in the various aspects of the church. Ushering is one way of doing this with very little commitment of time. It provides a way to become involved, gives both old and new members a chance to interact and get to know each other and spreads the duties out to more than a handful of people.

The duties are not difficult and, in fact, it is perhaps one of the easiest things that one can be involved in. Duties consist of greeting people with a smile, handing them a bulletin, in some instances perhaps assisting them in finding a seat, taking up the offering and then helping count the offering. We ask that each of you give prayerful thought to volunteering to serve as an usher and say "yes" when someone calls you. If you would be willing to help once every few months and lighten the load for those already on the list, please check the box on the Connect Card. Thank you!



Save the Date! Mark your calendars! Operation Christmas Child Packing Party is set!

When: Saturday, November 16, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Where: Westkirk Great Hall

Treats and Music and Fun!

This is a fantastic event for all; young and young at heart alike

How to help:

- **Pray** – Each box has the potential to lead a child, family or village to Christ.
- **Donate** – Time, money or gifts. Volunteers are welcome to assist with set up on Friday, November 9, or other tasks; Financial donations welcome to be used to purchase items for the packing party. Mark the memo line of the check as "Operation Christmas Child" or "OCC"; Gifts – toys, school supplies, hair accessories, jewelry, non-liquid hygiene items (complete list of gift ideas at the website below).
- **Save Shoeboxes** – Bring shoeboxes to church and put them on the coat rack shelf in the hospitality room. They will be wrapped with Christmas paper.

Please note there are a few restrictions on the donations:

No candy

No toothpaste

No liquids of any kind

No items/toys that appear to be war related or guns

For great ideas of what to donate for the gifts depending on the gender and age, go to: <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/what-goes-in-my-shoebox-suggestions/>

Any questions or if interested in volunteering, please contact Patricia Fitzgerald 515-491-3946 Patricia.l.fitz@gmail.com

A: In the fifth petition (which is, *And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors*) we pray, That God, for Christ's sake, would freely pardon all our sins; which we are the rather encouraged to ask, because by his grace we are enabled from the heart to forgive others.

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