



Westkirk Weekly

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

This Week's Activities
November 10-17, 2019

Today

Communion Sunday
First Service – 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School Classes – all ages – 10:15 a.m.
Second Service – 11:15 a.m.
Explorers' Class, Hospitality Room, 1:00 p.m.
Glen Oaks, 2:00 p.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, Great Hall, noon
Bible Study Fellowship, 6:30 p.m.
Koinonia Housekirk, Lounge, 7:00 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, Great Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday

Dorcas Circle, Hospitality Room, 1:00 p.m.
Faith Seekers Alliance Housekirk, 7:00 p.m.
Girls' Night Out – Bunco, Hospitality Room, 6:30 p.m.

Friday

Shepherd Articles Due

Saturday

BSF Leaders' Meeting, CWC, 6:00 a.m.
Operation Christmas Child Packing Party, Great Hall, 10:00 a.m.
Game Night, Hospitality Room, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 17

Baptism of Scott James McKenzie
Combined Sunday School, 10:15 a.m.
High School Ministry, 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 Todd Stiles and First Family Church,** Kay Cunitz, Regi Donaldson, Judy Gaumer, Phil Groner, Ellen Kinnaird, Marilyn Lanham, Logan Lowrey, Paul Meinen, Sue and Paul Olson, Bob Vanderzyl, Brent Willcox.

WESTMINSTER CONFESSION OF FAITH

Question of the Week (answer on the back)

Q: What doth the conclusion of the Lord's prayer teach us?

Lunch and Learn. At Noon on Tuesday, November 12, Lunch and Learn will meet for our annual turkey dinner. Also, here for her annual visit, Cathy Mears of Benefits, Ltd. will discuss changes to Medicare and supplemental insurance. The government allows a window (basically in November) for those who need to change insurance coverage without penalty. If you can attend, please sign up on the Connect Card today.

Dorcas Circle will meet on Thursday, November 14, at 1:00 p.m. in the Hospitality Room. We continue our study of the days of creation with Kelli Miller leading our discussion on dry land gathered from the waters. Our hostesses are Becky Koebernick and Barb Wilson. Ladies, please come and join us for fellowship and Bible study.

WOW Meal

Chef's Choice, Salad, Fruit and Cookie

Bunco. The next Girls' Night Out will be this Thursday, November 14, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. 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. This will be the last Bunco of 2019 and we will have a Thanksgiving celebration with great food and drinks and lots of great raffle items. Bring your friends and receive free raffle tickets!

November Communion Offering - Benevolence Fund. Four times a year our special Communion Sunday offering is designated for the Westkirk Benevolence Fund. The Benevolence Fund is a non-budgeted fund utilized for helping church members and folks from the community who need temporary assistance. Its only source of income is from special gifts such as yours.

Monies are approved by a member of the Pastoral Staff and a check is cut by the church treasurer. Approved funds go directly to pay for housing, utilities or medical bills. The benevolence fund can also supplement food dependence or fuel, but Westkirk contributes to and encourages the use of the Food Pantry system and is a partner with the Urbandale Police Department in providing gasoline.



During the first service, the communion elements are served to the congregation by the Elders. We hold each of the elements and then when directed, partake together. As part of our communion tradition, we typically stand afterwards and move toward the center aisle, placing our hand on the shoulder of the person next to us and, united together, sing the Lord's Prayer. This is one of the most meaningful moments of worship each month for many at Westkirk. **During the second service**, two pastors or Elders will hold the elements near the chancel area and when desired, worshippers come forward and are served individually.

Combined Sunday School Class Next Week. Join us for a combined Sunday School class (students and adults) in the Great Hall November 17 to hear from the Greece Team as they share highlights from their October mission trip.



Wreaths Across America - Remembers those who have died, **Honors** those who serve, and **Teaches** the value of freedom. Each year wreaths are placed on veterans graves across the United States and at overseas cemeteries on foreign soil to show they are not forgotten. If you would like to sponsor a wreath, please visit the American Heritages Girls in the Hospitality Room on November 17 or stop by to find out how to give online. This year on Saturday, December 14, the American Heritage Girls Troop IA 0449 will be attending the ceremony and laying wreaths at the Iowa Veterans Cemetery in Van Meter, Iowa. The ceremony is open to the public and all are welcome to participate.

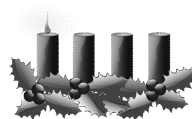


Operation Christmas Child Packing Party!

This Saturday, November 16, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., we will be assembling shoeboxes in the Great Hall. This will be a fantastic event for all - young and young at heart alike!

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



Save the Date!

**Westkirk Family Advent Decorating
Saturday, November 23 and Sunday, November 24.**

All families and friends of Westkirk are welcome to join us on Sunday, November 24, to help decorate the church with Advent Christmas decorations. We will begin at 12:30 with a casual lunch in the Great Hall followed by a Family Advent Prep Activity at 1:00. Then, at 1:30, anyone who is available to help decorate will be greatly appreciated!

Another opportunity to help is on Saturday, November 23 from 2:00 -5:00 p.m. This will be lifting and carrying decorations to prepare for Sunday.

This is truly a "Westkirk Family" event! The more help the faster (and merrier!) it will be. Please call/text or email Gloria Huyser with any questions (515-371-9834 or glohuyser43@gmail.com).

A: The conclusion of the Lord's prayer (which is, *For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever, Amen*) teaches us to take our encouragement in prayer from God only, and in our prayers to praise him, ascribing kingdom, power, and glory to him. And, in testimony of our desire, and assurance to be heard, we say, *Amen*.

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