

Westkirk Weekly

10.25.2020

This Week at Westkirk

Today 10.25.20

10:30am—Livestream and Corporate Worship

12:00pm—Explorer's Class/Lunch

4:00pm—*Redemption Hill Church (Sanctuary)*

Tuesday 10.27.20

12:30—Bagpipers, Biaggis

5:30 and 6:30pm— Bible Study Fellowship, GH/HR

Wednesday 10.28.20

6:30—**WOW** #3 “The Parable of the Vineyard”

Worship and Programming for children through adults

Thursday 10.29.20

7:30pm—Ladies Bible Study, Calvin Room

Brr! It's getting colder out there!

As temperatures drop and we start layering up, we wanted to communicate about coats and coatsacks on Sunday mornings. We are asking folks to please keep coats and other cold-weather gear with them during worship. There is plenty of room in the pews with our social distancing layout for everyone to keep their items with them. This will help with congestion in the narthex and keep traffic moving. Thanks so much for your continued graciousness to us and with one another as we continue to navigate these strange and trying times!



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Question of the Week (answer on last page)

Q: What is required in the second commandment?

Our Weekly Concerns

New additions will be listed in bold print and will remain on the list for three weeks unless requested otherwise.

Pastor of the Week:

Mark Jacinsky of Crossroads Fellowship of West Des Moines

New Concerns:

- **Mark Bakker**, knee replacement surgery.
- **Larry Whitehead**, heart procedure with cardiac stents placed.
- **The Vest family** who have tested positive for Covid.

Continue to pray for:

- Celia Jordan, moved to Manor Care. She continues to have many health concerns.
- Tanya Schlichting, now recovering at home after a car accident.
- Cassie Lewellen, recovering from complications following the birth of her son.
- John Bartlett (son of Jim and Kelly Bartlett) who is undergoing testing for neurological issues.
- Diane Browne, who is being treated for a cyst on the back of her eye.
- Bill Springer, suffering from deterioration in his spine.
- Judy Gaumer, recovering from Covid, chronic pain.
- Glen and Roma Bassett, as Glen's health is declining.
- *Comfort in grief for those who have recently experienced the death of a loved one:* TJ and Angela McKenzie, the family of Ken Bratney, Scott and Amy Withers and family, Barbara Orend and John Papp, the Donaldson family.

Child Relief Foundation—Liberia, Africa

A new school and classes will soon begin for grades 7-9, with a total of around 120 students! We will have containers in the narthex during the month of November for your donations of any school supplies.

An Amazon wish list has been created for your convenience:

<https://amzn.to/34cHjSI>

If you prefer, you may mail books to the church and we will put them in the containers. They are also in need of a desktop computer and laptop computer. Questions may be directed to Sue Holcomb at sue.holcomb@holcombcorp.com.

Preparing for Two Services Beginning November 1!

The Session and staff recently announced that we would be adding a second service of worship on Sunday, November 1. The purpose of adding a service is to accommodate more people for live, corporate worship. Now that most of the details are worked out, here is what you can expect beginning on November 1:

- The first service will begin at 9am, the second at 10:30am.
- Both services will continue to utilize the social distancing layout we've been using to date, however, the first service will be mask-mandatory during the entire worship service, and the second service will be mask-optional *once attendees are seated in their sitting area.*
- Both services will have an identical order of service, although there may be occasional variations.
- You will still be ushered to and from assigned seating at both services. Assigned seating remains the same.
- We are encouraged not to use coat racks at this time. Please bring your coats into the sanctuary with you. Currently, there is plenty of room for them in your space!
- Please enter the church *masked* through the main doors. At the conclusion of the first service, attendees will exit through the Hospitality Room to the west side of the building (please park accordingly); second service attendees will be free to exit the building at the location of their choosing.
- Those arriving early for the second service will not be ushered in until the sanctuary is cleaned and reset for the second service.
- Fellowship will be available in the Great Hall after both services. This will be a mask-mandatory area with social distancing maintained. We will continue to encourage those congregating in the Narthex before and after services to make their way either into the sanctuary for worship, or to the Great Hall for fellowship.



Operation Christmas Child

Our American Heritage Girls Troop IA0449 is serving Westkirk by leading our Operation Christmas Child effort this year! Here are three dates to put on your calendar:

Nov. 1—Please bring any items you wish to donate for the shoeboxes to the church by this date, and place them in the marked bin in the Hospitality Room. ALL donations are welcome, but items especially needed are soap, toothbrushes, and toys.

Nov. 7, 10am—Work Day in the Hospitality Room. Join AHG to sort and prepare items for the packing party.

Nov. 14, 10am-1pm—Our annual OCC Packing Party! Our goal is 150 packed boxes!

Masks are required and social distancing protocol will be followed. Contact the troop coordinator, Julie Harshfield, at ahgia0449@gmail.com with questions.

Flower Bed Update

In an attempt to thwart our deer population from eating the plants and flowers on the church property, bars of cut up soap have been placed in the flower beds. The House and Grounds committee encourages the curious to leave the soap in place and thanks you for your cooperation!

A: The second commandment requireth the receiving, observing, and keeping pure and entire, all such religious worship and ordinances as God hath appointed in his word.

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