

Westkirk Weekly

12.20.2020

This Week at Westkirk

Today 12.20.20

- 9:00 am—Corporate Worship
- 10:30 am—Corporate Worship/Livestream
- 4:00 pm—Redemption Hill Church (Sanctuary)
- 6:00 pm—Rehearsal for Christmas Eve Service

Tuesday 12.21.20

- 6:30 pm—Session/Great Hall

Thursday 12.24.20

- 4:00pm—Christmas Eve Service
- 5:30 pm—Christmas Eve Service



CHRISTMAS EVE AT WESTKIRK

“From Darkness to Light” - Lessons and Carols

4:00PM and 5:30PM

We're excited to be partnering with Redemption Hill Church for a Lessons and Carols Christmas Eve service. Hymns and carols will be sung, and the evening will feature paintings inspired by the Scriptures by a number of our own artists! The service will conclude by singing our final carol by candle light. Please plan to join us for one of the evening's services to hear from God's word, and sing beloved carols together as we prepare our hearts for celebrating the birth of our Savior.

Online registration for both the 4:00pm and 5:30pm Christmas Eve services began on Wednesday, December 9th. If you have any questions or need help registering, please contact us in the church office. (515) 253-0330

WESTMINSTER CONFESSION OF FAITH

Question of the Week (answer on last page)

Q: What is required in the fourth 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:

Shawn Powers of Redemption Hill Church

New Concerns:

- **Ken Venhuizen**, back surgery 12/16/20.

Updates:

- Alice (Larry) Gaumer, who began chemotherapy this week for advanced cancer.

Continue to pray for:

- Comfort and healing for those battling COVID-19: Mikayla Matteson, Courtney Heater, Ken and Kim Matteson, Bryan (son-in-law of Mattesons), Jenni Swanson (John Donaldson's daughter), Matt and Sully Lewis, Harriet Van Zante.
- Donna Krich, aunt of Kerri Mack, diagnosis has changed to stage 4 bladder cancer.
- Carrol Moering, mother of Pastor Michael, more testing needed before surgery to repair a hiatal hernia.
- Michelle Meyers, Amy Withers' aunt, has been diagnosed with Stage 4 B Cell Follicular Lymphoma.
- Becky Cox, Donna Nelson's daughter, recovering from hip surgery.
- Judy Gaumer, 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: Cynthia Fisher, Pastor Emeritus Wayne and Helga Hoffman, Paul and Sue Olson, and the Donaldson family.

Our Military Members

- Micah Mudlaff—Air Force, Ohio
- Jonathan O'Leary—Air Force, Kansas
- Ben Lanham—Marines, Pacific
- Drew Willcox—Navy, Virginia

Children's Ministry Virtual Christmas Program

The Westkirk Children's Ministry Virtual Christmas Program is now available on our website! Go to www.westkirk.org/childrensprogram, and enter the password: WCMChristmas20.

Please feel free to share this information with family and friends, but for the protection of the kids, please don't post it on social media or on other websites. The video will be available to view for about one month. If you have any questions, please contact Benae Duff at (515) 707-9072 or benaeduff@westkirk.org. Merry Christmas!

The December/January/February copy of the **Daily Bread** and the December issue of **Tabletalk** are both available in the Narthex.



From Darkness to Light—A Visual Arts Collection

On Display in the Hospitality Room Today!

During worship on Christmas Eve this year, we'll be featuring the work of several artists from among our congregation. The paintings they've created are reflections on the themes of *darkness and light* and on the passages of Scriptures that have been selected for our *Lessons and Carols* service.

Mark 1:1-9 - "From Darkness to Light" by Jim Champion

Luke 1:26-38 - "The Annunciation" by Crystal Duncan

Luke 1:46-55 - "Shine" by Jonah Mudlaff

John 1:1-17 - "The Creation Week" by Caryn Kepford

Additionally, Jessica Hiatt has created a piece for our bulletin cover for the evening titled, "Let Light Shine Out of Darkness" - 2 Cor. 4:6.

We're so pleased to include their work this year and are excited to present the originals of these pieces on display in the Hospitality Room starting this week!



Choir Caroling

The Westkirk Choir is coming to a lamppost near you this Tuesday, December 22!

If you would like to invite this sometimes-loud and often-well-behaved group of minstrels into your yard for some masks-off merry-making, please email jordan.pohlmann@doane.edu by Saturday, December 19th with your name, address, and availability between 6 and 8:30pm. Cookies accepted but not required!

Pack the Pantry!

The Urbandale Food Pantry needs our help! During this unusual year, they have seen a rapid increase in families needing assistance. Our support is important to the pantry, and giving is an easy way to practice Christian love for our neighbors, so let's **PACK THE PANTRY** to help fill their shelves! During the month of December we will be collecting items for the pantry on shelves in the Narthex. All items should be unexpired, unopened, and not in glass containers. While the pantry can use donations of all kinds, here are some ideas for items needed: **personal goods** (laundry detergent, toilet paper, toothpaste, deodorant, diapers, etc.), **cereal** (all kinds are welcome), **seasonings and sauces** (jams, jellies, spices, ethnic sauces, seasoning packets, etc.) Questions? Please contact Jacob and Rachelle Johnson at jrjohnson31@yahoo.com.



A: The fourth commandment requireth the keeping holy to God such set times as he hath appointed in his word; expressly one whole day in seven, to be a holy sabbath to himself.

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