

# Westkirk Weekly

## Sunday 2.15.26

8:30 am - Prayer Meeting/Great Hall  
9:00 am - Sunday School for all ages  
10:00 am - Fellowship Time/Hospitality Room  
10:30 am - Morning Worship Service  
12:30 pm - Reception for Aaron O'Leary family

## Monday 2.16.26

12:00 pm - Omega Small Group./Hospitality Room  
6:30 pm - Session/Calvin Room

## Tuesday 2.17.26

7:00 pm - Women's Bible Study/Library

## Wednesday 2.18.26

5:30 pm - WOW Meal, Fellowship, Worship  
Meal: Tacos and Fixings, Salad, Fruit, Dessert  
7:40 pm - Choir Practice/Great Hall

## Thursday 2.19.26

7:00 am - Prayer Meeting/Library  
12:00 pm - Prayer Meeting/Zoom

## Saturday 2.21.26

9:00 am - Hats for the Homeless/Courtyards at Windsor

## Sunday 2.22.26

8:30 am - Prayer Meeting/Great Hall  
9:00 am - Sunday School for all ages  
10:00 am - Fellowship Time/Hospitality Room  
12:30 pm - Evangelism Committee Prayer Time  
2:30 pm - Student Ministries Ski Trip/Seven Oaks

## Our Weekly Concerns

### Pastor of the Week

Phil Arnold, New Life Fellowship, Elk Run Heights

### Missionary of the Week

Hope Ministries, Des Moines, Iowa

### Prayer and Praise

#### Continue to Pray

- Pray for Aaron O'Leary and his family as he has accepted a new job in Pensacola, FL. They will be moving sometime in early March. They will be greatly missed. Reception after church on Feb. 15.
- Pray for Barb Wilson's niece, Susan Wilson Hill. She has cancer and is due for surgery in February.
- Pray for Barb Wilson's son-in-law, Chris Davlantes, who is in pain and has multiple upcoming surgeries, including Feb. 6.

### Our Military

- Ben Lanham - Marines, Japan
- Micah Mudlaff - Air Force, Germany
- Jonathan O'Leary - Air Force, Germany
- Brian Smit - Navy, Florida
- Ben Green - Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD
- Gor Riak - Air Force, Texas
- Kate Green - Iowa National Guard



*On-going Concerns may be found in the Weekly Prayer Email. If you would like to receive this email, please call the church office at (515) 253-0330.*

### Pastoral Needs Survey

Today is the last day to submit the Needed Pastoral Traits survey. Please take time to fill out the survey to give input on what Westkirk needs in its next pastor. The [survey](#) is anonymous and takes about 20 minutes to complete. Thanks to those who have participated.

### WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM

Question of the Week (answer on back)

Q. How doth God execute his decrees?

## Reception for O'Learys - Feb. 15, 12:30

Please join us for a cake reception following the service this morning in the hospitality room to show our love for Aaron O'Leary and his family. They will be moving to Pensacola, FL in early March. We are so thankful for Aaron's serving us in worship and for the love and fellowship we have shared with their family.

## Westkirk on Wednesday Schedule

- 5:30 - 6:15 - Meal Together
- 6:15 - 6:30 - Worship together in the sanctuary
- 6:30 - 7:30 - Programming

Family Bible Study (adults, children welcome) in the Great Hall, students in the Youth Room, and children ages 3-11 in the Children's Worship Center. Nursery available for kids 0-2.

## Hats for the Homeless - Feb. 21, 9 am - 11 am

9 am to 11 am, February 21, Courtyards at Windsor clubhouse - For those who know how to crochet or knit, we are making hats for the homeless. Those who attend the kick-off meeting should bring their own supplies. (To see supply list or RSVP, see Church Center event.

Questions may also be directed to Ellen Harrison. [RSVP](#) on Church Center.

## Student Ministries Ski Trip - Feb. 22, 2:30 pm - 9pm

Student Ministries is taking a ski trip to Seven Oaks. See details on cost, helmet rental and waiver in the Church Center app. Please [RSVP](#) if you plan to come.

## Session Update and Chili Cookoff - March 1, 4 pm

The Session invites the congregation to a pastoral transition update meeting on Sunday, March 1. They will an update and a written summary report from Flourish will be made available as well.

Directly following the meeting, Church Life will host a Chili Cook-off. Please see Donna Vorm if you would like to be 1 of 10 people to prepare a chili to be judged (submissions will be anonymous.) [RSVP](#) to attend or sign-up to bring a side dish on Church Center. Thanks!

## Staying Up-to-Date with our Missionaries

Our website includes folders with newsletters, pictures and other materials from our missionaries and missions organizations. You can find the [page](#) under the Resources tab on Westkirk's home page. The password is the same as for the Shepherd. Link: [www.westkirk.org/missionary-updates](http://www.westkirk.org/missionary-updates)

### Newest Updates:

- Hanneman - Oaks Intl - Colorado - Noble and Nobleman
- Hope Ministries - Des Moines - Dreaming Again
- South - Des Moines Juvenile Justice - Weekly Prayer Updates

A word of caution: some of our missionaries are in dangerous areas. Please don't share or post updates online.

The February Communion Offering will go to D & K, one of our missionary families working in a sensitive area. Reach out to an Evangelism Committee member for more information.

## Ice Cream Social at Illahee Hills - Feb. 28, 2:15 pm - 4:30 pm

2:15 pm to 4:30 pm, February 28 (Saturday) - We are hosting an ice cream social at Illahee Hills retirement community. This will be a wonderful opportunity to interact with our neighbors and point them to Christ. Children are welcome. [RSVP](#) on the Church Center app.

## Officer Candidates

The first phase of officer training is designed to allow nominees and Session to evaluate their sense of calling, their capacity and their character (qualifications.) This phase has concluded and the men who are continuing in the training are as follows: Casey Faber (Ruling Elder/Deacon,) Gary Gannon (Deacon,) Clay Larson (Ruling Elder,) Eric Turner (Ruling Elder/Deacon,) and Scott White (Deacon.)

## WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM

A. God executeth his decrees in the works of creation and providence.