

The Westkirk Presbyterian Church

Shepherd

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Finish!

By now you all have read the information pertaining to our upcoming growth initiative projects: the parking lot expansion, the basement and addition, and the seating area in the mezzanine. We have had informational meetings, the Session has been prayerfully discerning the direction to take, the building committee and Alvin Stecker have been meeting for months, and our financial options are known. We are blessed to have so many who give of their time, talent and treasure to invest in the Kingdom here at Westkirk! Having come from a ministry that was a 'slave' to its own debt and financial history, I can't tell you how refreshing it has been to be able to 'do ministry' with you and not be concerned about money all the time. I'm never going back to that scenario!

But I've never been a part of a building program at a church. I've never been a big advocate of annual sermons on giving to start out the New Year. In fact, I've never preached a sermon on money! Instead, I let the Lord decide what we are going to study (he uses many of you to help me), and then I just prepare to say what the Lord says in the text. Oh sure, there are passages that are difficult and lend themselves to varying interpretations, but my goal is simply to let the Bible speak for itself. It works better that way. If someone doesn't like it – they have God to contend with instead of me!

What I do know is that our charter and early members had a God-given vision for this ministry. And included in that vision is this beautiful facility that the Lord has given us. So beautiful, that God has used it as a tool to reach out into our community. Many of you first came to Westkirk because you wanted to see if the church was as pretty inside as it is outside! Using the resources God gave them, the charter and early members built the original Westkirk Presbyterian Church and the west wing. And it's upon that foundation that we dream and move forward today. The plan, as I've been told many times, was to have the original body of the church surrounded by two wings – on the east and the west. And in this way, the wings would form arms that would welcome new guests into the church, and then hopefully, into the Kingdom. Many of those charter and early members are still here. And I know that they all long to see that dream fulfilled. One of them, **Ken Bratney** (he and his wife Ann came to Westkirk the week after the charter members were established), is heading up our Nehemiah III (building) Committee. Another, **William R. Raisch**, recently returned to the Des Moines area. He headed up the first two Nehemiah Committees!

I wish every charter member was still here and able to see the finished product, but sadly, that is not the case. Nonetheless, as we maximize our space and FINISH! the dream, it will be in their honor and memory as we wait and see how God intends to use us in the years to come. So as you prayerfully consider your role in the new building, let's thank the Lord for the faithfulness of those who came before us, as well as for the blessing of being a part of the ministry in the future. That is our theme. We will FINISH!

Pastor Michael

ESV

Psalm 50:10 For every beast of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills.





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The Session

Moderator - Michael Mudlaff

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 - 8 *Samuel Thompson
 - 10 Mack Harbour
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 - 12 *Meredith Heer
 - 12 Beth Mogle
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 - 14 Peggy Bone
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 - 16 Linda Campfield
 - 16 *Nicole Duff
 - 16 Marty Kinnaird
 - 17 Barb Earles
 - 19 Alvin Stecker
 - 20 Madeline Heer
 - 20 Myra Verros
 - 22 Benae Duff
 - 25 Paul Havnen
 - 27 *Isaiah Mudlaff
 - 29 *Katarina Louk
 - 30 *Jasmine Blanchard
 - 30 Somer Gillett
 - 30 Eleanor Smith
 - 31 *Victoria Benson
 - 31 Marillyn McCulloch
- *Youth Member

Happy Birth Day!

Congratulations to **Craig and Rene Van Gundy**. A baby daughter, **Abigail Jean**, was born on July 3. Abigail has a sister, Annie Ekstrom.



- 5 Bud & Charlene North
- 6 Chris & Karen Admussen
- 8 Clayton & Margaret Kennedy
- 9 Don & Joyce Koroch
- 9 Kevin & Robin Riggins
- 12 Bill & Barbara Springer
- 17 Stuart & Eleanor Smith
- 18 Rick & Tami Walsh
- 20 Herb & Mary King
- 20 Don & Marilyn Lanham
- 22 Chris & Beth Mogle
- 23 Paul & Mary Carbone
- 30 Max & Barbara Asman
- 30 Donald & Nylene Dory
- 30 Jorge & Jennie Mesa

Address Changes

Here is new information for your 2007 Church Membership Directory. Please make these changes in your own copy of the directory.

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Frances Stark

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The Bulletin Board

The Clan (HouseKirk) Meets
Tuesday, August 7, 1:00 p.m.
Hospitality Room

See article in this issue.



**Sunday Night
at the Kirk**
August 12, 6:30 p.m.
*Monthly evening
worship service with
contemporary music*

Summer Outdoor Movie
Friday, August 17, 8:30 p.m.
Westkirk West Lawn

***The Three Amigos* (PG)**

Bring lawn chairs & a small portable radio

Finish!

**All pledge cards due at the church
no later than Sunday, August 19**

**Congregational meeting is called by the
Session for Sunday, August 26**

Food Pantry Bag Day
Bring filled bags on
Sunday, August 19

Grocery sacks distributed August 5 & 12

Bagpipers Luncheon
Tuesday, August 28, 1:00 p.m.
Johnny's Steakhouse
6800 Fleur Dr., Des Moines

Reservations: Sally Harrison (276-0775)

**Children's Ministry
Volunteers Meeting**

Wednesday, August 29, 7-8:30 p.m.
Hospitality Room

Choir First Rehearsal Party
Wednesday, August 29, 7:30 p.m.

Westkirk Great Hall
Munch on snacks while
previewing music for next season.
New Members Welcome



The Clan HouseKirk Meets

It's that time again. The HouseKirk called The Clan will gather at the church on Tuesday, August 7 at 1:00 p.m. A new video series starts with this meeting as we explore Biblical sites and gain an understanding of the life and times mentioned in some of our favorite Bible passages. An informal discussion follows, giving time for questions and reflection. Then, in Westkirk tradition, refreshments are served.

If an afternoon meeting fits your schedule, why not join us on the 7th. This is a group that loves the Lord, learns about His word, supports a local ministry, and has fun doing it. For additional information about The Clan which meets the first Tuesday each month, please contact Lou Heitbrink (254-9982) or Karen Admussen (253-0330).

Healthy Living

New Light, the depression/mental health support group will begin in September with a kick-off presentation by one or two of the clinicians from the Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Clinic here in Des Moines. This group will meet on Tuesday evenings (opposite Stephen Ministry night), and will begin with an alternating Tuesday schedule of a presentation one evening, and a support group the other. Donna Halfhill, the founder/facilitator of the group that meets at Lutheran Church of Hope, will facilitate our group until we identify and train a facilitator of our own. Please be in prayer about who God might have lead and participate.

Calling All Singers!

The Westkirk choir will start gearing up for the 2007-2008 season with a get-(re)acquainted snack party in the **Great Hall on Wednesday, August 29 at 7:30 p.m.** Everyone who would like to be a part of our music ministry should be sure to come that night. There will be assorted snacks to munch on while listening to some of the music scheduled for the coming year.

Then it will be time to get down to the business of singing as **Director of Music Larry Kussatz** begins fall rehearsals. The choir will start singing regularly at Sunday worship on September 9. Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.



Larry is currently recruiting new members for all sections of the choir. Are you a singer just waiting to be asked to be a part of this ministry? Well, consider this your invitation! Larry or any choir member can provide additional information.

HELP WANTED

WOW Supper Coordinator

A volunteer is needed to be sure cooks and cleanup helpers are on hand each Wednesday (beginning in September) to prepare the light supper for Westkirk on Wednesday (WOW). Please note that cooks and helpers may sign up in the Hospitality Room to reserve specific dates.

If you have questions regarding the WOW Supper Coordinator position or wish to volunteer, please contact **Larry Kussatz**. Remember, the Coordinator is not expected to do the cooking, etc., just see that cooks and helpers are there.

It's Food Pantry Time Again

Please plan to bring a filled grocery bag{s} or generous cash donation to church for our quarterly area Food Pantry drive by **Sunday, August 19**. Attached to the sacks that the Deacons will distribute on August 5 and 12 there will be a list of suggested needed items to assist you when shopping. Please be sure to indicate on the outside of the bag the number of items included. This will aid the Deacons as they prepare to transport the items to the food pantry. They are required to provide an accurate count of donated items.

If you prefer to make a monetary donation, please make your check payable to *Westkirk* and mark it *For Food Pantry*.

New Members to be Received

Our current class of prospective new members will be received on Sunday, August 19. Please extend your hand to show them a warm Westkirk welcome.

Condolences . . .

We extend our deepest sympathy to **Carol and Mack Harbour** on the loss of Carol's father, A.H. "Jr." Vaughn who died on July 1 in Des Moines.

And, condolences to **Pat and Lee Gorman** on the death of Pat's brother-in-law, Don Harris on July 2 in Des Moines.

Our sincere sympathy to **Barbara and Gary Robinson** on the loss of Barbara's mother, Bonnie L. Stone, who died on July 7 in Topeka, Kansas.

BOOK REVIEW — Check It Out!

The book **Parenting Is Heart Work** by Scott Taransky and Jeanne Miller is inspired reading. Both experts do individual counseling and conferences. They cite problems and solutions—almost always with a Biblical reference. Each chapter ends with a simple prayer. I did a lot of highlighting in my copy, but almost every page has an inset high point. Whether you're a new parent, a single parent, a grandparent or simply a child of God, you should consider this helpful book.

. . . submitted by JoAnne Cook

Press on to FINISH!

On July 22 the Session presented a unanimously approved plan to the congregation to finish the dream the early members and leaders began. Everyone was given a letter from the Session detailing the needs that this building project will accomplish. They are:

- Dedicated ministry space for the children and youth
- Spacious and healthy nursery
- Growth opportunities for adult Sunday School
- Expanding the Sanctuary with seating in the Mezzanine
- Over eighty new parking spaces
- Centralized Worship ministry files, wardrobes and office
- Permanent and private office for all staff
- Maximizing our property to its greatest for ministry and future growth.

The cost of this expansion will be \$998,000. Our goal is to raise all \$998,000 over three years. The more that is raised in 2007, the less the amount we will have to borrow long-term.



After prayerful consideration each member and friend of Westkirk is being asked to pledge to this project. Please remember that this pledge is over and above your regular giving. **On August 19 we are requesting that all pledge cards be returned, even if you are unable to commit to a pledge at this time.**

On August 26, the Session is calling for a Congregational Meeting to review the building plans, reveal the three year pledge total, review the financing proposal, approve the project and thank the Lord for his faithfulness and provision.

Please plan to join in the excitement in completing the dream and FINISH! our facility. We have been blessed in many ways and this project will give us new opportunities to Know Christ and Make Him Known.

. . . The Session



Thank You!

We had an excellent turnout for the Schusters on July 8th. Thank you for your interest in their "Ireland Ministry." Jonathan responded to our question to him as to "Why a ministry in Ireland?" He also answered questions from the floor as we consumed a great meal with chocolate dessert.... Jonathan, his wife Becky and their three children Caleb, Andrew and Evan will head back to Ireland and we will probably not see them for another four years.

Thank you for the great response to the Special Offering taken during Communion Sunday. We received \$1,049 to be used for emergency response for our missionaries. We had responded in the past months to the Garrett family in Kansas where their house was destroyed in the tornado that swept through their town. They are missionaries with Great Europe Mission.

Thank you to the children and their parents who participated in Vacation Bible School. They collected \$509 for Jessica Duff and her ministry at Wycliffe SEED. Praise God for your participation. Jessica is now over in Nigeria helping the native people to learn new computer programs to translate their language for the people there.

Thank you for the response to the Ruth Harbor "Baby Bottle Fund" drive. We filled a lot of Baby Bottles and collected \$523.71. Ruth Harbor supports young women who are in a difficult situation, having the responsibility of bearing a child and yet sometimes losing support from parents, father of the child as well as their friends.

Looking Ahead

Remember September is coming and we will be looking for help in collecting empty shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse Shoe Box Ministry. From now to November you also may be able to purchase items on special sales at your local discount and "dollar" stores.

Check with your HouseKirk and other groups that might want to be involved in serving meals to Freedom for Youth and Hope Ministries. This is an excellent way to reach out and help those in need.

Julie Norem reported to the Commission that she went to a "Tent Camp" by the Des Moines River near downtown Des Moines and delivered food and clothing to people "living" in tents along the river. Hope Ministries has a special ministry for reaching out to these "homeless" people. Maybe this is your "challenge" to become involved in this area.

Thank You for your part in supporting all of these ministries. Should you have any questions regarding the Missions that we support, please see any one of the Mission Commission. They are George & Gail De Graaf, Cynthia Fisher, Somer Gillett, Ryan Glanzer, Rus & Julie Norem, Wendy Reed, Jerry & Diane Skinner, Stuart Smith, Alvin & Lois Lundgren Stecker, Larry & Sherie Whitehead.

. . . George De Graaf, Chair, Mission Commission



Stephen Ministry Training Class in Home Stretch

The class of 5 Stephen Ministers at Westkirk Presbyterian Church is nearing completion, with six class sessions left before the class is **commissioned on September 23**. “Our trainees have worked extremely hard and their dedication is paying off,” says Elly Smith. “The course has involved pre-class reading assignments and in-class lecture, discussion, and role playing. Our trainees are showing some real growth in knowledge and skills.”

“I’ve found the skill practicing to be the most valuable component,” says trainee, Kay Cunitz. “It takes what you are learning out of the realm of theory and turns it into something you have to apply. It can be very challenging to role-play, for instance, that you’re ministering to a young mother whose husband has just died. It brings out real emotions and tears. But it is extremely helpful because it prepares you for actual caregiving situations.”

“During the skill practicing there has been real ministry going on too,” says trainee Lenora Chamberlain. “When you learn and discuss grief, you can’t help but surface genuine issues from your own life. When this happens, we find ourselves ministering to each other. All of that will help us be better caregivers later on.”

A recurring emphasis of Stephen Minister training has been confidentiality. What a care receiver says to his or her Stephen Minister is held strictly confidential. Even the identity of the care receiver is kept confidential from other Stephen Ministers. “The emphasis on confidentiality is important for potential care receivers,” says Rick Eyerly, Stephen Leader. “Most people are reluctant to share their problems and situations because they’re afraid of others finding out. The confidentiality of Stephen Ministry lets people know they can discuss difficult concerns with their Stephen Minister and not be afraid of others finding out.”

Remaining topics include: Ministering on the Phone, Using Health Professional and other Community Resources, and Bringing the Caring Relationship to a Close. When all the sessions are done, the trainees will be commissioned as Stephen Ministers and receive their first caregiving assignments. But even then, their training is far from over. “Continuing education is an important component of Stephen Ministry training,” says Continuing Education Coordinator (and Stephen Leader) Carolyn Eyerly. “Stephen Ministers will meet for continuing education twice a month, even after they begin meeting with their care receivers. The goal is for Stephen Ministers to continually enhance their skills and learn new ways to care. We want them to provide the best care possible for their care receivers.”



June Financial Results

	YTD 07	Budget YTD 07
Receipts	\$170,256	\$185,000
Expenditures	<u>191,031</u>	<u>198,680</u>
Shortfall	\$(20,775)	\$(13,680)

Although year-to-date expenditures are running lower than budgeted, there is still a larger than anticipated shortfall in receipts through June. Receipts are running at a similar pace to this point last year while Westkirk’s expenditures have increased, as planned, due to the continued increase in efforts in the outreach and Christian Education ministries.

While a shortfall is not uncommon this time of year, strong second half of the year giving by the congregation has traditionally minimized or erased those deficits.

... *Chris Brown, Treasurer*

Thank You Notes . . .

Thank you for your prayers and words of encouragement throughout 2007 for Pastor Roy Porter [FFC] as he faced his “final frontier” with cancer. God answered prayers for strength, and now Jesus comforts the family on the path of grief. In particular, thank you for Sunday Night at the Kirk. I find that I am compelled to be here—I don’t quite understand it, but somehow through communion and the pure worship of our heavenly Father and Lord, Jesus Christ, God touches my heart and there is healing in this time of sorrow.

*In His Love,
Rhonda Porter and the family of
Pastor Roy Porter.*

Pastor Michael and Westkirk -

The flowers in appreciation for my part with VBS were so incredibly beautiful and such a touching gesture on the church’s behalf. I can honestly say that has never happened to me before, and I was very much blown away by the moment. VBS was an awesome experience for me, and I look forward to being more involved next year. Westkirk certainly surrounds and encourages her own—in the hard times but also in good times—the heart of this church beats strongly!!!

*Blessings,
Gloria [Huyser]*

Dear Pastor Mike and Westkirk Church Family,

Enclosed is a check for \$30.00. Please apply it to where it is needed.

The fiscus plant you gave us is even more beautiful. It is on our front porch. Thanks again.

Ronald and Vivian Spencer’s family

Westkirk Presbyterian Church,

Thank you so much for the lovely flowers in memory of my father. The love and support from our Church family was very much needed and appreciated.

*Mack & Carol Harbour
The Family of A.H.” Jr” Vaughn*

The Westkirk Choir,

The bouquet of flowers the choir placed on the Communion Table Sunday were gorgeous, and when I found out they were in memory of my sister Mona, I was nearly speechless. I am enjoying the beautiful blooms and thinking of my sister and of our choir. Thank you so much for the flowers and for your love and care.

Thanks to Audrene also for all her arrangements & talent in flowers, a beautiful selection!

*In Christ’s love,
Gail & George [De Graaf]*

Members of Westkirk Presbyterian Church,

Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers at the loss of Mona.

Thank you for the wonderful fruit & snack basket. It was a wonderful change to flowers & plants. We enjoyed the edible treat.

*Love,
The Parkers
Joe, Heidi, Jason & Kimberly*

*Dear Pastor Michael, Elaine and
Westkirk Church Family,*

Thank you Pastor Michael for the beautiful service, Elaine for the lovely plant basket, and our Westkirk Family for their comforting words in the death of our brother-in-law, Don Harris. All this meant so much to us in our sorrow.

Pat & Lee Gorman

Westkirk family,

We thank God for the peace that he grants us during the passing of my Mother. We know we will be with her again.

To Pastor Michael and our friends and family at Westkirk; your strength, prayers and remembrances have supported us through this major loss in our lives. Please know that knowing you all care for us and our family helps ease the pain we are experiencing.

*God Bless You All!
Barbara and Gary Robinson*

Presenting . . .

Bernie and Becky Koebernick

Bernie and Becky Koebernick have been at Westkirk for three years. Perhaps you recognize Bernie as one of the welcoming faces that greet you when he serves as an usher. And Becky's smile helps to light up the sanctuary.

They also enjoy the HouseKirk they have been a part of since it began meeting during the *40 Days of Purpose*. They were attracted to Westkirk for several reasons, among them the proximity to their lovely home, and Becky worked with Dianne Glanzer for 15 years.

Both Bernie and Becky consider Jamestown, North Dakota, their hometown, each having moved there with their families for the 7th grade. They both attended college in Grand Forks, marrying while there. After Bernie finished law school, they moved to Des Moines where they had three children. The oldest, Ann, now lives in Seattle and works for an airline. Bill lives in North Carolina by the beautiful Outer Banks. And the youngest, Bob, lives and works in the Grand Canyon.

Bernie worked for the State of Iowa for 20 years and now lobbies for the Iowa Institute of Cooperatives. During the warm months that the Legislature is not in session, he enjoys gardening and golfing in a league on Wednesdays. Becky has worked at Marsh, formerly KVI, for nearly 26 years. They like to visit lighthouses and have a collection of the same that truly "lights" up their home.

This warm and friendly couple add to the special fellowship we all enjoy at Westkirk. Get to know them!

. . . by Kelli Miller



Thank You Notes . . .

Dear Westkirk-

Thank you very much for supporting our camperships this summer! Each of us had a wonderful time meeting new friends, being close to nature, and "following the evidence" to grow closer to Christ.

Your support through prayers, letters, and visits made this an awesome summer experience. Thank you very much!

Sincerely,

Laura, Elizabeth, and David Leonard

Dear Clan Members,

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers. They raised my spirits after this long confinement and I certainly appreciate your thinking of me.

Sincerely,

Shirley Sanders



Westkirk Campers

Elizabeth Leonard & Mallory Wickameyer- Adventurers Camp, July 8-13th

David Leonard & Ross Wickameyer- Explorers Camp, July 1-3rd

Youth Ministry

Gearing Up for Fall . . . Volunteers Needed!!

As the end of summer draws near and the start of the new school year approaches, **New Life** (Senior High Ministry) will be gearing up for another year of ministry. Last year saw tremendous growth in the youth ministry program, with nearly 30 different students participating at one of our special events or at our weekly outreach ministry. This year we're expecting God to accomplish great things again as we seek to help believing students grow in their faith and to reach out to the unchurched students in our community.

In order to make an impact for Jesus on our area high school campuses, we're going to need a team of people who are committed to Christ and who have a heart for sharing their faith and lives with our youth. That's all you really need. You don't need to have a green Mohawk or know who P-Diddy is to share the love of Christ with a high schooler; you just need to love Jesus and have a heart for reaching out to our teens.

Is that you? If so, please prayerfully consider being part of the student ministry team this school year. There are so many ways in which you can help us reach our youth – we need door greeters, refreshment servers, small group leaders, prayer team members, etc. There's a place for everyone!

We'll begin meeting in August to get ready for the start of the semester. Please contact Pastor Steve either by phone (515-253-0330) or by email (srandall20@gmail.com) if you're interested in learning more about how you can get involved with our ministry to senior high youth this coming Fall.

In Christ,
Pastor Steve

Vacation Bible School



Children's Ministry

SonForce Kids Vacation Bible School: We had over 50 children attend Vacation Bible School this year. We had a great time training to be God's servants and raised over \$500 for Jessica Duff, a missionary for Wycliffe Bible Translators. Thank you to the following volunteers for helping make SonForce Kids possible:

Infant-Age 2- Linda & Darrell Aldrich, Heather Sonnichsen, Hayley Miller

Preschool- Sherie Whitehead, Rachel Heer, Ashley Norem, Cindy Lanham

Kindergarten- Jodi Pieper

1st & 2nd Grade- Pam Brown, Fran Nugteren

3rd & 4th Grade- Jennie Meza, Amanda Carlson, Steve Randall

5th & 6th Grade- Robin Riggins

Crafts- Julie Norem, Cora Springer, Lindsey Vis

Provide supplies for Crafts/Activities- Benae Duff, Sasha Mudlaff, John Donaldson, Kurt Huyser, Rachel Heer, Mary Millis, Larry Whitehead, Karen Admussen, Jerry & Sandy Tuinstra

Snacks- Benae Duff, Irene Reed, Barb Springer

Supply Snacks- Marilyn Lanham, Becky Koebernick, Betty Jones, Mary Lu Younkin, Dawn Vis, Lenora Chamberlain, Gloria Huyser

Recreation- Chris Brown, Tom Duff, Landon Miller, Will Admussen, Logan Wagner

Missions- Gail DeGraaf

Registration- Kay Cunitz, Mary Millis

Photographer- Carolyn Eyerly

Decorating- Landon Miller, Kelli Miller, Anastasia Admussen, Lenora Chamberlain, Kevin Heer, Bill Oswalt

Music- Sasha Mudlaff

VBS Skit- Pastors Michael Mudlaff and Steve Randall

Sound System- Chris Brown

Youth Helper Coordinator- Gloria Huyser

VBS Coordinators- Karen Admussen, Rachel Heer, Gloria Huyser

Opportunities for Service:

As fall approaches, the Children's Ministry anticipates needing lots of team players. Yes, we need teachers, but we also need people to assist teachers in the classroom, work behind the scenes, do projects from your home, help out during the week, greet children, work in the nursery, or even be available to substitute on a one-time basis.

God has gifted each of us with different skills and all of those skills are important in carrying out God's plans. Not sure how your skills can be used in Children's Ministry? Look for the Children's Ministry table in the Narthex during August or contact Karen Admussen in the church office. We would love to have you be a part of the Children's Ministry Team, showing God's love and discipling children to do the same.

Wednesday, August 29 there will be a meeting for all volunteers in the Children's Ministry from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Hospitality Room. At this time we will get to know each other better and learn more about how to minister to children.



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