

## Calendar

### Sunday, November 17

#### Anniversary Sunday

- 8:00am Communion Service - Cedarholm Chapel  
8:30am Nursery Care - Abbey 24  
10:00am Worship Service - Sanctuary  
10:15am Sunday School  
11:15am Confirmation Class - Abbey 27-29  
11:00am Stephen Minister Private Prayer  
11:00am Bill Robinson Bible Study - Upper Room  
11:00am Coffee Hour - Refectory  
11:00pm Men of the Kirk Tour  
11:00pm Stephen Minister Private Prayer  
11:10am St. Cecilia and Cantumus Choirs Rehearsal - Abbey 33  
5:30pm Middle School Youth Group - Youth Room & Heritage Hall  
6:30pm Youth Group Dinner - Heritage Hall  
7:00pm High School Youth Group - Youth Room & Heritage Hall

### Monday, November 18

- 12:00pm Ministry With Pontiac Mtg.- Abbey 34  
7:00pm Barnabas Bible Study - Zoom

### Tuesday, November 19

- 9:30am Prayer Cordon - Upper Room  
9:30am Kirk Walking Group - Refectory  
11:00am Kirk Sr. Lunch - St. Andrew's Room  
5:30pm Faith Coalition on Foster Care - Refectory  
6:00pm Deacons Meeting - Upper Room  
7:00pm Session Meeting. - Abbey 28

### Wednesday, November 20

- 9:30am Spiritual Studies - Zoom  
1:00pm Trinity Stitches - Abbey 27  
5:30pm Dinner Church - St. Andrew's Room  
5:30pm Worship Committee - Upper Room

### Thursday, November 21

- 9:30am Women's Bible Study - Upper Room  
5:30pm Communications Committee - Abbey 28  
6:00pm CONC - Abbey 28  
6:30pm Kirk Singers Rehearsal - Heritage Hall  
7:15pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Friday, November 22

- 7:00am Men of the Kirk Bible Study - St. Andrew's Room  
9:30am Books and Bibles - Upper Room

### Saturday, November 23

- 7:30am Bible study - offsite

### Sunday, November 24

- 8:00am Communion Service - Cedarholm Chapel  
8:30am Nursery Care - Abbey 24  
8:55am Worship Service - Sanctuary  
9:15am Sunday School  
10:00am Stephen Minister Private Prayer  
10:00am Bill Robinson Bible Study - Upper Room  
10:00am Coffee Hour - Heritage Hall  
10:00am New Member Class - Cedarholm Chapel  
10:00am Stephen Minister Peer Support - Abbey 36  
10:10am St. Cecilia and Cantumus Choirs Rehearsal - Abbey 33  
10:55am Worship Service - Sanctuary  
12:00pm Men of the Kirk Tour  
12:00pm Stephen Minister Private Prayer  
1:30pm Youth Action Board - St. Andrew's Rm.

**Christmas Eve Services** will take place at 11:00am, 5:00pm, 8:30pm and 11:00pm.

There will be **one Worship Service** at 10:00am on December 29, 2024 and January 5, 2025.

To keep up-to-date on all the latest Kirk news and events, visit [kirkinthehills.org](http://kirkinthehills.org) and sign up to receive our weekly email.



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## This Week

### Coffee Hour

Please join us in the Refectory for a special anniversary coffee hour following today's 10:00am service.

### Please Note Slight Worship Time Adjustment

The Welcome and Announcements will begin at 8:55am and 10:55am, and the bell will toll on the hour.

### DINNER CHURCH



### Dinner Church

Join us for the final fall **Dinner Church** on Wednesday evening from 5:30 - 7:30pm in the St. Andrew's Room. The topic is "Spiritual Gifts". Register online at [kirkinthehills.org](http://kirkinthehills.org) under **Events**.

### Angel Tree Ministry

2024 marks the 20th anniversary of our Angel Tree collection of holiday gifts for children and teenagers served by CARE House (many of whom are victims of child abuse). Some gifts also will go to the Micah 6 Community in Pontiac. Please take a tag(s) from one of the trees located at the Welcome Center, in Heritage Hall, and near the Kirk Preschool. Return unwrapped gifts to one of the trees no later than Wednesday, December 11. Ordering gifts online and providing gift cards (in denominations for a single child) also are options. Contact Ann Manning at [ann.manning.21@gmail.com](mailto:ann.manning.21@gmail.com) with any questions.

### Adopt-A-Family

For years, the generosity of Kirk members has enabled the Deacons to purchase gifts, clothes, food, household items, and life-enhancing programming for local families and children in need. Please donate at <https://onrealm.org/KirkintheHills/give/Adopt-A-Family>.



### Thank you, Jean Libcke!

Jean has been a dedicated teller for more than 40 years and retired this week. We thank Jean for faithfully showing up early on Monday mornings for so many years!

### Boots Needed!

Ministry With Pontiac is collecting new and gently used boots for the Walt Whitman Elementary School kids. Children's boots size 5 to adult size 9, and be left in the bin in the Welcome Center. Contact Glenda Herb for more info at [glherb@comcast.net](mailto:glherb@comcast.net).

### Work Anniversaries:

**James Broome** celebrated 1 year at the Kirk on November 16.

**Deonte Hickman** also celebrated 1 year at the Kirk on November 16.

They are both both huge Lions fans and, along with Lee Neubeck, make up our hardworking sexton team.

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# Announcements & Programming

## Thanksgiving Volunteers Needed

We will be partnering with **Westminster Presbyterian Church** in Detroit during the week of Thanksgiving, preparing and serving a full Thanksgiving Dinner for approximately 1500 people. I hope you will find a time on their calendar to sign up and help, either in their kitchen or delivering meals. Many hands make light work. The sign up link is below and on the Kirk website. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090849ACAA22A3FA7-52402994-westminster#/>

Families are invited to assist with the serving of a Thanksgiving luncheon for the residents of the **Village of Oakland Woods Senior Living Community** on Wednesday, November 27th from 11:00am-2:00pm. RSVP to [adavis2005@comcast.net](mailto:adavis2005@comcast.net) or 248-425-5284.

## Advent by Candlelight

Advent by Candlelight will take place on Wednesday, December 4, starting at 7:00 pm in the refectory. Kirk women and friends are invited to attend, but you must reserve a space. Please see the Kirk website, Events, to register as a guest.



## Poinsettia Memorials

Poinsettias will be used to adorn the Kirk during the Christmas season. If you would like to donate flowers to this display, send a check made payable to Kirk in the Hills for \$25 along with your name and the person or persons you are memorializing or honoring. Send requests to Kirk in the Hills, Attn. Marsha Rogers, 1340 W. Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, 48302. **Deadline is December 1.** Sign up can also be done online at <https://kirkinthehills.org/resources/christmas-poinsettia-orders/>.

## Advent Season Kickoff Event

Join us for an all-congregation event on December 1st for an Advent Season Kick Off from 3:00-5:30pm. We will be featuring the children's choirs, Preschool choir, and Kirk Singers in a Christmas concert in the sanctuary, followed by children's activities, music, and shared desserts in the refectory and St. Andrew's rooms. This is also an opportunity to support the Angel Tree Christmas gift initiative where you can pick up a gift tag to support the children in Pontiac. Everyone will have a chance to take home at-home Advent Season faith formation activities. Email Sarah Ford if you are able to bring a dessert at [sford@kirkinthehills.org](mailto:sford@kirkinthehills.org).

## Men of the Kirk Usher Appreciation Breakfast

Please plan on attending the Annual Men of the Kirk Usher Appreciation Breakfast on Saturday, December 7 at 8:00am in Heritage Hall. We will enjoy a delicious breakfast, discuss usher duties for the Christmas holidays, present the Men of the Kirk Man of the Year Award, and hear an advent message offered by one of our pastors. RSVP by calling the church office or emailing Jen Morris by Monday, December 2 for a final headcount.

## Hear the Angels Sing

Join us for the free Annual Christmas Concert at Kirk in the Hills on Sunday, December 22 at 4:00pm. This concert features the Kirk Chancel Choir accompanied by a chamber orchestra and James Biery, organist; directed by Marilyn Biery, Director of Music. Music and the spoken word, with choir anthems and familiar carols for all to sing, featuring music by Charles Villiers Stanford, John Rutter, Peter Cornelius, Philip Stopford and a new anthem composed in 2023 by James Biery.

## Kirk Singers

Kirk Singers is pleased to have an active singing schedule this fall. Join us!

**Sunday, November 24** - Worship service at Fox Run, Novi. No preparation necessary. 10:30am. We sit with the residents and support the service. Wear Sunday attire.

**Saturday, December 7** - American House 2:00pm, Troy. Christmas carol singing with residents. Christmas attire encouraged.

**Monday December 9** - Christmas carol singing at Fox Run, 7:00pm, Novi. Many Kirk members reside there. Christmas attire encouraged. Consider these opportunities as your gift to others. We would love to have you join us. Contact Anita Pinson, [anifinch27@hotmail.com](mailto:anifinch27@hotmail.com) for more information.

## Advent Dinner Church

Put on your favorite Christmas sweater and join us on Wednesday, December 18, at 5:30pm in the St. Andrew's Room for an evening of fun and fellowship! A festive dinner will be served, followed by a short devotional and carol singing led by Pastor Edwin. Please register online at [kirkinthehills.org](http://kirkinthehills.org) to help us plan for food. The suggested donation is \$10 per person.

## Ongoing

### Youth Choirs

The St. Cecilia Choir, for students in grades 2-6, and Cantamus Choir, for students in grades 7-12, meets today from 10:10-10:55am in Abbey 33.

### Youth Groups

Middle schoolers meet today from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. and high schoolers meet from 6:30 - 8:30pm outside Heritage Hall. Dinner is provided at 6:00pm for both groups. If you are new to this group please register at: [kirkinthehills.formstack.com/forms/youth\\_group\\_registration](http://kirkinthehills.formstack.com/forms/youth_group_registration).

## Bill Robinson Bible Study

Join us in the Upper Room at 11:05am today. We will continue our study of the Bible as we read *Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis. The book explains what it is to be a Christian and the pitfalls we encounter to living that life.

## Trinity Stitchers

Do you sew, stitch, crochet, or knit? This fun and welcoming group meets in Abbey 27 every Wednesday from 1:00 - 4:00pm.

## Meal Donations

We are creating a list of people who are interested in providing a meal for members who are dealing with illness or a crisis in their family. Please email Wendy Beck at [wbeck@kirkinthehills.org](mailto:wbeck@kirkinthehills.org) if you would like to be added to the list.

## The Kirk Altar Cross in Miniature! -

Sterling silver Kirk cross pendants and pins are available for purchase during business hours. Large crosses are \$45, small crosses are \$35, pins are \$35. For more information, contact Jen Morris at (248) 973-8011.

## Congregational Meeting

A Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 24 immediately following the 9:00am service. The purpose of the meeting is:

1. To have the congregation elect the APNC members for the Associate Pastor of Congregational Care and the EPNC members for the Executive Pastor.
2. To have the congregation approve the Church Officer Nominating Committee's (CONC) recommendation and Session's motion to amend bylaws regarding the number of Elders and Deacons.

Please be sure to attend as your input and approval are extremely important. If you have any questions, contact Linda Juracek Lipa, CONC Chairperson at [ljl@corvusint.com](mailto:ljl@corvusint.com) or (248) 909-4482.

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the next @ The Kirk will be a 2 week issue covering November 23 and December 1. The deadline to submit content is November 20 at noon.