

Calendar

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 Congregational Meeting - Sanctuary
- 10:00am Stephen Minister Private Prayer
- 10:00am Bill Robinson Bible Study - Upper Room
- 10:00am Coffee Hour - Heritage Hall
- 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.

Monday, November 25

- 7:00pm Barnabas Bible Study - Zoom

Tuesday, November 26

- 9:30am Prayer Cordon - Upper Room
- 9:30am Kirk Walking Group - Refectory
- 11:00am Memorial Service for Katherine Wheatley
- 4:30pm Mission & Outreach Mtg. - Abbey 28
- 6:00pm Adult Formation Comm. - Abbey 36

Wednesday, November 27

- 9:30am Spiritual Studies - Zoom
- 11:00am Memorial Service for Evelyn McKeen
- 1:00pm Trinity Stitchers - Abbey 27

Thursday, November 28

Happy Thanksgiving!

Friday, November 29

Church Offices Closed

Saturday, November 30

- 7:30am Bible study - offsite

Sunday, December 1

- 8:00am Communion Service - Cedarholm Chapel
- 8:30am Nursery Care - Abbey 24
- 8:55am Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 9:15am Sunday School
- 10:00 Confirmation Class - Abbey 27-29
- 10:00am Stephen Minister Private Prayer
- 10:00am Bill Robinson Bible Study - Upper Room
- 10:00am Coffee Hour - Heritage Hall
- 10:00am Stephen Minister Peer Support - Abbey 36
- 10:55am Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 12:00pm Men of the Kirk Tour
- 12:00pm Stephen Minister Private Prayer
- 3:00pm Advent Kick Off - Sanctuary & Refectory

Monday, December 2

- 7:00pm Barnabas Bible Study - Zoom

Tuesday, December 3

- 9:30am Prayer Cordon - Upper Room
- 9:30am Kirk Walking Group - Refectory
- 2:00pm Senior Steering Committee - Abbey 29
- 3:30pm Congregational Care Mtg. - Upper Rm
- 5:30pm Personnel Comm. - Upper Room
- 7:00pm Strategy Meeting - Upper Room

Wednesday, December 4

- 9:30am Spiritual Studies - Zoom
- 1:00pm Trinity Stitchers - Abbey 27
- 6:00pm Advent by Candlelight - Refectory

Thursday, December 5

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

Friday, December 6

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

Saturday, December 7

- 7:30am Bible study - offsite

To keep up-to-date on all the latest Kirk news and events, visit kirkinthehills.org and sign up to receive our weekly email.



Kirk in the Hills



This Week

Sunday School Families

For at least the least three Advent seasons, our Sunday School students have been counting down to Christmas using the “Jesse Tree” ornaments. There are Thanksgiving and Advent take-home materials for this project ready to pick up in the Abbey Lounge. If you do not have these materials from previous years, please stop by the Abbey Lounge to collect them.

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 for info.



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.

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>.

“Let it Snow” Symphony Concert

11:00 a.m. • Saturday, December 7
Sunday school families are invited to join for a “Let it Snow” production at the Detroit Symphony Orchestra” on Saturday, December 7th at 11:00 a.m. We have 30 tickets reserved. Tickets are \$20 a person. Reserved seating for our group at the Front Main Floor Side Rows F, G, H, J, K, and L. The concert is 1 hour in duration and geared toward kids! For context, we will be attending and taking our 1-year-old as well as our older children. For more information, contact Sarah Ford at sford@kirkinthehills.org Register using the QR code.



Tellers Needed!

Do you like to count money? The Kirk needs a few more volunteers to count the Sunday collections on Monday mornings. You are asked to count one Monday a month, and you will always have a partner. If you are interested, please contact Stacey Rolf in the Business Office at srolf@kirkinthehills.org or 248-973-8005.

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 or 248-425-5284.

Advent by Candlelight

Advent by Candlelight takes place on Wednesday, December 4th, starting at 7:00 p.m. in the refectory for pre-registered hostess and guests. Although registration is closed, inquiries may be directed to Ruth Reading at 248-875-1371 or sterlingdesigns@yahoo.com.



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.

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 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.

Service of Comfort and Hope

7:00 p.m. • Wednesday, December 11
This is a service for remembrance and healing for those needing God's special touch during the holidays. If joy is hard to find this year, if sadness or loss are clouding your thoughts at Christmastime, then join us in worship. There will be a gathering time in the Fireside Room after the service. This service is led by Kirk Pastors and Stephen Ministers.



Celebrate the Acolytes!

Join us at the 9:00am service on December 15th where we will celebrate and recognize the acolytes. There will be a special coffee hour in honor of the acolytes at 10:00am and a pizza lunch for the acolytes at noon in the Abbey Lounge. If you are an acolyte, please make sure to attend the 9:00am service even if you are not serving as an acolyte that day!

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 to help us plan for food. The suggested donation is \$10 per person.

Christmas Eve Services

On December 24, services will take place in the Sanctuary at 11:00am, 5:00pm, 8:30pm and 11:00pm.

Congregational Meeting

A Congregational Meeting will be held today (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.

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!

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 for more information.

Interested in Youth Mission?

We are in need of volunteers to help plan the Youth Mission trip this summer. Please join us on December 5th at 11:00am via zoom for an initial team planning meeting. If you'd like to join this planning group, please contact sford@kirkinthehills.org.

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. Please note that there is no youth group on December 1.

Please note that this is a 2 week issue of @ The Kirk. The next issue will come out on December 8.