

Calendar

Sunday, December 22

8:00am Communion Service - Cedarholm Chapel
8:30am Nursery Care - Abbey 24
9:00am Worship Service - Sanctuary
9:15am Sunday School
10:00am 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
10:10am St. Cecilia and Cantumus Choirs Rehearsal - Abbey 33
11:00am Worship Service - Sanctuary
12:00pm Men of the Kirk Tour
12:00pm Stephen Minister Private Prayer
12:00pm MOK Tour
4:00pm Hear the Angels Sing Christmas Concert - Sanctuary

Monday, December 23

7:00pm Barnabas Bible Study - Zoom

Tuesday, December 24

11:00am Christmas Eve Service - Sanctuary
5:00pm Christmas Eve Service - Sanctuary
8:30pm Christmas Eve Service - Sanctuary
11:00pm Christmas Eve Service - Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 25

Merry Christmas!
Church offices closed

Thursday, December 26

Church offices closed

Friday, December 27

Church offices closed

Saturday, December 28

7:30am Bible study - offsite

Sunday, December 29

9:30am Nursery Care - Abbey 24
10:00am Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am Stephen Minister Private Prayer
11:00am Bill Robinson Bible Study - Upper Room
11:00am Coffee Hour - Heritage Hall
11:00am Stephen Minister Peer Support - Abbey 36
11:00am Men of the Kirk Tour
11:00am Stephen Minister Private Prayer

Monday, December 30

7:00pm Barnabas Bible Study - Zoom

Tuesday, December 31

Church Offices Closed

Wednesday, January 1

Happy New Year!
Church offices closed

Thursday, January 2

9:30am Thursday Morning Bible Study-Upper Rm

Friday, January 3

7:00am MOK Bible Study
9:30am Books and Bibles - Upper Room

Saturday, January 4

7:30am Bible study - offsite

Sunday, January 5

9:30am Nursery Care - Abbey 24
10:00am Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am Stephen Minister Private Prayer
11:00am Bill Robinson Bible Study - Upper Room
11:00am Coffee Hour - Heritage Hall
11:00am Stephen Minister Peer Support - Abbey 36
11:00am Men of the Kirk Tour
11:00am Stephen Minister Private Prayer

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



This Week

Coffee Hour

Please join us in Heritage Hall for a coffee hour following the 9:00am service on December 22 and after the 10:00am service on December 29.



Hear the Angels Sing Concert

Hear the Angels Sing Concert today 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. Featuring music and the spoken word, with choir anthems and familiar carols for all to sing. There is no admission charge.

Children and Families:

If your child is signed up to participate in the 5:00pm Christmas Eve Pageant, please come to the 12:00pm rehearsal on Sunday, December 22nd. Costumes can be picked up in the Abbey Lounge following Sunday school. Costumes are labeled with your child's name. Volunteers are needed to assist with the 12:00pm rehearsal and assist during the 5:00pm service. Please contact Sarah Ford at sford@kirkinthehills.org if you can help.

Sunday School Updates

On Sunday, December 22nd, Sunday school classes will be celebrating Christmas with a party in the Abbey Lounge following the children's message. Please have your child pick up their Christmas present in the Abbey Lounge. We will not have Sunday School on December 29th or January 5th.

Thank you Sunday School Teachers

Sunday school teachers please pick up your Christmas present in the Abbey Lounge as well. Merry Christmas! Thank you for all that you do; you are a gift to children and youth ministries!

@ The Kirk

This issue of @ The Kirk covers the weeks of December 22, 29 and January 5. The next issue will be for the week of January 12, 2025.

Please Note:

The church offices will be closed on December 25, 26, 27 & 31.

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

Christmas Eve Services

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

Announcements & Programming

Middle & High School Youth Group

The MS/HS youth group has had an excellent and fun fall season with bonfires, corn mazes, and canoeing. We were even able to sneak away for a peaceful and refreshing fall retreat. On Sunday nights, we've been studying what it means to be beloved children of God and we've started a year-long journey through the Sermon on the Mount. As we approach Christmas and the New Year, the Sunday night youth group sessions will be on recess. There will be NO Sunday night youth group on December 22, 29, or January 5. Enjoy the break with family and friends, celebrating the miracle that is Christmas! We will reconvene our normal Sunday night youth group on January 12.

Children, Family, and Youth Ministry

We are looking for someone to lead music with the children following the children's message on Sunday mornings. This person would ideally know how to play the guitar or another musical instrument and would lead the children in song for about 5-10 minutes in the Abbey Lounge. Please contact sford@kirkinthehills.org if you would like more information, are interested, or know someone who might be.

High School Mission Trip 2025

High School Mission Trip 2025 Don't miss out - join the next mission trip! Make sure to mark your calendar for June 21-28, 2025. Please contact Sarah Ford at sford@kirkinthehills.org for additional information.

Here is the status of our 2025 Pledge Campaign:

Campaign target - \$1,800,000

Pledges received to Date - \$1,188,615

% of target achieved - 66%

Number of Pledges Received - 329

Number of Families who have not yet pledged - 799

% increase in pledges from 2024 for those who pledged both years - 6.5%

Number of new pledges - 43

If you have pledged - thank you.

If you haven't, please do as soon as possible.

You can pledge by turning in a pledge card, pledging through the Realm App or via the Kirk website, or calling the church office.

Please pray for us to have a successful campaign.

Adopt-A-Family Thank You

The Deacons would like to gratefully thank the Kirk members for their generosity and donations to Adopt-A-Family. This year the Kirk's Adopt-A-Family effort was able to support 12 organizations and local families and children in need this holiday season.



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 gherb@comcast.net.

Beware of Scams!

As a reminder, no Kirk employee will ever call or email you asking for gift cards. The crooks are getting incredibly clever so please be careful before opening any attachments or clicking on any links unless you have verified the sender!

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.

Did you Know?

All of the Sunday sermons are available on Soundcloud, The Verge or Apple Podcast! All you need to do is search for Kirk in the Hills. Worship services are also available on our website, YouTube, and are livestreamed on Facebook.



Thank you Brother Rice Hockey Players!

On December 15, several members of the varsity hockey team gathered at the Belt family household to make sandwiches for Glenda Herb's sandwich ministry. The young men were able to make over 200 sandwiches in 60 minutes! They found joy in what it means to do something small that has such a big impact on others

Ongoing

Sojourners

A support group for widows and widowers of all ages that provides a safe space to share strategies for dealing with grief with others who understand. Sojourners meets on the second Friday of each month at 1:00pm in Abbey 27.

Alzheimer's Support Group

Support group for caregivers meets the second Tuesday of each month from 10:00 - 11:00am in Abbey 27.

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. This makes a great gift!

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 if you would like to be added to the list.

Prayer Requests

The Prayer Cordon meets at 9:30am every Tuesday in the Upper Room. Prayer cards are located in the pew racks. To receive the prayer list or submit a prayer request, please contact Wendy Beck at wbeck@kirkinthehills.org.

Merry Christmas from the Kirk staff!



NOW ENROLLING
2025-26
248-973-8017



Congregational Meeting

There will be a Congregational meeting on Sunday, January 26, between the two worship services. The purpose of the meeting is to approve Pastor Edwin's Terms of Call and elect Church officers.