

## Calendar

### Sunday, January 19

- 8:00am Communion Service  
Cedarholm Chapel
- 8:30am Nursery Care - Abbey 24
- 9:00am 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 Confirmation Class - Abbey 27-28
- 10:10am St. Cecilia and Cantumus Choirs  
Rehearsal - Abbey 33
- 10:15am Joyful Noise Choir Rehearsal  
- Abbey 26
- 11:00am Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 12:00pm Stephen Minister Private Prayer
- 12:00pm Tour - Sanctuary
- 3:00pm Middle & Senior School Youth Group -  
Offsite

### Monday, January 20

*Church offices closed in observance  
of Martin Luther King Day*

- 7:00pm Barnabas Bible Study - Zoom

### Tuesday, January 21

- 9:30am Prayer Cordon - Upper Room
- 9:30am Kirk Walking Group - Refectory
- 6:00pm Session Meeting - Abbey 28
- 6:30pm Deacon Meeting - Upper Room

### Wednesday, January 22

- 9:30am Spiritual Studies - Zoom
- 1:00pm Trinity Stitchers - Abbey 27
- 4:00pm O & M Executive Board - Abbey 28

### Thursday, January 23

- 9:30am Women's Bible Study - Upper Room
- 12:00pm Stephen Ministry Peer Support  
- Abbey 29
- 6:30pm Kirk Singers - Heritage Hall
- 7:15pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Friday, January 24

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

### Saturday, January 25

- 7:30am Bible study - offsite
- 8:30am Leadership Retreat & Training -  
Refectory, St. Andrew's Room, Abbey  
28, Upper Room

### Sunday, January 26

- 8:00am Communion Service  
Cedarholm Chapel
- 8:30am Nursery Care - Abbey 24
- 9:00am 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
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- Abbey 26
- 11:00am Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 12:00pm Stephen Minister Private Prayer
- 12:00pm Mission & Outreach Retreat
- 12:00pm Tour - Sanctuary
- 1:30pm Youth Action Board - Heritage Hall
- 5:00pm Burns Bash - Refectory
- 5:30pm Middle School Youth Group - Heritage  
Hall & Youth Room
- 6:30pm Youth Group Dinner- Heritage  
Hall & Youth Room
- 7:00pm High School Youth Group - Heritage  
Hall & Youth Room



*We love our Lions!*

*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.*



## This Week

### Coffee Hour

Please join us in Heritage Hall for a coffee hour following today's 9:00am service.

### Nursery Care

Childcare is provided in the Abbey Lounge Nursery Room between 8:30am - 12:30pm for children under the age of three whose parents and caregivers are attending worship services.

### All children are invited to Sunday School

Children are dismissed from worship to attend Sunday School after the Children's Message during the 9:00am service.

**Interested in making a difference?** Please contact Sarah Ford if you're interested in teaching Sunday school at [sford@kirkinthehill.org](mailto:sford@kirkinthehill.org).

### Confirmation Class

Confirmation Class meets this Sunday from 10:00-11:00am in Abbey 27 and Abbey 28.

### Children and Youth Choirs



The **Joyful Noise Choir**, for students aged 4 - 1st grade, meets today from 10:15-10:45am in Abbey 26.

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 Group Update!

Today we have an amazing opportunity for fun, fellowship, and worship with Micah 6. We will meet in the Refectory kitchen at 3:45pm and help prepare a meal to be taken to Sprouts Center for Micah 6 Sunday community service and dinner. We'll take the Kirk van to deliver the meal. Upon arriving, we'll attend Micah 6's Sunday evening church service, serve dinner, and have a meal together. We will return to the Kirk around 7:00-7:30pm. Reach out to RH Karn or Sarah Ford at [rhkarn@kirkinthehills.org](mailto:rhkarn@kirkinthehills.org) or [sford@kirkinthehills.org](mailto:sford@kirkinthehills.org) for more info.



### Burns Bash

Come celebrate the 266th birthday anniversary of the great Scottish Poet, Robert Burns, with the reading of poetry of Burns and others, by friends and members of

the Kirk.

A highlight of the event will be the famous "Address to a Haggis", in full Scots regalia.

The event will be held in the Refectory on Sunday, January 26th at 5:00pm.

Light refreshments will be served (and later a taste of Haggis!)

So, make one of the best laid schemes o' mice an' men, your attendance at this event!

Register on the Kirk website [kirkinthehills.org](http://kirkinthehills.org) under **Events**.

# Announcements & Programming

## “One Church One Book” - Winter Edition!

Inspired by the success of our summer “One Church One Book” tradition, we are excited to read and discuss a winter book this year. Adult Christian Education (ACE) is thrilled to offer *Saving Will*, by Kirk member and Elder, Ryan Webb, as our winter book. It is a short novel about grief, friendship, forgiveness, fate, and faith.

We will follow the book’s discussion guide and ask Ryan questions about the story between services (10:00-11:00am) on **March 2 in the St. Andrew’s Room.**

*Saving Will* can be purchased on Amazon or at Barnes & Noble. Ryan will also have copies available for purchase during coffee hour on February 2 and February 9. (The cost is \$16.95 and payment options include cash, check, Venmo, Pay-Pal, and Zelle).

We look forward to having you join us.



## 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.

## Volunteers Needed on February 2

The Mission & Outreach Committee is looking for 3-5 volunteers to help in the kitchen, set up, clean up and serve for a Lunch and Learn on the “Seeds to Sustainability” program. Volunteers are needed from 10:00am - 1:00pm or whatever portion of that time you are able to give. The program will be taking place in the St. Andrew’s Room. Please contact Amy Davis at [adavis2005@comcast.net](mailto:adavis2005@comcast.net) or (248) 425-5284 for more information or to volunteer.

## 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. Contact [sford@kirkinthehills.org](mailto:sford@kirkinthehills.org) for more information.

## Youth Sunday

Youth Sunday will be May 11 at 9:00am. Please contact Sarah Ford [sford@kirkinthehills.org](mailto:sford@kirkinthehills.org) to sign up. All youth are encouraged to participate!

## Volunteers Needed!

We are seeking volunteers to get engaged with our youth. Please contact Sarah Ford at [sford@kirkinthehills.org](mailto:sford@kirkinthehills.org) for information.

## Bible Sunday

Bible Sunday is coming up on March 9th! All preschoolers and 3rd graders enrolled in Sunday school will receive Bibles. *Note* – this will be the last year we will host Bible Sunday in the spring. Beginning in the fall, Bible Sunday will take place in late September or early October.



## Accent Pontiac Winter Showcase

Please join us on Thursday, January 30 at 5:30pm at The Pontiac High School Auditorium for Accent Pontiac’s Annual Winter Showcase! Pontiac High School is located at 1051 Arlene Ave., Pontiac, MI 48340. This is an opportunity to see Accent Pontiac students perform musical selections they have been working on since the Fall. Join us for the performance, followed by a dessert reception.

We are seeking volunteers for the event, check out the opportunities at this link. (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B4EA5A92BAAAF49-54091894-accent#/>)

## Inclement Weather Policy

If the Bloomfield Hills schools are closed due to inclement weather, then all morning activities at the church are cancelled. We will assess the road conditions by 10:00am and make a decision about afternoon and evening events at that time. Closure notifications will be posted on our website [www.kirkinthehills.org](http://www.kirkinthehills.org).

## Offering Envelopes

If you requested offering envelopes for 2025, they will be in the Fireside Room, arranged alphabetically by last name. If you don’t find offering envelopes for your name and you would like to use offering envelopes this coming year, please take one of the unassigned booklets and write your name next to the booklet number. Please contact the business office with any questions.

## Ongoing

### Alzheimer’s Support Group

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

## Bill Robinson Bible Study

All are welcome to join us in the Upper Room Sundays at 10:00am.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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](mailto:wbeck@kirkinthehills.org).



## Kirk in the Hills Preschool

Kirk in the Hills Preschool is now enrolling for the 2025-2026 school year. Please call Sandy Jewell, Preschool Director, at 248-973-8017 for more information.



## American Red Cross

### Red Cross Blood Drive

Monday, February 3, 2025

12:00 - 6:00pm

Heritage Hall

Schedule an appointment by logging in to [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) (sponsor code: Kirk) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

A banner for Martin Luther King Day (MLK Day) with an American flag and the text "MLK DAY" and "MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY". Below it, it says "THE TIME IS ALWAYS RIGHT TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT".

The Kirk building and offices will be closed on Monday, January 20, in observance of Martin Luther King Day.