

SPRING 2025

THIS WEEK – APRIL 13, 2025

@ the Kirk

WORSHIP & SERVICE

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.

Baptisms

Interested in having your child or grandchild baptized at the Kirk? Contact Jen Morris via email at jmorris@kirkinthehills.org or via phone at (248) 973 - 8011 for more information.



Experience God's Transforming Love

This Week @ the Kirk | [f kirkinthehills](https://www.facebook.com/kirkinthehills) | Rev. Edwin Estevez, Senior Pastor

MINISTRIES & ACTIVITIES



Rev. Edwin Estevez



Rev. Jasmine Smart



Rev. Jim Moseley

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION Pastor's Bible Study

On Wednesdays at 10:00am in the Upper Room, the Pastors rotate leadership and reading through the Gospel of John. If you would like to do a close reading study, you're invited to join us and dive deeper into scripture and your faith.

HOLY WEEK IS COMING!

Celebrate Holy Week & Easter Sunday

Invite your friends, family, and neighbors to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

All Are Welcome!

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday • April 13
7:00pm • Journey to Jerusalem
A musical drama with Holy Communion

Maunder Thursday • April 17
7:00pm in the Sanctuary

Good Friday • April 18
12:00pm • 6:00pm in the Sanctuary

Easter Sunday • April 20
6:45am Service of the Resurrection in the Columbarium

7:00am • 9:00am • 11:00am
in the Sanctuary

**NOTE: Following the 9:00am Easter Sunday worship service ONLY, please join us on the front lawn of the Kirk for an Easter egg hunt and a petting zoo for the kids (weather permitting)!*

Join Us!
COFFEE HOUR
Heritage Hall | Following today's 9:00am service



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

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Good Friday Prayer

The sanctuary will be open from 9:00am to 12:00pm on Good Friday, April 18th for private prayer with or without a Stephen Minister. This is a good opportunity to embrace the solemnity of the day in prayerful reflection. Please enter or leave as the Spirit moves you.

Easter Lily Memorials

Lilies will be used to adorn the Kirk on Easter. 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 April 13. Sign up can also be done online at <https://kirkinthehills.org>.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES UPDATES

Confirmation Class

Confirmation class will be held at 10:00am this Sunday.

Middle School Local Mission Trip

The Middle School Mission Trip for 2025 is planned for July 12-15. Please join us for an informational meeting on Sunday, April 13th, at 10:00am for about 15 minutes in the Abbey Lounge. All middle school students (including rising 6th graders) are welcome.

Youth Sunday Rehearsal

Youth Sunday is May 11th at the 9:00am service. Our rehearsal is planned for May 4th at noon. If you are interested in participating, please contact Sarah Ford sford@kirkinthehills.org.



Nursery Care

Childcare will be available on Sundays in the Abbey Lounge Nursery Room from 8:30am - 12:30pm for children under the age of three whose parents and caregivers are attending worship services.

Help with Prom Photos - Volunteers Needed!

Prom season is approaching, and we receive many requests from high schoolers and their parents to take prom photos on the Kirk grounds. To accommodate them, we need volunteers to assist during these sessions, which typically last 90 minutes on Thursday or Friday evenings. Our goal is to have 4-5 volunteers per session. If you're interested, please contact Erica Ginter at eginter@kirkinthehills.org or call (248) 973-8007.

Foster Family Interest: VIP Screening of Sound of Hope | Sunday, May 4, 2025

In partnership with Bethany Christian Services, join us for a special showing of Sound of Hope (PG-13)—the inspiring true story of a Texas pastor and his wife who rallied their community to adopt 77 foster children. The movie will be shown in the St. Andrew's Room on May 4, 2025. Doors open at 2:30pm and the movie will begin at 3:00pm. Popcorn and refreshments provided!

High School Mission Trip

Sign up to participate in the Youth Mission Trip to Kentucky! June 21-27. All 9th - 12th graders welcome.

We are currently registering youth and youth leaders. Please register using the QR code.

Interest Meeting for the Adult Mission Trip to Orange Walk, Belize | November 6-12, 2025 | Koinonia Ministries

There will be an interest meeting about the Orange Walk, Belize mission trip on Sunday, April 27, 2025. All interested parties should plan to attend.



2025 Annual Stewardship Campaign Update

Campaign target: \$1,500,000

Pledges received to date: \$1,406,101

% of target achieved: 93.7%

Number of pledges received: 413

Number of families who pledged in 2024 but not yet in 2025: 50

% change in pledges from 2024 for those who pledged both years:

9.85% increase

Number of new pledges: 59 (from anyone who did not pledge in 2024)

We're almost there—just 7% (\$93,899) to go to reach our pledge goal! If you're one of the 50 who haven't pledged, please consider doing so soon. Already pledged? A 5-10% increase can make a big difference. Never pledged but feel moved by God's work through KITH? Now's the time!

We're deeply grateful for your continued gifts of time, talent, and treasure. Please keep praying for a successful campaign.



Dinner Church | May 7, 2025

Join us for Dinner Church on Wednesday, May 7 in Heritage Hall, at 5:30pm. The speaker will be Rabbi Yechiel Morris from the Young Israel of Southfield Synagogue.

speaking on who is Jesus Christ from a Jewish perspective, and what is the afterlife in the Jewish faith.

Please register at kirkinthehills.org/Events or use the QR code above.

There is a suggested donation of \$10 for dinner.

Bill Robinson Bible Study Schedule

Join the Bill Robinson Bible Study each Sunday at 10:00am in the Upper Room. The upcoming topics include:

- 4/13 Palm Sunday: The Medical Aspect of Jesus' Crucifixion
- 4/27 Who is Jesus?
- 5/4 Why Jesus?

Kirk Columbarium Price Update

Starting May 1, 2025, the cost of a niche will increase from \$2,500 to \$3,000 due to rising costs for nameplates and urns—the first price change in many years. To learn more or purchase a niche, contact Erica Ginter at eginter@kirkinthehills.org or (248) 973-8007.

Church Officer Nominating Committee (CONC)



The Church Officer Nominating Committee (CONC) is in the process of trying something new! We are already at work to prepare a slate of nominees for election in January 2026. (The accelerated timing will better prepare new officers to hit the ground running.) We are asking for your help in suggesting Kirk members who exemplify faithfulness and commitment to God's call for them. In the coming weeks, the CONC will meet to prayerfully discern whom God is calling to serve as Deacons, Elders and Trustees. Our goal is to complete a full slate of officer nominations in June, so we request your input by May 1, 2025.

Nomination forms are available in the information racks around the Kirk and online at kirkinthehills.org under Resources/church documents.

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FAITH & COMMUNITY LEADERS BREAKFAST
Inform • Inspire • Invite

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2025
8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
(Doors open at 7:30 a.m.)

REGISTER TODAY!

Kirk in the Hills | 1340 West Long Lake Road | Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH

APRIL 15, 2025

SENIOR LUNCHEON

Register by Thursday, April 10

KIRK SENIORS LUNCHEON CRUISE
Thursday, June 19, 2025 | Register by May 15

Register Today! Contact the Kirk Business Office at (248) 626-2515.

COMING UP THIS WEEK

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SUNDAY, APRIL 13

- 8:00am Communion Service
Cedarholm Chapel
- 8:30am Nursery Care - Abbey 24
- 9:00am Worship Service -
Sanctuary
- 9:15am Sunday School
- 9:30am New Member Brunch -
Refectory
- 10:00am Stephen Minister Peer
Support - Abbey 36
- 10:00am Stephen Minister Private
Prayer - Melrose Chapel
- 10:00am Confirmation Class -
Abbey 27 & 28
- 10:00am Bill Robinson Bible Study
- Upper Room
- 10:00am Coffee Hour - Heritage
Hall
- 10:15am Joyful Noise Choir
Rehearsal - Abbey 26
- 10:20am St. Cecilia and Cantumus
Choirs Rehearsal -
Abbey 33
- 11:00am Worship Service -
Sanctuary
- 12:00pm Stephen Minister Private
Prayer - Sanctuary
- 12:00pm MOK Tour - Sanctuary
- 12:00pm Youth Tower Climb &
Pizza - Bell Tower
- 5:30pm Middle School Youth
Group - Heritage Hall
- 6:30pm Youth Group - Heritage
Hall
- 7:00pm Senior High Youth Group

MONDAY, APRIL 14

- 8:00am Kirk Preschool
- 6:30pm EPNC Meeting - Abbey 28
- 6:30pm APNC Meeting - Abbey 36
- 7:00pm Barnabas Bible Study
(Zoom Only)

TUESDAY, APRIL 15

- 8:00am Kirk Preschool
- 9:00am Kirk Walking Group -
Refectory

- 9:30am Prayer Cordon - Upper
Room
- 9:30am Sandwich Ministry
Meeting - Welcome Center
- 11:00am Kirk Senior Luncheon -
St. Andrew's Room
- 6:00pm A.C.E. - Christian
Formation - Abbey 36

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

- 8:00am Kirk Preschool
- 9:30am Spiritual Studies (Zoom
Only)
- 10:00am Pastor's Bible Study -
Upper Room
- 10:30am O&M Executive Board
Meeting - Colonel
George's Study
- 1:00pm Trinity Stitchers - Abbey 27
- 5:30pm CONC Meeting - Abbey 36
- 5:30pm Worship Committee
Meeting - Upper Room

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 17

- 8:00am Kirk Preschool
- 9:30am Women's Thursday
Morning Bible Study -
Upper Room
- 7:00pm Maundy Thursday
Communion Service

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18

- 7:00am Men of the Kirk (MOK)
Bible Study
- 8:00am Kirk Preschool
- 9:00am - 12:00pm - Sanctuary
open for prayer
- 9:30am Books & Bibles - Upper
Room
- 12:00pm Good Friday Worship
Service
- 6:00pm Good Friday Worship
Service

SATURDAY, APRIL 19

- 7:30am Saturday Morning Bible
Study (Zoom Only)
- 10:00am Easter Music Rehearsal
- Sanctuary

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20

- 6:45am Resurrection
Columbarium Service
- 7:00am Easter Sunday Worship
Service - Sanctuary
- 8:30am Nursery Care - Abbey 24
- 9:00am Easter Sunday Worship
Service - Sanctuary
- 9:15am Sunday School
- 10:00am Bill Robinson Bible Study -
Upper Room
- 10:00am Easter Coffee Hour -
Fireside Room
- 10:00am Easter Egg Hunt/Front
Lawn Celebration
- 10:00am Stephen Minister Private
Prayer - Melrose Chapel
- 11:00am Easter Sunday Worship
Service - Sanctuary
- 12:00pm Stephen Minister Private
Prayer



Please join Kirk in the Hills in supporting Hope Against Trafficking at their annual Kentucky Derby Gala on May 3, 2025 at Indianwood Golf and Country Club.

Please contact Amy Davis at adavis2005@comcast.net for more information.

