

SPRING 2025

THIS WEEK – APRIL 27, 2025

@ the Kirk

WORSHIP & SERVICE

We invite you to join us each week for our Sunday Worship Services: 8:00am, 9:00am & 11:00am.

You're also invited to get involved in our ministries, mission work, events, and activities. Please visit our website, kirkinthehills.org, for more details.

If you're interested in becoming a member, please contact Mercy Adams at madams@kirkinthehills.org.

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



Experience God's Transforming Love

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

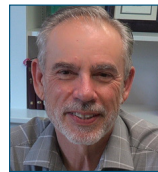
MINISTRIES & ACTIVITIES



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.

2025 Annual Stewardship Campaign Update

Campaign target: \$1,500,000

Pledges received to date: \$1,419,541

% of target achieved: 94.6%

Number of pledges received: 418

Number of families who pledged in 2024 but not yet in 2025: 39

% change in pledges from 2024 for those who pledged both years: 10.1 % increase

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

We're happy to report that we have gained a few more pledges since our last report. We are only 5.4% away from our goal! If you're one of the 39 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.

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.

Additionally, when visiting loved ones in the Kirk Columbarium, we kindly ask that you avoid placing breakable items near niches. Wind and weather can cause them to fall, creating safety hazards. Thank you for your care and understanding.

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New Pipe Organ

On Sunday, April 27, the Pipe Organ Fundraising Committee will have a table during coffee hour between services. Information on the new pipe organ will be available. Join us in donating to this exciting project!



PIPE ORGAN FAQ: Why do we need to replace the existing organ, it sounded okay for Easter services? The existing organ can sound just okay only because our organists constantly work around 200 missing pipes and cracked windchests. And if you listened closely, the organ was out of tune with the brass players. As our consultant noted (report available on the Kirk website), to repair all the problems with the organ would likely exceed the cost of replacing the organ. To donate to the new pipe organ, please scan the QR Code.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES UPDATES

- Confirmation class will take place this Sunday at 10:00am.
- We have a middle school mission trip meeting this Sunday, the 27th at 10:00am-10:30am in the Abbey Lounge for interested middle schoolers, rising 6th graders, and parents.
- Next Sunday at 12:00pm in the Sanctuary is rehearsal for Youth and Confirmation Sunday. All high schoolers should attend. Middle schoolers are invited to usher on Youth Sunday (May 11) and are welcome to join the rehearsal as well.

VBS Volunteers Needed

We need at least 8 volunteers to support VBS week, June 16-20. Volunteers will be assigned to a group (Preschool-Grade 4) and move with them through daily activities. We're looking for 2 half-day and 6 full-day volunteers, Monday through Thursday, with an additional morning shift on Friday (8:00am-12:00pm). You're welcome to volunteer for one day or as many as you'd like. To sign up or learn more, email sford@kirkinthehills.org.



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!

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.

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 in Cedarholm Chapel at 10:10am. All interested parties should plan to attend.

Church Officer Nominating Committee (CONC)



The Church Officer Nominating Committee (CONC) is preparing early for the January 2026 election to better

equip new officers. We invite you to suggest Kirk members who demonstrate faithfulness and a commitment to God's call.

Please submit nominations for Deacons, Elders, and Trustees by May 1, 2025. Forms are available in the info racks or online at kirkinthehills.org under Resources/Church Documents.

Sojourners!

Sojourners! meet the Second Friday of each month at 1:00pm in Abbey 27. Sojourners are people on a journey through life's seasons of grief. This is a support group for widows and widowers of all ages that provides a forum in which participants can share strategies for dealing with grief with others who understand.

KIRK SENIORS LUNCHEON CRUISE

Thursday, June 19, 2025 | Register by May 15



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



Join Us!
SENIORS LUNCHEON
May 20, 2025

Register by:
May 15, 2025

Kirk Seniors Luncheon – Tuesday, May 20 at 11:00 AM

Join us in the Saint Andrew's Room for a special program featuring Tracee Glab, Executive Director of the Flint Institute of Arts, as she highlights beautiful works of art found right here at the Kirk. The cost is \$17 per person.

Please RSVP & submit your payment by Thursday, May 15. Guests are welcome! To register, you may scan the QR code or you may register by phone: 248-626-2515. For any questions or concerns, please contact Sydrena Epstein at 248-626-0474. Please note any food allergies when registering.



High School Mission Trip



KENTUCKY BOUND

REGISTER TODAY!

Payment for all High School Mission Trip participants and leaders is due by May 1st. Please make check payable to "Kirk in the Hills" in the amount of \$650 (includes lodging, food, and transportation for the week). Join us! Scan the QR code below to register.

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.



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May 3, 2025

Kentucky Derby Gala

4th Annual Kentucky Derby
at
Indianwood Golf & Country Club

**Save
the
Date!**



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.

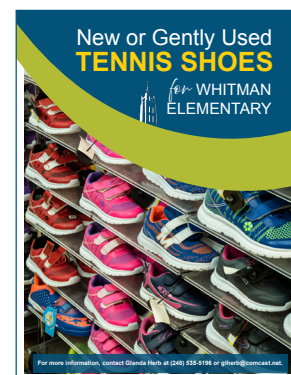
Bill Robinson Bible Study Schedule

Join the Bill Robinson Bible Study each Sunday at 10:00am in the Upper Room. The upcoming topics include: 4/27 - Who is Jesus? & 5/4 - Why Jesus?

New or Gently Used Tennis Shoes for Whitman Elementary

Ministry With Pontiac is collecting new tennis shoes for children at Whitman Elementary in Pontiac. We're especially in need of girls' and boys' sizes 2-4 and boys' size 9, but all sizes from 2-9 are appreciated. Please drop off donations at the Welcome Center

in the bin marked Tennis Shoes (as shown on the image). Thank you for your generosity and support! For more info, contact Glenda Herb at 248-535-5196 or glherb@comcast.net.



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COMING UP THIS WEEK

Join Us! Get Involved!

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SUNDAY, APRIL 27

Pastor Edwin & Group on Pilgrimage

- 8:00am Communion Service
Cedarholm Chapel
- 8:30am Nursery Care - Abbey 24
- 9:00am Worship Service -
Sanctuary (*New Member
Admittance*)
- 9:15am Sunday School
- 10:00am Confirmation Class -
Abbey 27 & 28
- 10:00am Stephen Minister Peer
Support - Abbey 36
- 10:00am Stephen Minister Private
Prayer - Melrose Chapel
- 10:00am Bill Robinson Bible Study
- Upper Room
- 10:00am Coffee Hour - Heritage
Hall
- 10:00am Middle School Mission
Trip Meeting - Abbey
Lounge
- 10:10am Belize Adult Informational
Trip - Cedarholm Chapel
- 10:10am St. Cecilia and Cantumus
Choirs Rehearsal -
Abbey 33
- 10:15am Joyful Noise Choir
Rehearsal - Abbey 26
- 10:15am New Member Chohort &
Session Meeting -
Fireside Room
- 11:00am Worship Service -
Sanctuary
- 12:00pm Stephen Minister Private
Prayer - Sanctuary
- 12:00pm MOK Tour - Sanctuary
- 12:30pm Preparing for Baptism
Zoom Class
- 1:30pm Youth Action Board -
Heritage Hall
- 5:30pm Middle School Youth
Group - Heritage Hall
- 6:30pm Youth Group Dinner-
Heritage Hall

MONDAY, APRIL 28

- 6:30pm ENPC Meeting - Abbey 28
- 6:30pm APNC Meeting - Abbey 36

TUESDAY, APRIL 29

- 8:00am Kirk Preschool
- 9:00am Kirk Walking Group -
Refectory
- 9:30am Prayer Cordon - Upper
Room
- 9:30am Sandwich Ministry
Meeting - Welcome Center
- 5:30pm CONC Meeting - Abbey 36

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

- 8:00am Kirk Preschool
- 9:30am Spiritual Studies (Zoom
Only)
- 10:00am Pastor's Bible Study -
Upper Room
- 1:00pm Trinity Stitchers - Abbey 27

THURSDAY, MAY 1

Men's Retreat in Texas Begins

- 8:00am Kirk Preschool
- 9:00am National Day of Prayer
- 9:30am Women's Thursday
Morning Bible Study -
Upper Room
- 1:00pm Memorial Service for
Marilyn Flint

FRIDAY, MAY 2

- 7:00am Men of the Kirk (MOK)
Bible Study
- 8:00am Kirk Preschool
- 9:30am Books & Bibles - Upper
Room

SATURDAY, MAY 3

- 7:30am Saturday Morning Bible
Study (Zoom Only)
- 11:00am Memorial Service for
Adele Beal

SUNDAY, MAY 4

Men's Retreat in Texas Concludes

- 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 - Melrose Chapel

SUNDAY, MAY 4

- 10:00am Bill Robinson Bible Study
- Upper Room
- 10:00am Coffee Hour - Heritage
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- 12:00pm Stephen Minister Private
Prayer - Sanctuary
- 12:00pm MOK Tour - Sanctuary
- 1:30pm Youth Action Board -
Heritage Hall
- 2:30pm Bethany Movie on Foster
Care - St. Andrew's Room
- 5:30pm Middle School Youth
Group - Heritage Hall
- 6:30pm Youth Group Dinner-
Heritage Hall

