

SPRING 2025

THIS WEEK – MAY 4, 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.



Experience God's Transforming Love

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

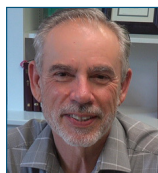
MINISTRIES & ACTIVITIES



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.

Please join us in Heritage Hall for a celebratory coffee hour after the 9:00am service on Sunday, May 18, as we honor Rev. Jim Moseley on his final Sunday and celebrate Pastor Edwin's graduation from Wesley Theological Seminary with his Doctor of Ministry (DMin). What a joyful day for our Kirk family!

2025 Annual Stewardship Campaign Update

- Campaign target: \$1,500,000
- Pledges received to date: \$1,428,391
- % of target achieved: 95.2%
- Number of pledges received: 423
- Number of families who pledged in 2024 but not yet in 2025: 35
- % change in pledges from 2024 for those who pledged both years: 10.4% increase
- Number of new pledges: 61 (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 4.8% away from our goal! If you're one of the 35 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

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.

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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New Pipe Organ

On Sunday, May 4, 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

- > There is NO confirmation class this Sunday.
- > We have a high school mission trip meeting this Sunday, May 4th at 10:30am in the Abbey Lounge. All interested parties should plan to attend.
- > This 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. We will meet in the sanctuary immediately following the conclusion of the 11am service.

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.



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. He will be 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.

Ushers' Spotlight

Thank you to the Ushers scheduled to serve during the month of May:

9:00 a.m. Service:
Jeffrey D. Sigelko, Captain;
Kevin Brinks, Co-captain;
Jeff Jones; Ron Kuhn; Amy Maple; Dick Morris; Randall L. Pappal; Christopher Pascoe; Maynard Timm

11:00 a.m. Service:
Howard H. Crumit, Jr., Captain;
David H. Owen, Co-captain;
Jason Belt; Jay L. Cooke; Larry Galloway; Ken Glass; Edmond Jordan; Thomas L. Stewart; James W. Wells; Albert Zolton

FAITH &

COMMUNITY Leaders
BREAKFAST
 Inform • Inspire • Invite

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2025
8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
(Doors open at 7:30 a.m.)
 For more info, contact Molly David:
mollyedavid@gmail.com

Youth Mental Health

REGISTER TODAY!



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

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.




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BLOOD DRIVE | JUNE 2, 2025

2:00pm - 8:00pm

GIVING BLOOD SAVES LIVES

Kirk in the Hills
 The Refectory
 1340 W. Long Lake Road
 Bloomfield Hills, MI



For an appointment, log onto RedCrossBlood.org (sponsor code: Kirk) or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

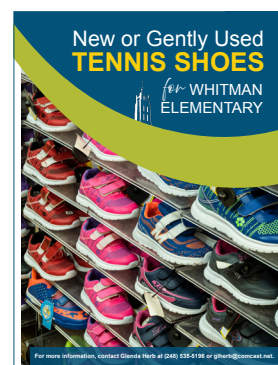
Alzheimer's Support Group
 The Alzheimer's Support Group meets Tuesday, May 6, 2025 in Abbey 27 at 10:00am. For more information, please contact Wendy Beck at wbeck@kirkinthehills.org.

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.

Bill Robinson Bible Study Schedule
 Join the Bill Robinson Bible Study each Sunday at 10:00am in the Upper Room. The upcoming topic on May 4th is "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. For more info, contact Glenda Herb at 248-535-5196 or ggherb@comcast.net.

COMING UP THIS WEEK

Join Us! Get Involved!

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SUNDAY, MAY 4

*Pastor Edwin & Group on Pilgrimage
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
- 10:00am Bill Robinson Bible Study
- Upper Room
- 10:00am Coffee Hour - Heritage
Hall
- 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
- 11:00am Worship Service -
Sanctuary
- 12:00pm Youth Sunday Rehearsal
- 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
- 7:00PM Senior High Youth Group

MONDAY, MAY 5

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

TUESDAY, MAY 6

- 8:00am Kirk Preschool
- 9:00am Kirk Walking Group -
Refectory
- 9:30am Prayer Cordon - Upper
Room
- 9:30am Sandwich Ministry
Meeting - Welcome Center
- 10:00am Alzheimer's Support Group -
Abbey 27

TUESDAY, MAY 6

- 12:00pm Children & Youth Formation
Ministry Committee - Abbey 28
- 2:00pm Senior Steering Committee -
Abbey 29
- 3:30pm Congregational Care
Committee - Upper Room
- 5:30pm Personnel Meeting -
Upper Room
- 5:30pm CONC Meeting - Abbey 36
- 7:00pm Strategy Committee Meeting
(Zoom Only)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

- 8:00am Kirk Preschool
- 9:30am Spiritual Studies (Zoom
Only)
- 10:00am Pastor's Bible Study -
Upper Room
- 1:00pm Trinity Stitchers - Abbey 27
- 5:30pm Dinner Church (A.C.E.) -
Heritage Hall

THURSDAY, MAY 8

- 8:00am Kirk Preschool
- 9:30am Women's Thursday
Morning Bible Study -
Upper Room
- 9:45am DCDS School Visit
- 10:30am Congregational Care
Coordinating Team -
Colonel George's Study
- 12:00pm Book of the Month Club -
Abbey 27
- 5:30pm Communication Committee
- Abbey 28
- 5:30pm Kirk Singers Rehearsal -
Heritage Hall
- 7:15pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, MAY 9

- 7:00am Men of the Kirk (MOK)
Bible Study
- 8:00am Kirk Preschool
- 9:30am Books & Bibles - Upper
Room
- 1:00pm Sojourners! - Abbey 27

SATURDAY, MAY 10

- 7:30am Saturday Morning Bible
Study (Zoom Only)

SUNDAY, MAY 11

- 8:00am Communion Service
Cedarholm Chapel
- 8:30am Nursery Care - Abbey 24
- 9:00am Worship Service - Youth &
Confirmation Sunday -
Sanctuary
- 10:00am Stephen Minister Private
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- Upper Room
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