

SPRING 2025

THIS WEEK – MAY 11, 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 this Sunday, May 11, for a special Coffee Hour in Heritage Hall as we come together for a joyful celebration following the 9:00am service to honor our newest Confirmands! Let's celebrate this meaningful milestone with coffee, treats, and heartfelt congratulations. What a special day it will be!

Then, next Sunday, May 18, we hope you will join us for another celebratory Coffee Hour after the 9:00am service. We will 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 5.3% 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.

Congrats Confirmands!

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.



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New Pipe Organ

On Sunday, May 11, 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

- > Sunday, May 11 (9:00am service) is Youth & Confirmation Sunday. Coffee hour (Heritage Hall) will honor our new Confirmands.
- > We have a high school mission trip meeting this Sunday, May 11th at 11:00am in the Abbey Lounge. All interested parties should plan to attend.
- > Next Sunday, May 18, we invite you to support the High School Mission Trip Bake Sale, which will take place during the 10:00am Coffee Hour. Plates of baked goods will be sold for \$10-\$20, based on size. All proceeds support the mission trip, with extra funds donated to HR Ministries in Princeton, Kentucky. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

VBS Volunteers Needed

We need at least eight (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 two (2) half-day and six (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.

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.

Kirk in the Hills Pre School

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.

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.

Trinity Stitches

Do you sew, stitch, crochet, or knit? This fun and welcoming group meets in Abbey 27 every Wednesday from 1:00 - 4:00pm.



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

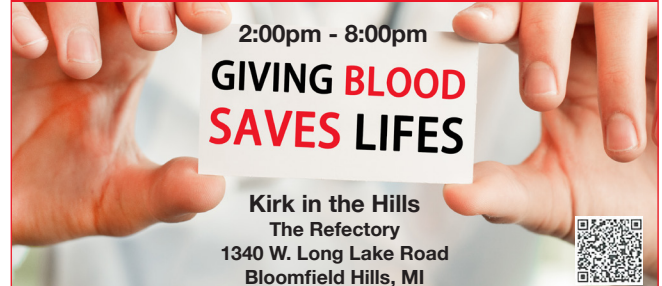
Thursday, June 19, 2025 | Register by May 15



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

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BLOOD DRIVE | JUNE 2, 2025



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



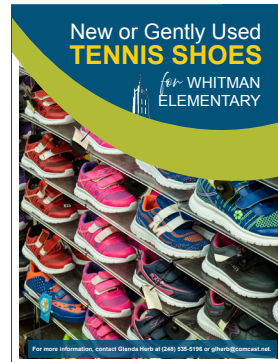
Kirk Seniors Luncheon – Tuesday, May 20 at 11:00 AM

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.



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



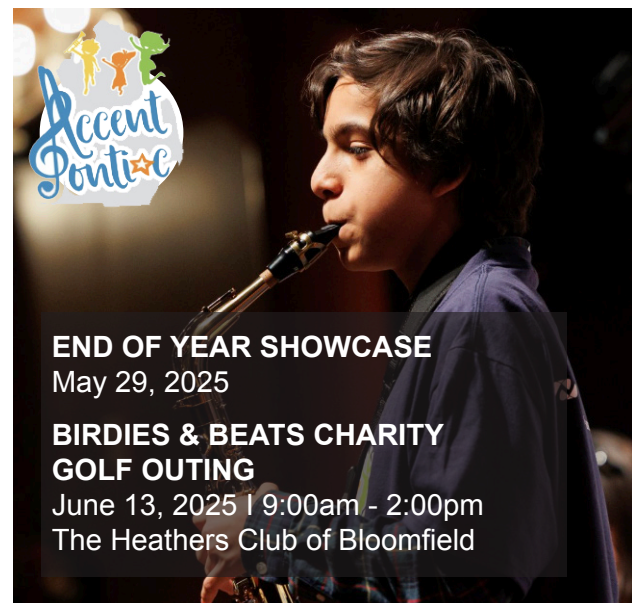
and boys' size 9, but all sizes from 2-9 are appreciated. Please drop off donations at the Welcome Center in the bin marked Tennis Shoes. For more info, contact Glenda Herb at 248-535-5196 or gtherb@comcast.net.

High School Mission Trip



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.



COMING UP THIS WEEK

Join Us! Get Involved!

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SUNDAY, MAY 11

- Happy Mother's Day*
Youth & Confirmation Sunday
- 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 Prayer - Melrose Chapel
 - 10:00am Bill Robinson Bible Study - Upper Room
 - 10:00am Coffee Hour Honoring Confirmands - Heritage Hall
 - 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 - Sanctuary
 - 12:00pm MOK Tour - Sanctuary
 - 6:30pm Youth Group Dinner - Heritage Hall

MONDAY, MAY 12

- 8:00am Kirk Preschool
- 6:30pm ENPC Meeting - Abbey 28
- 6:30pm APNC Meeting - Abbey 36

TUESDAY, MAY 13

- 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
- 5:30pm CONC Meeting - Abbey 36
- 6:30pm Deacons Meeting
- 6:30pm Board of Trustees Meeting

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

- 7:00am Faith & Community Leaders Breakfast
 - 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 15
- 8:00am Kirk Preschool
 - 9:30am Women's Thursday Morning Bible Study - Upper Room
 - 6:00pm Membership Committee Meeting Team
 - 7:15pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, MAY 16

- 7:00am Men of the Kirk (MOK) Bible Study
- 8:00am Kirk Preschool
- 9:30am Books & Bibles - Upper Room
- 10:00am Preschool Bubble Science

SATURDAY, MAY 17

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

SUNDAY, MAY 18

- Rev. Jim Moseley's Last Sunday at the Kirk*
- 8:00am Communion Service Cedarholm Chapel
 - 8:30am Nursery Care - Abbey 24
 - 9:00am Sunday School
 - 10:00am Stephen Minister Private Prayer - Melrose Chapel
 - 10:00am Stephen Minister Peer Support
 - 10:00am Bill Robinson Bible Study - Upper Room
 - 10:00am Coffee Hour-Youth Bake Sale; Celebration of Rev. "Dr." Edwin & Goodbye to Rev. Jim Moseley - Heritage Hall

SUNDAY, MAY 18

- 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 - Sanctuary
- 12:00pm MOK Tour - Sanctuary
- 1:30pm Youth Action Board
- 5:30pm Middle School Youth Group
- 6:30pm Youth Group Dinner - Heritage Hall



Join us for a joyful day at the Kirk as we celebrate the close of the 75th Anniversary Campaign, the culmination of Vacation Bible School, and the exciting launch of the Sanctuary Renewal & Pipe Organ Project, Renew & Resound. It's a momentous occasion—and we hope everyone will be part of it!