

SPRING 2025

THIS WEEK – JUNE 15, 2025

# @ the Kirk

## WORSHIP & SERVICE

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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.



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### Worship Service Will Take Place in the Refectory on Celebration Sunday, June 22, 2025 (9:00am & 11:00am)

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!



### The Daily News and The Good News!

Join us in the Upper Room (or by zoom) each Sunday at 10:10 a.m. We'll take a lively look at the news of the week through the perspective and hope of Christ's message. Join in a stimulating discussion that will enrich your faith and understanding. The class is open to anyone wishing to attend.

### June's Coffee Hour Schedule

Sunday, June 15  
Heritage Hall

Sunday, June 22  
Refectory Patio/  
St. Andrew's Room

Sunday, June 29  
The Patio after the  
Garden Service  
(weather permitting)

### Baptisms

Interested in having your child or grandchild baptized at the Kirk? For more info, contact Jen Morris via email at [jmorris@kirkinthehills.org](mailto:jmorris@kirkinthehills.org) or via phone at (248) 973 - 8011.



## Renew & Resound:

### The Future of the Sanctuary & Organ at Kirk in the Hills

We invite you to be part of Celebration Sunday as we worship together in the Refectory on June 22 at 9:00am and 11:00am. Come and learn more about our upcoming "Renew and Resound" campaign, where we will be *"Rebuilding for Worship and Renewing for Community."*



This campaign is about people—their faith deepened through worship, their lives and communities uplifted through service, and their hearts changed by God's amazing grace. As we rebuild for worship and renew for community, we extend an invitation: to come, to listen, to belong, and to be transformed.

We hope you will join us on June 22 as we close out the 75th Anniversary campaign and prepare to renew our space and resound our faith together. To learn more or to donate, scan the QR code.



## CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES UPDATES

### Vacation Bible School (VBS)



- > **VBS begins tomorrow and WE NEED MORE SNACKS, PLEASE!** We're collecting healthy, nut-free snacks for our VBS participants. Donations can be dropped off in Sarah Ford's office during normal operating hours. Suggested items include raisins, Goldfish crackers, low-sugar nut-free granola bars, individual bags of popcorn, and Pirate's Booty. Thank you for supporting this fun and faith-filled week for our Kirk kids!
- > **Join us from 10:00am to 1:00pm for VBS setup day!** We need your help to transform our space into a fun and safe environment for learning and fellowship. Your support will make this year's VBS unforgettable.

- > All VBS participants (volunteers and campers) can **pick up their VBS t-shirts** in the Abbey Lounge at 10:00am.

### Our Summer Celebration Day for the 2024-2025 Sunday School Year is Here!

During the 9:00am worship service, we will have our Summer Celebration Day. We invite you to stay for the children's moment and then, head to the Abbey Lounge for the final Sunday school class of the year. Teachers and volunteers are welcome!

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

### Middle School Mission Trip



It's time to **SIGN UP** for the Middle School Mission trip to support our local partner, Micah 6. The dates of the mission trip are July 12-16, 2025. All details are included on sign up registration page. Please scan the QR code to register or click [HERE](#). Contact: Sarah Ford via email at [sford@kirkinthehills.org](mailto:sford@kirkinthehills.org).

## KIRK SENIORS LUNCHEON CRUISE

Thursday, June 19, 2025



For more information, contact the Kirk Business Office at (248) 626-2515.

## Feed My Sheep: Help Feed Families in Pontiac

Kirk in the Hills supports the First Presbyterian Food Pantry in Pontiac with donations of food, funds, and time. Each month, families in need “shop” the pantry for essential items and enjoy sandwiches from our Sandwich Mission. In April, 237 families were served; in May, that number rose to 330—many with children under age 3.

Due to rising food costs, the pantry is facing a severe shortage and will temporarily close in July, reopening in August. Your help is urgently needed.

### How to Help:

- **Volunteer:** Join us to help distribute food on Wednesday, June 18, 9am–2pm at First Presbyterian Pontiac. Email Carolyn Sloane at [c.m.sloane@gmail.com](mailto:c.m.sloane@gmail.com).

- **Donate Food:** Drop off any of the following items at the Welcome Center (or designated bins at the Chapel or Sanctuary):

- 15 oz canned vegetables (esp. corn)
- 15–18 oz canned fruit (esp. pineapple)
- 16 oz dry pasta (spaghetti, elbows)
- 12-pack Ramen noodles (chicken flavor)
- 4 lb sugar, 5 lb flour
- 24 oz vegetable oil

(No expired items, any brand welcome)

- **Give Financially:**

- Text KITH FOODPANTRY to 73256
- Give online: <https://onrealm.org/KirkintheHills/give/food>
- Write a check to “Kirk in the Hills” (memo: O&M: Food Pantry)
- Use the QR code provided



And mark your calendars: Kirk West will hold a special collection for the pantry on June 22 at the Fox Run worship service.

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## 2025 SUMMER CARILLON CONCERT SERIES

July  
Saturdays  
5:00 p.m.

Experience the soaring beauty of bell music from one of the world’s largest carillons, nestled in the picturesque setting of Kirk in the Hills. Each Saturday, beginning July 5, at 5:00pm, we invite you to enjoy an evening of enchanting carillon music performed by distinguished guest artists from across the globe. For more information, click [HERE](#).

## BEWARE: Email/Phishing Scam Alert!!



Recently, Kirk in the Hills has been subjected to email phishing scams (fake emails impersonating Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez and the Kirk). *We want to remind you that the Kirk will never request money, gift cards, or favors by*

*email or robo calls.* All legitimate Kirk emails end with @kirkinthehills.org. If you receive a suspicious message, check the sender’s address. **Do not open, click links, or forward it—just delete it.**

**Example** of scam subject line: “Nora”

“Greetings! I hope you are available today. I’d like to discuss a favor I could use your help with.”  
— Falsely signed as Edwin Estevez

If you have questions, please feel free to call the church office. Stay vigilant. Thank you for your cooperation.

## New Member Class | June 18, 2025

**Calling All New Members!** Join us for New Member Class on Wednesday, June 18, 2025 at 5:30pm in Heritage Hall. We look forward to learning and growing together with you.



## COMING UP THIS WEEK

### Join Us! Get Involved!

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#### SUNDAY, JUNE 15

8:00am Communion Service  
Cedarholm Chapel  
8:30am Nursery Care - Abbey 24  
9:00am Worship Service - Sanctuary  
10:00am VBS Set Up  
10:00am Stephen Minister Private  
Prayer - Melrose Chapel  
10:00am The Daily News and The  
Good News - Upper Room  
10:00am Coffee Hour  
11:00am Worship Service -  
Sanctuary  
12:00pm Stephen Minister Private  
Prayer - Sanctuary  
12:00pm MOK Tour  
3:00pm Micah 6 Dinner Prep

#### MONDAY, JUNE 16

7:00am VBS  
12:00pm Ministry with Pontiac -  
Abbey 34  
6:30pm EPNC Meeting - Abbey 28  
6:30pm APNC Meeting - Abbey 36

#### TUESDAY, JUNE 17

7:00am VBS  
9:30am Prayer Cordon - Upper  
Room  
9:30am Sandwich Ministry  
Meeting - Welcome Center  
5:30pm CONC Meeting - Abbey 36  
6:30pm Meeting of Session -  
Abbey 28

#### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18

7:00am VBS  
10:00am Pastor's Bible Study -  
Upper Room  
10:30am O&M Executive Board  
1:00pm Trinity Stitchers - Abbey 27  
5:30pm New Member Class -  
Heritage Hall

#### THURSDAY, JUNE 19

*Juneteenth*  
7:00am VBS  
9:00am Kirk Seniors Boat Trip

#### FRIDAY, JUNE 20

7:00am VBS  
7:00am Men of the Kirk Bible Study

#### SATURDAY, JUNE 21

*High School Mission Trip*  
7:30am Saturday Morning Bible  
Study (Zoom Only)

#### SUNDAY, JUNE 22

*Celebration Sunday Service in  
the Refectory (9:00am & 11:00am)*

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Heritage Hall

**KIRK SUMMER OFFICE HOURS  
ARE IN EFFECT!**

**Mon - Thurs: 9:00am - 5:00pm**  
**Fri: 9:00am - 3:00pm**  
**Sat & Sun: Closed**

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#### EPNC Update

The EPNC (Robin Brinks, Rich Duffy, Ron Gardhouse, Kristi Jones, Meg Lentz, and Amy Maple) continues its diligent search for the Executive Pastor God has already chosen for the Kirk. Building on the foundation of Gary Gallo's previous search committee, they've reached out to hundreds of referral sources and considered numerous candidates. After several first interviews, the committee is now conducting second interviews. Please keep the EPNC in your prayers, and send any candidate suggestions to [epnc@kirkinthehills.org](mailto:epnc@kirkinthehills.org). Thank you for your continued support.