

SUMMER 2025

THIS WEEK – JUNE 22, 2025

@ the Kirk

WORSHIP & SERVICE

@theKirk Alert:

Summer is here, and with it comes a natural shift in pace as many in our community enjoy vacations, family time, and warm-weather adventures. As such, @theKirk will take a brief summer hiatus during the month of July, with programming set to resume the week of August 11.

Our weekly email will continue without interruption, so please be sure to submit your announcements by Wednesdays at 5:00pm to be included.

We're also putting together a special Summer Brochure highlighting ministry events happening throughout the season. If your ministry is planning summer activities and would like to be featured, **please submit your details by June 22, 2025.**

Thank you for helping us keep everyone informed and engaged. Wishing you a refreshing and joyful summer!

To keep up-to-date on all the latest Kirk news and events, visit kirkinthehills.org and sign up to receive our weekly email.



*Experience God's
Transforming Love*

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



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

This Celebration Sunday marks the close of the 75th Anniversary Campaign, the joyful conclusion of Vacation Bible School, and the exciting launch of our Sanctuary Renewal and Pipe Organ campaign — "Renew & Resound." It's a momentous occasion, and we welcome your participation. Golf carts (located in front of the Sanctuary) will be available to shuttle people from the east parking lot to the Refectory.

BEWARE: Email/Phishing Scam Alert!!



Kirk in the Hills continues to be subjected to email phishing scams (fake emails impersonating Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez and the Kirk). **PLEASE KNOW 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" (Your Name)

"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.

June's Coffee Hour Schedule

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

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



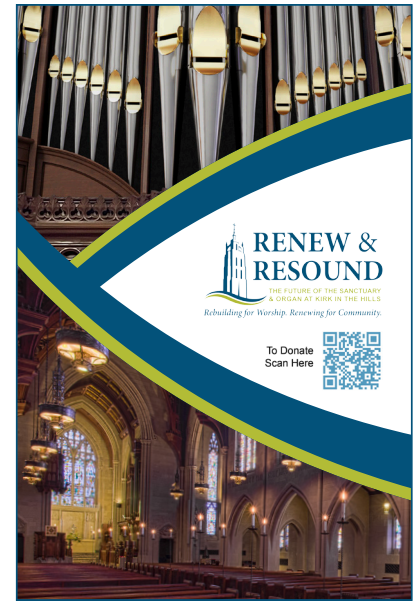
Renew & Resound:

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

We are grateful for your participation in Celebration Sunday as we worship together in the Refectory this Sunday 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.

As we close out the 75th Anniversary campaign and prepare to renew our space and resound our faith together, we look forward to taking this journey with you. To learn more or to donate, scan the QR code.



CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES UPDATES

Vacation Bible School (VBS) 2025: A Resounding Success!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who made this year's VBS a success! The children had an unforgettable time filled with learning, fellowship, and fun in a safe, engaging environment. As we break for the summer, please stay connected for updates on our limited schedule and upcoming events for the Kirk's children and youth.



A Special Prayer for Our Youth:

Let us lift up our youth heading to Kentucky for their mission trip. May God guide them, protect them, and use them as vessels of His transforming love as they share His light with others.



KYES LECTURE WEEKEND

Featuring

Dr. Tod Bolsinger

Co-owner and Principal,
AE Sloan Leadership, Inc.

Executive Director,
De Pree Center Church
Leadership Institute

Senior Fellow,
De Pree Center for Leadership

Associate Professor of
Leadership Formation,
Fuller Theological Seminary

SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 10-12, 2025

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.

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. Contact: Sarah Ford via email at sford@kirkinthehills.org.

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:

• **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 this Sunday, June 22 at the Fox Run worship service.

SAVE THE DATE

Summer Garden Services Begin

Sunday, June 29, 2025
9:00 a.m.



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.

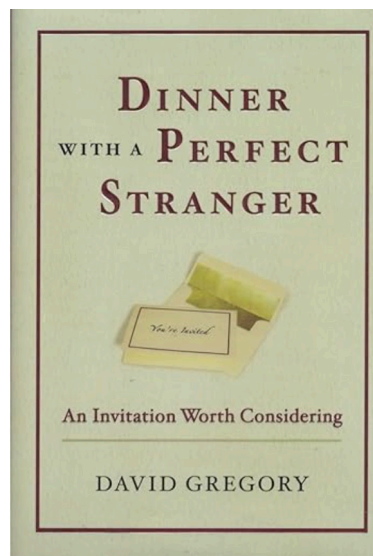
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2025 SUMMER CARILLON CONCERT SERIES

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 and enjoy the free ice cream truck. For more information, visit kirkinthehills.org/events.



*It's
Time for
Summer
Reading
with Adult
Christian
Education
(ACE)
at Kirk
In The
Hills*

ARE YOU READY FOR “ONE CHURCH ONE BOOK?”

The Adult Christian Education Committee invites you to join them for “One Church One Book” summer reading. The selection this year is *Dinner with a Perfect Stranger* by David Gregory. The discussion about the book will take place between the 9:00am and 11:00am services on August 17. All are welcome to join! Happy Reading!

COMING UP THIS WEEK

Join Us! Get Involved!

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SUNDAY, JUNE 22

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

High School Mission Trip

8:00am Communion Service
Cedarholm Chapel
8:30am Nursery Care - Abbey 24
9:00am Test Worship Service -
Refectory
10:00am Stephen Minister Private
Prayer - Melrose Chapel
10:00am Stephen Minister Peer
Support - Abbey 36
10:00am The Daily News and The
Good News - Upper Room
10:00am Coffee Hour - Refectory
Patio or St. Andrew's Room
11:00am Test Worship Service -
Refectory
12:00pm Stephen Minister Private
Prayer - Sanctuary
12:00pm MOK Tour
1:30pm - Youth Action Board -
Heritage Hall

MONDAY, JUNE 23

High School Mission Trip

10:00am Prayer Cordon - Upper
Room
6:30pm EPNC Meeting - Abbey 28
6:30pm APNC Meeting - Abbey 36

TUESDAY, JUNE 24

High School Mission Trip

9:00am Kirk Walking Group
9:30am Prayer Cordon - Upper
Room
9:30am Sandwich Ministry
Meeting - Welcome Center
5:30pm CONC Meeting - Upper Room
6:30pm Adult Christian Education -
Abbey 36

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25

High School Mission Trip

10:00am Pastor's Bible Study -
Upper Room
1:00pm Trinity Stitchers - Abbey 27

THURSDAY, JUNE 26

High School Mission Trip

11:30am Care Coordinating Team -
Colonel George's Study

FRIDAY, JUNE 27

High School Mission Trip

7:00am Men of the Kirk Bible Study

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

High School Mission Trip

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 29

8:00am Communion Service
Cedarholm Chapel
8:30am Nursery Care - Abbey 24
9:00am Summer Garden Service -
Columbarium
10:00am Summer Coffee Hour -
Front Patio/Fireside Room
10:00am Stephen Minister Private
Prayer - Melrose Chapel
10:00am The Daily News and The
Good News - Upper Room
11:00am Worship Service -
Sanctuary
12:00pm Stephen Minister Private
Prayer - Sanctuary
12:00pm MOK Tour

KIRK SUMMER OFFICE HOURS ARE IN EFFECT!

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

An Open Invitation

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.*

Baptisms

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

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. Thank you for your continued support.