

FALL 2025

Experience God's
Transforming Love

@ the Kirk

THIS WEEK – OCTOBER 17, 2025

Join Us!

6:00 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL FALL RETREAT

Friday, October 24, 2025



BIBLE SUNDAY

October 26, 2025

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.



COFFEE HOUR

HERITAGE HALL

Following 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

Setting Sail into Stewardship Season

Each fall, the Kirk community gathers to pause, reflect, and renew our shared commitment to God's work among us. As we embark on Stewardship Season, we're reminded that giving is not simply about finances—it's about faith. It's about the ways we offer our time, talents, and treasures in gratitude for all that God has given. When we worship, serve, and grow together, we become a living expression of the Body of Christ—trusting that God's Spirit continues to move among us and through us in powerful ways.

This year's theme, "**Full Sail Church: The Ships of Faith,**" invites us to picture the Kirk as a vessel guided by Christ and propelled by generosity. Over the coming weeks, we'll explore the "ships" that carry our ministry forward—worship, discipleship, fellowship, citizenship, stewardship, and leadership. Each one helps us chart the course through both calm and choppy waters, reminding us that the same Spirit that filled the sails of the early Church continues to fill ours today. So as we lift our sails together this season, may we do so with faith, gratitude, and joy—trusting that God will steer us toward the future prepared for this community we love.

CYF: Join Us For Family Fun at Bowers Farm!



Autumn is in the air, and we're heading out to celebrate the season together! Join your Kirk family for an afternoon of fall fun at Bowers Farm Fall Festival in Bloomfield Hills on **Saturday, October 18 at 1:00pm**. Stroll through the pumpkin patches, enjoy cider and donuts, and make memories with friends old and new. **Tickets are \$17 per person (children under 2 are free), and everyone will purchase their own tickets.**

This Advent season, we're inviting all children and youth to share their creativity and help make our worship even more meaningful! **We'll be featuring their artwork on the bulletin covers throughout Advent**, celebrating "The Gifts We Seek"—Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. Drawings, paintings, sketches, and even Bible verses or inspirational quotes are welcome! **Please submit artwork by November 23 to Sarah Ford's mailbox in the Welcome Center.** Let's fill this season with the color, imagination, and faith of our youngest artists.



Wednesdays at the Kirk: Ordered for God's Glory



Join us for Dinner Church as we explore how the Kirk and the PC(USA) are "Ordered for God's Glory." Each

week features a new speaker and

topic highlighting the vital roles within our church. Meets **Wednesdays**, at 5:30pm in the St. Andrew's Room until November 12. *A light meal will be served (a suggested \$10 donation would be appreciated)*

- **October 22:** Ryan Webb — *Elders: Leading with Wisdom and Vision*
- **October 29:** Pastor Edwin — *Teaching Elders: Preaching, Pastoring, and Guiding the Flock*
- **November 5:** Cynthia Niedbalski — *Deacons: Compassion in Action*
- **November 12:** Pastor Edwin — *Committees, Boards, and the Work of the Body*

Come be part of the conversation, the fellowship, and the faith formation that make the Kirk who we are! Scan the QR code to register!

ALMOST SOLD OUT!
VOCES 8
Friday, October 24, 2025
Choral Music Reimagined...

Scan to Purchase Concert Ticket(s)

VOCES 8 CONCERT TICKETS ON SALE NOW!



Kirk in the Hills is excited to present the internationally acclaimed vocal ensemble **VOCES8** on **Friday, October 24, 2025** at **7:30pm**. All proceeds from ticket sales support the Kirk's "Renew and Resound"

campaign. **Tickets are nearly sold out! No tickets will be sold at the door. Get your ticket(s) today! Don't wait!**



The Trinity Stitchers Ask You to Mark Your Calendar for Sunday, November 16!

During **Coffee Hour on Nov. 16**, the **Trinity Stitchers of Kirk in the Hills** will showcase and sell their finest handmade creations—just in time for the fall and winter seasons—in support of the Renew & Resound Campaign. Mark your calendars! Don't miss it.



VETERAN'S MINISTRY ANNUAL FALL CLOTHING DRIVE OCTOBER 17 - NOVEMBER 9, 2025

Ways You Can Help!

Donate New Items -

Donations of new items can be brought to Kirk in the Hills Welcome Center and placed in the bin marked "Veterans Ministry Clothing Drive."



Purchase Items from the Amazon Wishlist

Make a Monetary Donation-

Make your check payable to Kirk in the Hills. In the memo line, write "Veterans Clothing Drive."



Give Online - Scan the QR code and select "Veterans" on the dropdown menu



View the Veterans Clothing Drive Flyer by scanning the QR code.

Advent By Candlelight: December 3, 2025

*Hostess Registration Begins Today,
October 17, 2025*



Join us for a festive evening of fellowship as we prepare our hearts for Advent.

When/Where: 7:00 p.m. / Refectory

Giving Opportunity: Please bring an unwrapped gift for Pontiac students (hats, mittens/gloves, socks, or underwear, size 5+)

Questions? Contact Catherine Klein (248-797-5352) or Ruth Reading (248-875-1371). Scan the QR code to register as a hostess.

Join Us!

KIRK VETERANS LUNCHEON AND PROGRAM

Sunday,
November 9, 2025
12:15 p.m.

featuring
Colonel Glen L. Bloomstrom

Registration is required by October 31, 2025



Kirk Veterans and their spouses or guests are warmly invited to the annual Kirk Veterans' Luncheon and Program, a special time of fellowship, gratitude, and remembrance, on **Sunday, November 9, 2025**.

This year's event will feature keynote speaker Chaplain Glen L. Bloomstrom (Colonel), USA (Ret.), who will share reflections from his distinguished service and ministry.

Registration is required by October 31, 2025. To register by phone, please contact Jen Morris at (248) 973-8011.



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2025

Each year, Westminster Church in Detroit offers Thanksgiving Dinner to the Community. 2025 marks the 43rd year of this outreach where approximately 1600 people are served each year. They are looking for volunteers to fill many spots, starting on Monday, November 24. Registration is open!

For more information, please contact:
Bobi Tallinger at bobitall@comcast.net.



**Westminster Thanksgiving Day
Volunteers Needed! Sign Up!**

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.

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.

Join Us! Bill Robinson Bible Study

Join us on Sundays at 10:10am -11:00am in the Upper Room (in-person or by zoom). We are studying the book of Ephesians. For more info, please contact Ed Yousif at eyousif@gmail.com.

Register Today! April 13-23, 2026 Pilgrimage to Italy!



For more information, please contact Ruth Reading at 248-875-1371 or sterlingdesigns@yahoo.com.

Adopt- A-Family



This Christmas, the Deacons are supporting **Accent Pontiac, Bethany Christian Services, Hope Against Trafficking, and Kirk Tutor Families**. To give, donate online (select Adopt a Family under the "Give" tab) or mail a check to the Kirk by November 10 with Adopt-A-Family in the memo line.

After nearly 20 years of ministry, this will be the final year of the Adopt-A-Family program. We give thanks to God for the many families touched through this effort!

COMING UP THIS WEEK

Join Us! Get Involved!

@ the Kirk

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

- 8:00am Communion Service
Cedarholm Chapel
- 9:00am Worship Service -
Sanctuary
- 9:15am Sunday School -
Abbey Lounge
- 10:00am New Member Admit -
St. Andrew's Room
- 10:00am Coffee Hour
- 10:00am Stephen Minister Private
Prayer - Melrose Chapel
- 10:10am Bill Robinson Bible Study -
Upper Room
- 10:15am Confirmation Class -
Abbey 27/28
- 10:15am St. Cecilia Choir Rehearsal -
Abbey 33
- 10:15am Joyful Noise Choir - Abbey 26
- 11:00am Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 11:00am Cantamus Choir Rehearsal -
Abbey 33
- 12:00pm Stephen Minister Private
Prayer
- 12:00pm MOK Tour
- 4:00pm Micah 6 Dinner Prep w/
Youth
- 5:30pm Youth Group -Heritage Hall

- 1:00pm Trinity Stitchers - Abbey 27
- 4:30pm O&M Exec Board Meeting
- Abbey 28
- 5:30pm Dinner Church -
St. Andrew's Room

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23

- 9:30am Women's Thursday
Morning Bible Study -
Upper Room
- 11:30am Care Coordinating Team -
Colonel George's Study
- 12:00pm Docent Tour
- 6:30pm Arabic Bible Study -
Upper Room
- 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal-
Sanctuary/Choir Room 1

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

High School Fall Retreat

- 7:00am Men of the Kirk Bible Study
- Abbey 28
- 9:30am Books and Bibles -
Upper Room
- 5:00pm High School Fall Retreat
- 7:30pm VOCES8 Concert

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21

- 9:30am Prayer Cordon Upper
Room
- 9:30am Sandwich Ministry
Meeting - Welcome Center
- 11:00am Kirk Senior Luncheon
- 6:30pm Meeting of Session

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22

- 9:30am Spiritual Studies Group
(Zoom) Only
- 10:00am Pastor Bible Study -
Upper Room

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

- 10:15am Confirmation Class -
Abbey 27/28
- 10:15am St. Cecilia Choir Rehearsal -
Abbey 33
- 10:15am Joyful Noise Choir - Abbey 26
- 11:00am Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 11:00am Cantamus Choir Rehearsal -
Abbey 33
- 12:00pm Stephen Minister Private
Prayer
- 12:00pm MOK Tour
- 1:30pm Youth Action Board -
Heritage Hall
- 5:30pm Youth Group - Heritage Hall

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.

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5K GREEN BUCKET

9AM

RUN/WALK

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 8, 2025

1340 West Long Lake Road Bloomfield Hills, MI US 48302

- \$40 early registration by Friday, October 3rd.
- \$25 for students by Friday, October 3rd.
- \$30 for Pontiac residents by Friday, October 3rd.
- \$45 after Oct. 3rd and walk-ins.
- Every runner gets a T-shirt and race bib.

Register today!