

FALL 2025 |

Experience God's
Transforming Love

@ the Kirk

THIS WEEK – OCTOBER 24, 2025

Join Us!

Get Ready for REFORMATION SUNDAY!

*Daylight
Savings
Time Begins
Sunday,
November 2, 2025*

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

The Voyage of Stewardship Season Has Begun

The Ships of Faith: Discipleship



This Sunday, as we celebrate Reformation and Bible Sunday, we're reminded that faith is a living, growing journey—one that's constantly shaped by the Word of God and the movement of the Holy Spirit. The Reformers once set their sails to the winds of God's Spirit, trusting Christ to steer His Church toward truth and grace. Today, we're invited to do the same—to open our hearts, raise our sails, and follow wherever Jesus leads.

Our reading from Luke 5:1–11 calls us to “put out into the deep water.” It's an invitation to courage—to trust God even when our nets seem empty, even when the next step feels uncertain.

That's the heart of discipleship: letting go of fear and stepping faithfully into the unknown, believing that God will provide.

Through the generosity of those who have gone before us, including the endowment that supports our Bible ministry for children and youth, we continue to equip new generations to listen, learn, and grow in faith. Together, we're learning that when we cast our lives in service to Christ, God fills our nets in ways we never imagined.

As our Stewardship Season continues, may this week renew our sense of purpose and call. Let us sail forward with gratitude and boldness, trusting the One who still calms the seas, fills our nets, and guides the Kirk toward the Kingdom of Peace.

CYF: Requesting Art for Advent!

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 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!



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.

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.



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.



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!



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! Please scan the QR code to sign up!

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



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



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! 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.



You may have noticed the beautiful fall flowers in the planters in front of the Sanctuary and the bright yellow mums around the Kirk campus. These flowers were planted by Kirk volunteers, also known as the Garden Guild, on a recent Saturday morning. We also did trimming, weeding, and thistle harvesting in the gardens. It was a beautiful day, in a beautiful place, with great people. What a way to celebrate God's good earth!

Many thanks to Elizabeth Bachinsky, Midge Barrow, Denise Devlin, Dennis Fiems, Joann Kallio, Larry Neal, Martha and Keith Peters, Marsha Rogers, Tammy Schafsnitz, Sue and Gary Scheiwe, Leslie Sikes, Mary and Jim Vanderworp, and Marge and Allan Whittemore.

We plant every spring and fall, and everyone is welcome to participate in the fun!

COMING UP THIS WEEK

Join Us! Get Involved!

@ the Kirk

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

High School Retreat

- 8:00am Communion Service
Cedarholm Chapel
- 9:00am Worship Service -
Sanctuary
- 9:15am Sunday School -
Abbey Lounge
- 10:00am Coffee Hour -Heritage
- 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
- 1:30pm Youth Action Board -
Heritage Hall
- 5:30pm Youth Group - Heritage
Hall

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27

- 10:00am Veteran's Lunch Planning
- Colonel George's Study
- 6:30pm EPNC Meeting - Abbey 28
- 6:30pm APNC Meeting - Abbey 36

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28

- 9:30am Prayer Cordon Upper
Room
- 9:30am Sandwich Ministry
Meeting - Welcome Center
- 4:30pm O & M Executive Board Mtg.-
Abbey 28
- 6:00pm Adult Christian Education
(ACE) - Abbey 36

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28

- 6:00pm Meet & Greet with Pastor
Rami Aqsadi - Abbey 28
- 6:30pm O & M Committee Meeting -
Abbey 28

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29

- 9:30am Spiritual Studies Group
(Zoom) Only
- 10:00am Pastor Bible Study -
Upper Room
- 1:00pm Trinity Stitchers
- Abbey 27
- 5:30pm Dinner Church -
St. Andrew's Room

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30

- 9:30am Women's Thursday
Morning Bible Study -
Upper Room
- 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal-
Sanctuary/Choir Room 1

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31

- 7:00am Men of the Kirk Bible Study
- Abbey 28
- 9:30am Books and Bibles -
Upper Room

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

- 8:00am Communion Service
Cedarholm Chapel
- 9:00am Worship Service -
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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.

Support Accent Pontiac

JOIN US FOR

ACCENT PONTIAC'S

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!