

ADVENT 2025

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Transforming Love

@ the Kirk

THIS WEEK – DECEMBER 5, 2025

Join Us!



The Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2025



YOUTH BAKE SALE &
COFFEE HOUR
HERITAGE HALL



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Kirk in the Hills

This Week in the Season of Advent *The Gift of Peace*



As we continue our Advent worship series, **"The Gifts We Seek,"** we turn toward the gift our world longs for perhaps more than any other: peace. In a season filled with noise, pressure, and hurried expectations, peace can feel distant. Yet Scripture reminds us that the peace Christ offers is not the absence of trouble, but the presence of God—calming our fears, steadying our spirits, and guiding us through uncertainty.

This Sunday, Pastor Edwin will explore how Christ's peace takes shape in our lives and in our community. It is a peace that moves beyond surface-level calm and settles deep within us—a peace strong enough to transform relationships, soften hearts, and anchor us when life feels overwhelming.

As we move through this second week of Advent, we invite you to consider: Where do you long for peace? In your home, your schedule, your relationships, or your inner life? Bring those questions with you to worship. Advent assures us that Christ meets us in the midst of it all, offering a peace the world cannot give and cannot take away.

We look forward to seeking this gift together. Come, let us worship in peace.

2025 New Members Celebration Next Sunday

You're invited to join the Membership Committee and Deacons next **Sunday, December 14, 2025** at Coffee Hour for our 2025 New Member Celebration. We will welcome those who have joined our Congregation and enjoy cake and other special treats provided by Glenda and her Coffee Hour volunteers!

The Renew & Resound Fundraising Campaign presents

CHRISTMAS JAZZ

at Kirk in the Hills

"Joyful Noise: The Twelve Tunes of Christmas"
featuring Wesley Reynoso & Friends

Friday, December 12, 2025 | 7:30 p.m.
(Doors open at 7:00 p.m.)

Kirk in the Hills
1340 W Long Lake Road
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302

Tickets: \$40 Premium Seats | \$25 General

Featuring:
Wesley Reynoso, Piano
Charlie Miller, Trumpet
Russ Miller, Sax
Jonathan Ovalle, Drums
Patrick Prouty, Bass
Chris Smith, Trombone
April Tini, Soloist
The Grunyons, Jazz Acapella Group

**Some info may be subject to change.*




Scan QR Code To Purchase Your Ticket(s)




SCAN THE QR CODE TO PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS TODAY!

Next Friday, December 12, 2025, the Renew and Resound Campaign invites you to celebrate the Advent and Christmas season with *"Joyful Noise: The Twelve Tunes of Christmas,"* a festive and faith-filled evening of jazz that prepares the heart for Christ's coming. Doors open at 7:00pm | Concert begins at 7:30pm | **Tickets are going fast—scan the QR code or call the business office (248) 626-2515 to reserve your tickets (\$40 Premium | \$25 General) today!**



"Hear the Angels Sing"

Sunday, December 21, 2025 | 4:00pm | No Admission Charge.

Join us on **December 21, 2025 at 4:00pm** for "Hear the Angels Sing," a program featuring carols and choral music of Advent and the Christmas Season with music by Matthew Owens, Patrick Hadley, C.V. Stanford, Philip Stopford, James Biery, and familiar congregational carols accompanied by strings, oboes, harp and organ, conducted by Marilyn Biery.



NOW - DECEMBER 17, 2025

ONLY TWELVE DAYS LEFT - WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT! 2025 marks the 21st anniversary of our Angel Tree collection of holiday gifts for children and teenagers served by CARE House (many of whom are victims of child abuse). Some gifts also will go to the Micah 6 Community in Pontiac. Please take a tag(s) from one of the trees located at the Welcome Center, in the Narthex, in Heritage Hall, and near the Kirk Preschool. Return unwrapped gifts to one of the trees by no later than Wednesday, December 17. Ordering gifts online and providing gift cards (in denominations for a single child) also are options. Contact Ann Manning at ann.manning.21@gmail.com with any questions or for further detail.

Kirk in the Hills Preschool



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High Quality Preschool Programs Offered at the Kirk: Non-Profit
(Kirk Members receive priority consideration)

- 2 ½- year-old class: 2 days a week .
- 3-year-old class: 3 or 5 days a week
- 4-year-old class: 5 days a week
- Multi-Aged: 5 days a week (older 4's and young 5's)
- Parent and Toddler class: Fall and Winter sessions

Registration for 2026-2027 Starts Now - CALL TODAY!



Please contact our office at 248-973-8017 or email Sandy Jewell at: sjewell@kirkinthehills.org.



Join Us! KIRK SENIORS LUNCHEON

*Join us on for lunch
and a special Holiday
tour of historic
Cranbrook House*

**Tuesday,
December 16, 2025**

*Reservations by:
Tuesday, December 9, 2025*

RESERVATION DEADLINE: DECEMBER 9

In the summer of 1908, George Gough Booth and Ellen Scripps Booth—two of metro Detroit's most influential yet often overlooked philanthropists—moved into their newly built Cranbrook House, the first year-round estate of its kind in Bloomfield Hills. Designed in the English Tudor, Arts & Crafts style by noted Detroit architect Albert Kahn, the home served as the Booths' residence for 40 years and became the heart of what would grow into the Cranbrook Educational Community.

The cost of our exclusive tour and lunch is \$70 per person. Reservations must be

received at the Kirk by Tuesday, December 9, and are limited to 50 attendees, so this deadline is important. **Please arrive no later than 10:30am.** Also note, **the tour is NOT handicap accessible.** Please make checks payable to "Kirk in the Hills" with "Senior Luncheon" on the memo line. Checks may be mailed or dropped off at the Welcome Center—be sure to mark the envelope "Senior Luncheon." Questions? Contact Sydrena Epstein at 248-626-0474 (home) or 248-931-0442 (mobile).

Children, Youth & Family Updates

THERE IS SUNDAY SCHOOL ON DECEMBER 7TH!

Children will receive communion during children's communion in the Abbey Lounge immediately following the children's message after they've been dismissed for Sunday school. As we look ahead, there will Sunday school every Sunday in January, including January 4th and January 11th!



The **Christmas Pageant** (Christmas Eve at 5:00pm) is drawing near. **All children and youth who wish to participate should sign up by sending an email to Sarah Ford at Sford@kirkinthehills.org** or by scanning the QR code. Speaking and non-speaking parts are available. We will be performing "The Promise" alongside the Joyful Noise and St. Cecilia Choirs during the 5:00pm Christmas Eve service. Children and youth who currently are in the Joyful Noise and St. Cecilia choirs already have a role in the pageant as performers so no need to sign up. **Specific speaking and non-speaking roles on the sign up genius are for children and youth who are not in the choirs.** Contact Sarah Ford at sford@kirkinthehills.org with any questions.

Youth Group Invites You Join the Fun & Fuel the Mission - Support our amazing Youth Group as they raise funds for their 2026 Mission Trip to Costa Rica! All proceeds will help send our teens on this life-changing journey. Upcoming events include:

Youth Group Bake Sale – THIS SUNDAY!

Sweeten your Sunday fellowship! The Youth Group will be hosting a delicious bake sale during Coffee Hour in Heritage Hall from 10:00–11:00am. Enjoy homemade

Peace Drums Project on Dec. 7



**PEACE DRUMS
PROJECT**

Peace Drums Project, a people-to-people 501(c)(3), brings children of all cultural and religious backgrounds in both Israel and the West Bank together to experience music (specifically steel pan) as a powerful community builder and peace maker.

Join us in Cedarholm chapel **at 10:15am** (in-between services) on **Sunday, December 7th** when Executive Director and Founder of Peace Drums, Harvey Price, and Michael Chacour, Executive Director of Peace Drums in Israel, will be visiting the Kirk to share about their mission and explore how members of the Kirk can support their important work in the Middle East.



that were baked right here at the Kirk by our wonderful youth with love.

Youth Group Gift Wrapping Fundraiser on

December 14 & 21 - Take the stress out of holiday prep! After both the 9:00am and 11:00am services on December 14 and 21, the Youth Group will be offering gift wrapping in Heritage Hall. Choose from a variety of festive wrapping options and let our teens make your presents shine!

COMING UP THIS WEEK

Join Us! Get Involved!

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

Communion Sunday

- 8:00am Communion Service
Cedarholm Chapel
- 9:00am Worship Service -
Sanctuary
- 9:00am New Member Brunch -
St. Andrew's Room
- 9:15am Sunday School -
Abbey Lounge
- 10:00am Coffee Hour -
Heritage Hall
- 10:00am Stephen Minister Private
Prayer - Melrose Chapel
- 10:00am Peace Drum Corp Talk -
Cedarholm 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
- 5:30pm Youth Group -
Heritage Hall

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8

- 11:00am Docent Tour
- 5:30pm Communications Meeting
- Upper Room
- 6:30pm EPNC Meeting - Abbey 28
- 6:30pm APNC Meeting - Abbey 36

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

- 9:30am Prayer Cordon -
Upper Room
- 9:30am Sandwich Ministry
Meeting - Welcome Center
- 10:00am Alzheimer's Support Group -
Abbey 27
- 12:30pm CYFM Committe Mtg (Zoom)
- 3:00pm Organ Committee Mtg -
Abbey 28

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

- 5:30pm Facilities Meeting
- 6:30pm Deacons Meeting -
Upper Room
- 6:30pm Board of Trustees Meeting -
Abbey 28

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

*Note: Pastors Bible Study
will resume on Jan 7*

- 9:30am Spiritual Studies Group
Abbey 27
- 1:00pm Trinity Stitchers -
Abbey 27
- 7:00pm Service of Comfort & Hope
- Sanctuary

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

- 9:30am Woman's Thursday
Morning Bible Study -
Upper Room
- 10:30am Docent Tour
- 11:30am Care Coordinating Team -
Colonel George's Study
- 12:00pm Book of the Month Club -
Abbey 27
- 6:30pm Membership Committee
Meeting - Abbey 36
- 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal -
Sanctuary/Choir Rm 1

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

Christmas Jazz Concert

- 7:00am MOK Bible Study
- 9:30am Books & Bibles -
Upper Room
- 1:00pm Sojourners - Abbey 27
- 7:30pm Christmas Jazz Concert -
Renew & Resound
Fundraiser - Sanctuary

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

Wreaths Across America

- 7:30am Saturday Morning Bible
Study (Zoom Only)
- 8:00am Usher Appreciation
Breakfast - St. Andrew's
- 9:00am Stephen Minister Training
- Abbey 36
- 9:30am Biery organ practice

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

Wreaths Across America

- 8:00am Communion Service -
Cedarholm Chapel
- 9:00am Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 9:15am Sunday School - Abbey Lounge
- 10:00am Coffee Hour (New Member
Celebration) - Heritage Hall
- 10:00am Stephen Minister Private
Prayer - Melrose Chapel
- 10:10am Bill Robinson Bible Study
- Upper Room
- 10:15am Confirmation Class -
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- 11:00am Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 11:00am Cantamus Choir Rehearsal
- Abbey 33
- 12:00pm Stephen Minister Private
Prayer
- 12:00pm MOK Tour
- 1:00pm Youth Action Board -
Heritage Hall
- 1:00pm Arabic Christmas Service -
Cedarholm Chapel
- 2:00pm Fellowship Post-Arabic Service -
Fireside Room
- 5:30pm Youth Group - Heritage Hall

Alzheimer's Support Group

The Alzheimer's Support Group meets **Tuesday, December 9, 2025** in Abbey 27 at 10:00am. For more information, please contact Wendy Beck at wbeck@kirkinthehills.org.

Come Build Community with Sojourners!

Sojourners! meet the Second Friday of each month at 1:00pm. Our next meeting will be **Friday, December 12, 2025**. Sojourners are people on a journey through life's seasons of grief. This is a support group for widows and widowers of all ages that provides a forum in which participants can share strategies for dealing with grief with others who understand.