

# 2026 @ the Kirk

THIS WEEK – FEBRUARY 6, 2026

## Join Us!

### Usher's Spotlight

*A special thanks to the Ushers scheduled to serve during the month of February:*

**9:00am Service:**

Jeffrey D. Sigelko, Captain;  
Kevin Brinks, Co-captain;  
Michelle Clark; Jeff Jones;  
Ron Kuhn; Amy Maple; Dick Morris;  
Randall L. Pappal; Christopher Pascoe

**11:00am Service:**

Howard H. Crumit, Jr., Captain;  
David H. Owen, Co-captain;  
Jason Belt; Jay L. Cooke;  
Larry Galloway; Ken Glass;  
Edmond Jordan; Thomas L. Stewart;  
James W. Wells; Albert Zolton

### COFFEE HOUR HERITAGE HALL



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Kirk in the Hills



### *Listening for God in the Silence as we Chart Our Way Forward*



God in “a sound of sheer silence.” The mountain becomes not a place of spectacle, but of restoration, where God meets Elijah with quiet, sustaining presence.

This story speaks to anyone who feels worn down by the demands of life or faith. It reminds us that not every encounter with God is loud or dramatic. Some are gentle, slow, and deeply healing. In a noisy and hurried world, worship offers space to breathe, listen, and be renewed.

That same posture of attentive listening shapes our life together as a congregation. As the Kirk continues Charting the Course, we invite you to participate in the brief, confidential congregational survey if you have not yet done so. Each reflection helps us listen more faithfully to where the Spirit may be leading us next.

As we prepare for Sunday—and for the coming season of Lent, which begins soon—may we practice the holy work of slowing down, listening, and making room for God’s transforming presence.

We look forward to worshiping with you.



## Welcoming New Leadership & Giving Thanks for Faithful Service

With gratitude for the past and hope for the future, Kirk in the Hills is pleased to share two important leadership updates within our church family.

### A Warm Welcome to Adam Baron

We are delighted to welcome **Adam Baron** as our new **Executive Director**, beginning **Monday, February 9, 2026**. Adam joins the Kirk with a strong background in strategic leadership, organizational development, and community engagement, along with a deep commitment to servant leadership.

Adam brings experience from his work with SEND International as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, as well as Rochester University as Director of Community Engagement and Strategy. His collaborative spirit, thoughtful leadership, and passion for strengthening mission-driven organizations will be wonderful gifts to our congregation as we look toward the next chapter of ministry together.

Senior Pastor, Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez shared, “We are thrilled to welcome Adam to our leadership team. His strategic insight, passion for congregational life, and relational spirit will be tremendous assets as we care for our staff and congregation, strengthen our ministries, and serve our community.”

We invite you to join us in extending a heartfelt Kirk welcome to Adam as he begins his ministry among us.



### With Deep Gratitude: Thank You, Jayne Zellers

At the same time, we offer our deepest thanks and appreciation to Jayne Zellers, who is retiring after 20 years of faithful service as Business Manager at Kirk in the Hills.

For two decades, Jayne has been a steady and trusted presence, guiding the church through seasons of growth and change with sound wisdom, professionalism, and grace. Her leadership and financial stewardship

have helped sustain the life and mission of the Kirk in countless ways—many of them behind the scenes, yet deeply meaningful.

“Jayne’s contributions have been invaluable,” said Rev. Dr. Estevez. “Major initiatives and tough decisions like the new elevator, the Abbey and Kirk House renovations, and the teardown of the manse

would not have happened without her. She has left an indelible mark, and we are deeply grateful for her many years of service.”

As Jayne steps into a new season of life, we honor her legacy with profound gratitude and offer our prayers and blessings for all that lies ahead.

As one chapter closes and another begins, we give thanks for God’s faithfulness—celebrating the leadership that has carried us here and the new leadership that will help guide us forward.

To honor Jayne’s legacy, you are invited to make a gift to the **Kirk Facilities** she so faithfully supported and to **Accent Pontiac**, an organization close to her heart. To donate, scan the designated QR code above.

KIRK FACILITIES



ACCENT PONTIAC



### Important Notice: Congregational Meeting Alert!

A **Congregational Meeting** has been called by the Board of Session to be held on Sunday, **February 22, 2026** after the 9:00am worship service to vote on the Associate Pastor Candidate for Congregational Care and Evangelism. The candidate will be preaching during the 9:00am service.

*Livestreaming services will be suspended for the 9:00am Preach to Call.*

### Alzheimer's Support Group

The Alzheimer's Support Group meets **Tuesday, February 10, 2026** in Abbey 27 at 10:00am. For more information, please contact Wendy Beck at: [wbeck@kirkinthehills.org](mailto:wbeck@kirkinthehills.org).

### Sojourners!

Sojourners meets on the second Friday of each month at 1:00pm.; the next gathering is **Friday, February 13, 2026**. This supportive group for widows and widowers of all ages offers a caring space to share and navigate life's seasons of grief together.

# Children, Youth & Family (CYF)

The Children, Youth, and Family ministry invites you to remember the upcoming dates:



**VBS dates are June 14-18, 2026 and is for children ages 3 through Grade 5. VBS is now open for registration for all Kirk families, preschool families, and past participants!**

Rising 6th Graders - 12th graders serve as youth helpers and should also register. **Scan QR code to register!**



Families are encouraged to plan ahead and register early, as spots fill quickly. For questions or additional information, please contact Lauren Clopton at [lclopton@kirkinthehills.org](mailto:lclopton@kirkinthehills.org).

## Other Upcoming Events:

### February 8 – Valentine Making

Following Sunday School, children are invited to make Valentines for our friends at Fox Run. Materials will be available in the Abbey Lounge. Please leave completed Valentines on the blue-covered table. They will love these!

### February 14 – Youth Bowling Night

Support Accent Pontiac by bowling for a cause! \$25 includes three hours of bowling, two slices of pizza, and a chance to win a raffle prize. Space is limited to 20 participants. Sign-up required.



### February 15 – No Youth Group / No Micah 6 Dinner

There will be no Youth Group meeting and no Micah 6 dinner service this evening.

### February 22 – Costa Rica Mission Trip Events

Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser – Support our Youth Costa Rica Mission Trip.

Parent Meeting – 10:30am in the Youth Room (required for families participating in the Costa Rica Mission Trip).

## Kirk Seniors Luncheon | February 17, 2026



### KIRK SENIORS LUNCHEON

*“Restoration Stories of Detroit & More”*  
The Jewish Schwitz  
Dakota Inn Rathskeller  
The Purple Gang  
to name a few...

Guest Speaker: **Paddy Lynch**  
Licensed Funeral Director

**February 17, 2026**

11:00am

Register by:  
Thursday, February 12, 2026



**President Reggie Wenyika, Rochester Christian University to Speak at the Kirk for President's Day!**

**On Sunday, February 15, at 9:00am & 11:00am** President Reggie Wenyika will be our guest speaker in observance of President's Day and before our Lenten season begins on **Ash Wednesday, February 18**. Ash Wednesday Services will be held at Noon and 7:30pm. We hope you will join us for both occasions.

### DINNER CHURCH



## Sign Up for the 2026 Lenten Dinner Church Series

**Dinner Church will begin on Wednesday, February 25 at 5:30pm in the St. Andrew's Room.** The series will focus on **Christian Art in Italy** beginning with creation, and concluding with the death of Jesus. All are welcome to attend. A \$10 charge to cover the cost of the meal is suggested. Please register by scanning the QR code.

A zoom link will also be available if you are unable to attend in person.

**Register Today!**



## Join Us! Fem Lavi Detroit - Stories of Impact on February 28



FEM LAVI DETROIT

**On Saturday, February 28,** Seeds to Sustainability will host its 3rd Annual Fem Lavi – “Stories of Impact” at Kirk in the Hills. Fem Lavi (“Farm of Life”) highlights agricultural programs in

Haiti that empower families through livestock, seeds, and education—bringing hope and transformation to communities in need.

**Tickets are \$25;** all are welcome.

**Register by Thursday, February 12, 2026!**

# COMING UP THIS WEEK

*Join Us! Get Involved!*

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

8:00am Communion Service  
Cedarholm Chapel  
9:00am Worship Service -  
Sanctuary  
9:00am Sunday School  
10:00am Coffee Hour -  
Heritage Hall  
10:00am Stephen Minister Private  
Prayer - Melrose Chapel  
10:10am Bill Robinson Bible Study  
- Upper Room  
10:15am Confirmation Class  
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 After Service Sanctuary  
Tour  
1:00pm Youth Action Board

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9

6:30pm APNC Meeting - Abbey 36

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

9:30am Prayer Cordon - Upper  
Room  
9:30am Sandwich Ministry -  
Welcome Center  
10:00am Alzheimer's Support Group  
- Abbey 27  
12:30pm CYFM Committee Meeting  
- Zoom  
5:00pm Facilities Meeting -  
Upper Room  
6:30pm Deacons Meeting  
- Abbey 28  
6:30pm Board of Trustees Meeting -  
Upper Room

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

10:00am Pastors Bible Study -  
Upper Room  
1:00pm Trinity Stitchers -  
Abbey 27  
5:00pm Stephen Minister Training -  
Abbey 36

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

6:00pm New Member Cohort Class  
-St. Andrew's Room

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12

9:30am Woman's Thursday  
Morning Bible Study -  
Upper Room  
11:30am Care Coordinating Team -  
Colonel George's Study  
6:00pm Kirk Ringers - Abbey 33  
6:30pm Membership Committee  
Meeting - Upper Room  
7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal -  
Choir Room

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

7:00am MOK Bible Study  
9:30am Books & Bibles -  
Upper Room  
1:00pm Sojourners

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

7:30am Saturday Morning Bible  
Study (Zoom Only)  
9:00am Stephen Minister Training  
- Abbey 36

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

8:00am Communion Service  
Cedarholm Chapel  
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5:30pm Youth Group

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## March 1 - Family Bread Baking! Register Today!



Join us to bake bread with your friends and family in the Refectory Kitchen on Sunday, **March 1st at 10:00am**.

We will have fun mixing ingredients, kneading dough, and talking through seeds of faith, yeast, and the benefits of shared faith (like breaking bread together). Kids will do a scavenger hunt and we might climb the tower. **Scan the QR Code to Register Today!**



## Join Us! Journey to Jerusalem

## Maundy Thursday, April 2, 7:30pm

All are invited to the Kirk's Maundy Thursday service, **"Journey to Jerusalem" on April 2 at 7:30pm** in the sanctuary. The service will be followed by Tenebrae and Stripping of the Paraments at 8:45pm. Come with Jesus on his final journey to Jerusalem: washing the feet of the disciples, sitting at the table for the Last Supper, and praying in the Garden of Gethsemane.