

2026 | Experience God's  
Transforming Love

# @ the Kirk

THIS WEEK – MARCH 6, 2026



## Join Us!

### LENTEN SEASON SERMON SERIES: "Praying with Jesus"

March 8 | Third Sunday of Lent  
Sermon Topic: "Thank"  
(John 11:41-42)

March 15 | Fourth Sunday of Lent  
Sermon Topic: "Unify"  
(John 17:20-26)

March 22 | Fifth Sunday of Lent  
Sermon Topic: "Enjoy"  
(John 17:11 1b-21)



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**2026 LENTEN SEASON  
& EASTER BROCHURE**

### Third Sunday of Lent: Praying with Jesus - Thank



As our Lenten journey continues at Kirk in the Hills, this week's message in the *Praying with Jesus* series invites us to reflect on the power of gratitude.

In John's Gospel, Jesus gives thanks before Lazarus emerges from the tomb. In a moment filled with uncertainty and grief, Jesus begins with thanksgiving—expressing

trust in the Father even before the outcome is visible.

This story reminds us that gratitude is more than a response to blessing; it is an act of faith. To pray with Jesus is to anchor our lives in thanksgiving, trusting in God's faithfulness even when circumstances feel unresolved.

During this season of Lent, we are invited to rediscover the depth of trust that shapes Christian prayer and draws us closer to the heart of God.

### COFFEE HOUR HERITAGE HALL



### DONATE TO HONOR JAYNE



### Celebrating Jayne Zellers!

**Next Sunday, March 15, 2026**, at the beginning of the 9:00am. and 11:00am. services, we will celebrate the leadership and lasting legacy of Jayne Zellers as she prepares to retire from the Kirk—again!

Immediately following the 9:00am service, please join us in Heritage Hall for a special celebratory brunch served by our Youth Group as we honor

Jayne's faithful years of dedicated service and wish her every blessing in this next chapter.

To honor Jayne's legacy, you are invited to make a gift to the Kirk Facilities, which she so faithfully supported, or to Accent Pontiac, an organization close to her heart. To donate, please scan the designated QR code to the left.

KIRK FACILITIES



ACCENT PONTIAC





## Welcome, Rev. Rami Almaqdasi

Kirk in the Hills is pleased to welcome Rev. Rami Almaqdasi as our new Associate Pastor for Congregational Care and Evangelism.

Rev. Almaqdasi brings a powerful story of faith, perseverance, and pastoral leadership shaped by his journey from Iraq to ministry in the United States. Growing up in a Christian family in Basra, Iraq, Pastor Rami first sensed God's call to preach the Gospel at a young age and has since devoted his life to serving Christ and caring for God's people.

After completing his theological studies at the Theological Seminary in Cairo, Egypt, Pastor Rami served congregations in Iraq and Syria and worked closely with families displaced by war through refugee ministry. Since coming to the United States in 2014, he has continued his pastoral work with congregations and immigrant communities, most recently serving as Stated Supply Pastor at First Presbyterian Church of Pontiac. His ministry is grounded in a deep love for Scripture, compassion for people, and a desire to help others encounter Christ in meaningful and life-giving ways.

Pastor Rami and his wife, Raya, are the proud parents of two daughters, Marilyn and Lisa, and they are thrilled to be part of the Kirk family. Please join us in warmly welcoming Pastor Rami and the Almaqdasi family as we begin this new chapter of ministry together.



## DINNER CHURCH



## Sign Up for the 2026 Lenten Dinner Church Series Today!

Our next Lenten Dinner Church will begin on Wednesday, March 11, 2026 at 5:30pm in the St. Andrew's Room. The series will continue to focus on **Christian Art in Italy** from creation to 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!**



## Donate Easter Lilies in Memory or in Honor of a Loved One - Deadline- March 29

Easter lilies will be used to adorn the Kirk on Easter Sunday. If you would like to donate flowers to this display, send a

check made payable to Kirk in the Hills for \$25 along with your name and the person or persons you are memorializing or honoring. Send requests to Kirk in the Hills, Attn: Marsha Rogers, 1340 W. Long Lake Rd., Bloomfield Hills, 48302. **Deadline is March 29.** Sign up can also be done online at <https://kirkinthehills.formstack.com/forms/easterflower26> or by scanning the QR code.

## KIRK SENIORS LUNCHEON

Presents a Lecture:

# GONE WITH THE WIND

Tuesday, March 17, 2026  
11:00 a.m. | St. Andrew's Room

Guest Speaker:  
Kathleen Marcaccio  
Michigan's foremost authority  
on the movie

Register by Thursday,  
March 12, 2026



Join us Tuesday, March 17, 2026 at 11:00am for an unforgettable afternoon of fellowship, fine food, and fascinating history as we explore one of Hollywood's most iconic films — Gone with the Wind. Kathleen Marcaccio will bring the beloved classic to life with behind-the-scenes stories, historical insights, and engaging commentary. The **cost of lunch is \$25 per person. Reservations must be received at the Kirk by Thursday, March 12, 2026.** Questions? Contact Sydrena Epstein at 248-626-0474 (home) or 248-931-0442 (mobile).

## Children, Youth & Family (CYF)

### VBS, June 14-18, 2026 - Calling All Volunteers!

VBS is looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help make this special week meaningful and fun for our children. Please scan the QR code to sign up if you're interested in using your time, talent and resources to help make this year one of our most successful.



## Youth Mission Trip Fundraisers



**Spring Yard Cleanups – Your Yard, Their Mission**  
- From mid-March through early June, our mission team is available to help with yard cleanups, planting, mulching, painting, and more. There is no set fee—donations toward the trip are appreciated. (Please provide your own supplies.) **Schedule your date by scanning the QR code or contact Mike Jarasz at mjarasz@kirkinthehills.org.**

**Silent Auction Donations Needed** - We're seeking new items, themed baskets, gift cards, tickets, or services for our upcoming fundraiser. **Drop-off deadline: April 12.** Contact Mike for details.

## Deacon Fund Month | Show Your Support

**We invite you to support the ministry of mercy with a generous Lenten gift. Your giving sustains:**

- Congregational Care
- Congregational Benevolence
- Kirk Community Care
- Worship



Your gift ensures that no one in our Kirk family is forgotten, unseen, or uncared for. Please scan the QR code or **[CLICK HERE](#)** to give your gift.

## Join Us A Bach Birthday Celebration

Saturday, March 14, 2026  
3:00 p.m.

Kirk in the Hills | Refectory

*A suggested donation of \$15 (individuals)  
or \$25 (families) is greatly appreciated.*



Join us on March 14th at 3:00pm in the Refectory at Kirk in the Hills as we celebrate the genius of Johann Sebastian Bach with a program featuring some of his most beloved masterpieces! The concert will benefit the Kirk's Renew and Resound campaign, with a suggested donation of \$15 (individuals) or \$25 (families).



## 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 Parments 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.

## Sojourners! Come Build Community!

Sojourners meets on the second Friday of each month at 1:00pm.; the next gathering is Friday, March 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.

## Congratulations to Our New Stephen Ministers!

Join us in congratulating our new Stephen Ministers – Mercy Adams, Michelle Clark, Jim Devlin, Merideth Hite Estevez, Todd Galloway, Cynthia Niedbalski, and Jason Rudd as they take on the meaningful ministry of – providing compassionate, one-to-one Christian care to members of our congregation and community who are experiencing life's challenges. We are grateful for their commitment to walking alongside others with prayer, presence, and love.

## Caring Friends

**Who is a caring friend?** A caring friend is a member who cares about our home-bound members.

A caring friend sends cards, makes phone calls, plans visits and shares God's love with our special members. A caring friend shows our members how valuable they are to the Kirk.

### Would you like to be a caring friend?

Do you know someone who needs a caring friend? Contact Glenda Herb at glherb@comcast.net or 248 535-5196.

# COMING UP THIS WEEK

*Join Us! Get Involved!*

# @ the Kirk

## SUNDAY, MARCH 8

### *Third Sunday of Lent*

- 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  
(Baptism Sunday)
- 11:00am Cantamus Choir Rehearsal  
- Abbey 33
- 12:00pm Stephen Minister Private  
Prayer
- 12:00pm After Service Sanctuary  
Tour
- 1:30pm Youth Action Board
- 5:30pm Youth Group

## MONDAY, MARCH 9

No am or pm activities

## TUESDAY, MARCH 10

- 9:30am Prayer Cordon - Upper  
Room
- 9:30am Sandwich Ministry -  
Welcome Center
- 10:00am Alzheimer's Support Group
- 10:30am Docent Tour
- 12:15pm Docent Tour
- 12:30pm CYFM Committee Mtg  
(Zoom)
- 5:00pm Facilities Meeting -
- 6:30pm Board of Trustees  
Meeting
- 6:30pm Deacons Meeting

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

- 10:00am Pastors Bible Study -  
Upper Room
- 1:00pm Trinity Stitchers -  
Abbey 27
- 5:30pm Lenten Dinner Church -  
St. Andrew's Room

## THURSDAY, MARCH 12

- 9:30am Woman's Thursday  
Morning Bible Study -  
Upper Room
- 6:00pm Kirk Ringers
- 6:00pm New Members and  
Evangelism Committee
- 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal -  
Choir Room
- 7:00pm Arabic Bible Study -  
Upper Room

## FRIDAY, MARCH 13

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

## SATURDAY, MARCH 14

- 7:30am Saturday Morning Bible  
Study (Zoom Only)
- 3:00pm Bach Birthday Celebration -  
Refectory

## SUNDAY, MARCH 15

### *Fourth Sunday of Lent & Celebrating Jayne Zellers*


- 8:00am Communion Service  
Cedarholm Chapel
- 9:00am Worship Service -  
Sanctuary
- 9:00am Sunday School
- 10:00am Coffee Hour -  
Heritage Hall (Youth-led  
Brunch in Honor of  
Jayne Zellers)

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Prayer
- 12:00pm After Service Sanctuary  
Tour
- 3:00pm Micah 6 Dinner Prep

## Alzheimer's Support Group

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



**SAVE  
THE  
DATE**

FAITH & COMMUNITY LEADERS  
BREAKFAST

**Preventing Child Abuse**  
**MAY 13, 2026**  
**8:00am-9:30am**

Want to learn more about **CARE House** and how they work to keep children safe from abuse? Attend their open house and tour on **Monday, March 9 from 4:00-7:00pm.**

To register or for questions, email: [Ann.manning.21@gmail.com](mailto:Ann.manning.21@gmail.com).

## Join Us! Bill Robinson Bible Study

Join us on Sundays at 10:10am -11:00am in the Upper Room (in-person or by zoom). For more info, please contact Ed Yousif at [eyousif@gmail.com](mailto:eyousif@gmail.com).