

2026 | Experience God's
Transforming Love

@ the Kirk

THIS WEEK – MARCH 17, 2026



Join Us!

LENTEN SEASON SERMON SERIES: "Praying with Jesus"

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)

HOLY WEEK BEGINS

March 29 | Palm Sunday
Sermon Topic: "Lament"
(Matthew 23:37-39)



Scan the QR code
**2026 LENTEN SEASON
& EASTER BROCHURE**

Fourth Sunday of Lent: *Praying with Jesus - Unity*



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 Jesus' prayer for unity.

In John's Gospel, as Jesus moves toward the cross, he prays that his followers "may all be one." It is a prayer that stretches beyond the first disciples and reaches across

generations—to the Church today.

Unity does not mean uniformity. Rather, it is shared life rooted in God's love and grace. When we pray with Jesus, we ask that God's reconciling presence shape our relationships, strengthen our community, and guide our witness in the world.

During this season of Lent, we are reminded that faith is not a solitary journey. As we gather in worship, we are invited to seek the unity Christ prayed for—grounded in God's presence and lived out together in faith.

Celebrating Jayne Zellers!



This 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.

COFFEE HOUR HERITAGE HALL



DONATE TO HONOR JAYNE

KIRK FACILITIES



ACCENT PONTIAC



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.



CREATE YOUR OWN RESURRECTION EGGS

Children and families are invited to join us on March 29 at 10 a.m., following the 9 a.m. Palm Sunday

service, in the Abbey Lounge to **create your own set of Resurrection Eggs**. This fun, hands-on activity helps children explore the key events of Jesus' life and the meaning of Holy Week in an engaging and memorable way. The cost is \$5 per family. When registering on Realm, please sign up one family member only so the fee is applied just once per family. Register on Realm to participate or scan the QR code.

MAUNDY THURSDAY FOOTWASHING EVENT

Join us on Maundy Thursday (April 2nd) at 6:00pm in the Refectory for a **special communion and foot washing** service where we remember Jesus' humble act of washing his disciple's feet and participate in the holy sacrament of communion. Children will be invited to the communion table to participate in the communion liturgy and all gatherers will have an opportunity to wash each other's feet (your children, your parents, your friends), should you like. Participation is optional. **Email Sarah Ford** at sford@kirkinthehills.org for more information.

GOOD FRIDAY FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT



Join us on Good Friday (April 3rd) at 5:30pm in Heritage Hall for a showing of the movie **The King of Kings** with pizza and popcorn. Want to bring a pillow, blanket, or beanbag chair? Please feel free to do so! This service concludes promptly at 7:15pm due to the 7:30pm Good Friday evening service in the Sanctuary. Please scan the QR code to sign up so we know how much food is needed.



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.

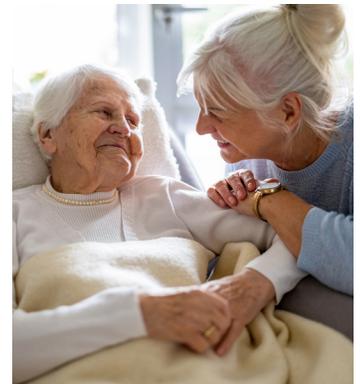
DINNER CHURCH



Sign Up for the 2026 Lenten Dinner Church Series Today!



Our next Lenten Dinner Church will begin on Wednesday, March 18, 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!**



Caring Friends

Who is a caring friend? A caring friend is a member who cares about our homebound 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.



Donate Easter Lillies 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.

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.

Kirk Seniors - See You Tuesday!

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

REGISTRATION IS CLOSED

Looking forward to seeing you 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. **Questions?** Contact Sydrena Epstein at 248-626-0474 (home) or 248-931-0442 (mobile).



Michael Fowler
as Jesus

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.



Trinity Stitchers

Do you sew, stitch, crochet, or knit? This fun and welcoming group meets in Abbey 27 every Wednesday from 1:00pm - 4:00pm. Grab your yarn and come join us!

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.

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.

COMING UP THIS WEEK

Join Us! Get Involved!

@ the Kirk

Fourth Sunday of Lent & Celebrating Jayne Zellers

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

- 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)
- 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
- 3:00pm Micah 6 Dinner Prep

MONDAY, MARCH 16

- 12:00pm Ministry with Pontiac - Abbey 34

TUESDAY, MARCH 17

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

- 8:30am Choices Youth Conference - Refectory
- 10:00am Pastors Bible Study - Upper Room
- 1:00pm Trinity Stitches - Abbey 27
- 5:30pm Lenten Dinner Church - St. Andrew's Room
- 6:30pm Worship Sub-Committee - Upper Room

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

- 9:30am Woman's Thursday Morning Bible Study - Upper Room
- 6:30pm Homecoming Committee Meeting - Abbey 36
- 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 7:00pm Arabic Bible Study - Upper Room

FRIDAY, MARCH 20

- 7:00am MOK Bible Study
- 9:30am Books & Bibles - Upper Room
- 11:00am Memorial Service for Sue Owen

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

Fifth Sunday of Lent

- 8:00am Communion Service Cedarholm Chapel
- 9:00am Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 9:00am Sunday School
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- 12:00pm Stephen Minister Private Prayer
- 12:00pm After Service Sanctuary Tour
- 1:00pm Arabic Bible Study Easter Service - Cedarholm
- 5:30pm Youth Group

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? Contact Ann Manning at Ann.manning.21@gmail.com.

Kirk in the Hills Preschool



"Rooted And Grounded In God's Love" for Over 40 Years.

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.

