

2026

Experience God's
Transforming Love

@ the Kirk

THIS WEEK – APRIL 10, 2026



Join Us!

Ushers' Spotlight

A special thanks to all the Ushers scheduled to serve during the month of April:

9:00am

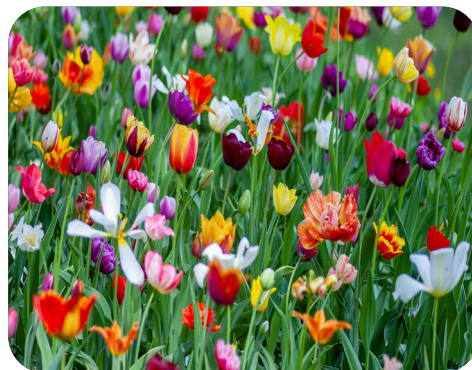
Thomas H. Baker, Captain;
Ford Meiser, Co-captain;
Ellen Baker; William R. Baker;
Mitchell E. Bonnett; James F. Healy;
Philip Jia; David Littleton

11:00am

Steve McCollum, Captain;
Douglas Waldo; Co-captain;
Mercy Adams; Paul Aren;
Mike Baird; Dorman B. Dickerson
III; Jim Keeling; Andrew Ludden;
Gregory A. Pond; Christian Yousif;
Albert Zolton

This Sunday: Easter Joy & Peace

John 20:19-31



The disciples gather behind locked doors. Their hearts still are gripped by fear and uncertainty. In that anxious space, the risen Christ comes and stands among them, offering words that are both simple and profound:

Peace be with you.

This is a greeting *and* a gift! The peace of the Lord quiets troubled hearts, steadies trembling faith, and restores what fear has fractured. In the presence of the risen Lord, the disciples' sorrow begins to turn to joy, not because all their questions are answered, but because Christ himself is with them, alive and present in their midst.

Special Invitation for Visitors

We invite visitors to fellowship and light refreshments with Rev. Rami Almaqdas!

Wed., April 29 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm.

Spaces are limited.

RSVP to Mercy Adams 248-631-4565 before 4/27.

COFFEE HOUR

Join us in Heritage Hall for Coffee & Conversation after the 9 AM service.



Join the Conversation: Kirk Storytelling Events

Your stories exemplify who we are! They may be joyful or sad; life-changing or mundane; frustrating or liberating. But most importantly, they are ours. We want to fill these storytelling events and hear as many stories as possible while we share a meal.

Join us for brunch and storytelling in the Refectory:

- Sunday, April 19: 10:15am – 12:15pm (after the 9:00am service)
- Sunday, May 3: 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM (after the 11:00am service)

Scan the QR code to register today!

CHARTING THE COURSE
Kirk in the Hills

Important Notice

Congregational Meeting | April 26, 2026

A **Congregational Meeting** has been called by the Board of Session to be held on **Sunday, April 26, 2026**, after the 9:00am worship service to vote on the Associate Pastor for Spiritual Formation and Discipleship. The candidate will Preach for the Call during the 9:00am worship service.

SPECIAL NOTE: Livestreaming services will be suspended for both the 9:00am Preach for the Call as well as the 11:00am service.

Youth & Family safeTALK Event | April 19

Our community has lost several young people in recent years to suicide. Will you help prevent the next tragedy? In this workshop, you'll learn red flags to look for and, importantly, learn tools that will help you make a difference.

High school students aged 15 and up are particularly encouraged to attend.

Contact Ann.Manning.21@gmail.com with questions.



TREE OF LIFE:

*A Celebration of Trees in
Hymns and Anthems*

**Sunday, April 26, 2026
3:00 p.m.**

Join us for an hour of hymn singing as we explore the theme of **Trees in hymnody and anthems**. With narrator Michael Silhavy, senior projects editor at G.I.A. Publications in Chicago; Merideth Hite Estevez, oboe; James Biery, organ; and Marilyn Biery, conductor. Come prepared to lift your voice in song!



A stone recently fell off of the sanctuary on the east side. The entire **East Garden** is closed for safety until the repairs have been made.

Children, Youth & Family

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

If interested, contact:
Sarah Ford at sford@kirkinthehills.org or
Lauren Clopton at lclopton@kirkinthehills.org.



safeTALK

Over the course of the training, safeTALK participants will learn to:

- Notice and respond to situations where suicide thoughts might be present.
- Recognize that invitations for help are often overlooked.
- Move beyond the common tendency to miss, dismiss, and avoid suicide.
- Apply the TALK steps: Tell, Ask, Listen, and KeepSafe
- Know community resources.
- Participants will receive a certificate for completion for this evidence based training.

Suicide Alertness for High School Students (15 yrs+), Parents & Community Members

Learn how to recognize when a friend or peer may be struggling and how to help.

When: Sunday, April 19, 2026

Time: 1:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Where: Kirk in the Hills Church
1340 W. Long Lake Road
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302

**Seats are limited.
Register TODAY**

Registration Deposit: \$35 per person
• The deposit can be refunded after you attend, or
• It can be applied toward the \$35 cost of training materials/books. **Click link or scan code:** <https://tinyurl.com/junwu5d28>
• Attendance is the only requirement to receive a refund.

Professional Continuing Education are available. 3.5 for: Social Workers, SCECH's, SMOKE, MIPEERS. 4.0 for MCQLES. This course is approved by the Michigan Social Work Continuing Education Collaborative. Course approval #051925-01

**Facilitated By: Barb Smith and
Rabbi Yarden Blumstein
Certified LivingWorks safeTALK Trainers**

Questions or Concerns

**Contact: Lynne Zacharias
(248) 203-4300**

office@birminghamyouthassistance.org

Thank You to our Sponsors



Silent Auction for the Youth Mission Trip to Costa Rica

Join us on April 19th for our Silent Auction Breakfast in support of the Senior High Mission Trip to Costa Rica.



Enjoy a great meal while bidding on a variety of donated items, experiences, and gift packages. All proceeds will help make this life-changing trip more accessible for our youth.

We are also still seeking donations for the silent auction: gift cards, baskets, and services are all appreciated, please scan the QR code for additional details and to make your pledge.



Sign-up with QR Code or contact Mike Jarasz at mjarasz@kirkinthehills.org.



Kirk Seniors Luncheon - April 21

You are invited to an afternoon of fellowship, fine food, and fascinating history as we explore **Pewabic Tile & Its Kirk History**. Pewabic Pottery Director and Archivist Anne Dennis will share the *original etchings* during the presentation. **Lunch is \$25/person**. Please register by scanning the QR code. **Register Today!**



Adopt -A- Road

It's time for our semi-annual Long Lake Rd. cleanup through the Adopt-a-Road program. Please join us on **Saturday April 18 at 9:00am** in the west parking lot for fellowship & donuts before we break into teams for cleanup. Contact Ann.manning.21@gmail.com for more info.

FAITH & COMMUNITY LEADERS BREAKFAST

Preventing Child Abuse MAY 13, 2026 7:45am-9:30am

This year's breakfast, *Protecting Children Together*, focuses on the vital mission of child abuse prevention and intervention.

We are excited to announce the following speakers for our breakfast:

Sheriff Michael Bouchard
Oakland County Sheriff's Office

Annetra Jones
Statewide Director
of Family Preservation, **Samaritas**



Blythe Tyler
President and CEO, **CARE House**

Tennis Shoe Drive!

The KITH is now taking collections of tennis shoes for kids at a local elementary school in Pontiac. We would really appreciate your donations!

- **Ages:** Kindergarden - Fifth Grade
 - **Sizes:** 11-13, 1-8
 - **Where:** Walt Whitman Elementary School
 - **Condition:** Brand new/Like new
- Tennis Shoes only please!

Collecting from
April 12th - May 24th

Turn-in box is found in the
welcome center

Welcome Center hours: **Mon-Thurs, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.**
Fri, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

COMING UP THIS WEEK

Join Us! Get Involved!

@ the Kirk

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

- 8:00am Worship Service - Cedarholm Chapel
- 9:00am Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 9:15am Sunday School
- 10:00am Coffee Hour - Heritage Hall
- 10:00am Stephen Ministry Peer Support - Abbey 34
- 10:00am Stephen Minister Private Prayer - Melrose Chapel
- 10:10am Bill Robinson Bible Study - Upper Room
- 10:15am Confirmation Class
- 11:00am Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 12:00pm After Service Sanctuary Tour
- 12:00pm Stephen Minister Private Prayer
- 1:30pm Youth Action Board Meeting - Heritage Hall
- 5:30pm Youth Group - Heritage Hall & Youth Room

MONDAY, APRIL 13

- Pilgrimage to Italy Departs*
- 7:00pm Barnabas Bible Study - ZOOM only

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

- 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 only
- 5:00pm Facilities Meeting - Upper Room/Abbey 28 & ZOOM
- 6:30pm Deacons' Meeting - Abbey 28 & ZOOM
- 6:30pm Board of Trustees Meeting - Upper Room

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

- 10:00am Outreach & Mission Board Meeting - Col. George's Study

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- 10:00am Pastor-led Bible Study - Upper Room
- 1:00pm Trinity Stitchers - Abbey 27
- 5:30pm Worship Committee Meets
- 6:30pm Worship Sub-committee Meets - Upper Room
- 7:30pm 12 Bible Study - Abbey 32

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

- 9:30am Woman's Thursday Morning Bible Study - Upper Room
- 6:30pm Arabic Bible Study - Upper Room
- 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

- 7:00am MOK Bible Study - Zoom
- 9:30am Books & Bibles - Upper Room

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

- 7:30am Saturday Morning Bible Study (Zoom Only)
- 9:00am Adopt-a-Road Cleanup on Long Lake Rd.
- 12:00pm MSU Carillon Tour

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

- 8:00am Worship Service - Cedarholm Chapel
- 9:00am Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 9:15am Sunday School
- 10:00am Coffee Hour - Heritage Hall
- 10:00am *Charting the Course* ~ Kirk Storytelling Event & Brunch - Refectory
- 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

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

- 11:00am Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 11:45am High School Mission Trip Meeting - Abbey Lounge
- 12:00pm After Service Sanctuary Tour
- 12:00pm Stephen Minister Private Prayer
- 12:15pm Safe Talk Training - Refectory
- 3:00pm Micah 6 Dinner Prep - Refectory Kitchen



Women of the Kirk Ladies Tea Party

May 16 | 12-2pm | Refectory

Save the date & join us for a beautiful afternoon of warmth, connection & joy!

Dress in your favorite spring attire and join us for tea, light sandwiches, & sweet treats. Hear from inspiring women leaders within our Kirk community as they share about programs and events you can be part of.

Reconnect with old friends & welcome new faces into our community!

Please invite the special women in your life—moms, grandmas, aunts, sisters, daughters, granddaughters, nieces, and friends—to share in this meaningful afternoon. *\$25/person**

**Registration details coming soon!*