

2026 | Experience God's Transforming Love @ the Kirk

THIS WEEK – MAY 8, 2026

Join Us!

Meet the Newly Elected Elder

Sahm Litkouhi

Sahm joined Kirk in the Hills in 2021. He & his wife, Carol Beth, have two children who sing in youth choirs. Sahm teaches Sunday School regularly, participates in small group Bible study, & has previously served on the Outreach & Mission Committee and with Life Remodeled & Forgotten Harvest. Outside the Kirk, Sahm is an engineering manager at GM and coaches his son's soccer team.

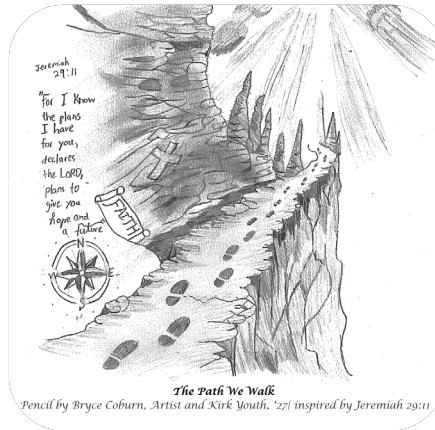


Sahm's faith journey has been shaped by deep personal transformation. Growing up, he wrestled with the idea that faith & truth were irreconcilable—that belief in God required setting aside rational thought. Finding Christ changed everything. By the grace of God, he discovered that faith is not the absence of reason, but the beginning of understanding. He's inspired by the sincerity & devotion of the Kirk community and is honored to serve alongside such thoughtful people of faith.

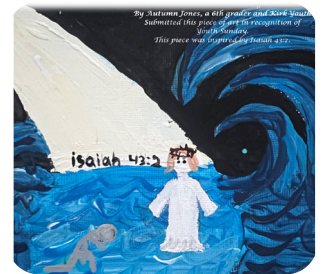


This Sunday: Youth Sunday & Mother's Day Various Scripture Selections

The Youth of Kirk in the Hills have been preparing for Youth Sunday for weeks. Under the direction of Sarah Ford and the Children, Youth & Family ministry, they have chosen the Scripture, written the sermons, practiced, and will deliver special messages during the 8 AM, 9 AM & 11 AM services. This experience will make you proud of the youth and grateful for the faithful mentors who have shepherded their faith journeys.



This Sunday, we also celebrate Mother's Day. Take time to reflect on all the ways the women in your life have shaped the person you are today. And if you are blessed enough to have your mother still on this Earth, tell her what makes you grateful for her.



"Gather & Grow" Fellowship Dinner

Seeking Connection, Purpose & Meaning?

Deepen your faith and your connection to the Kirk Church Family with our New Member "Gather & Grow" Fellowship Dinner!

MAY 20 | 6 - 8 PM | REFECTORY



RSVP by scanning the QR code or contact Mercy Adams 248-631-4565 by May 15



Rev. Rami Michael Almaqdasi To Be Installed! MAY 17 | 11 AM

Another celebration is upon us! Join us as Rev. Rami Michael Almaqdasi is installed as the Associate Pastor of Congregational Care next Sunday, May 17, 2026, during the 11 AM service. It's a celebration of and for Pastor Rami! The congregation will meet many of the special people who have mentored, formed and supported Pastor Rami throughout his life and along the path to his calling at the Kirk. Special events require extra time. Please plan on the service extending approx. an hour longer than usual.

FAITH & COMMUNITY LEADERS BREAKFAST

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

**Doors @ 7:30am. Program begins @ 8:00am.*



Protecting Children Together | MAY 13, 2026 | 8:00am*-9:30am



Kirk250, National Day of Service & America250!
COMING THIS SUMMER!

We're launching Kirk 250, seasonal, special programming that explores & celebrates our shared connections to the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States. Together, we'll reflect on **themes of community, service & faith** through a variety of events and experiences for all ages.

We invite you to begin the journey with us at our kickoff, Day of Service, on May 16 in collaboration with "America 250"—a meaningful way to honor this milestone by serving others in our community.

We encourage you to find small opportunities to serve on your own or join the **Kirk Service Group** by reaching out to Bob Beck historian@kirkinthehills.org or Katy Haan ktnshlds@gmail.com.
More to come!

Calling all Kirk 2026 Graduates! High School, Associate, College and Beyond



We would like to recognize all our graduates (high school, associate, college and beyond) on **Graduation Sunday, May 31**. We recognize everyone graduating in 2026 in the May 31st bulletin. In order to be listed, scan the QR code and to fill out the form by **May 18**.



GOOD NEIGHBOR PROGRAM

Providing Hygiene & Hope to Our Neighbors



Outreach & Mission:

Help us provide hygiene items to our Pontiac partners through CCRT.

Here's a list of the most needed necessities:

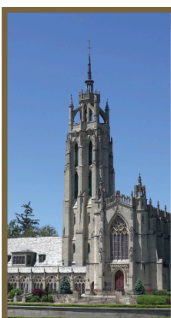
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| Shampoo | Razors |
| Conditioner | Shaving cream |
| Bar soap | 3-in-1 Body wash |
| Deodorant | Toilet paper |
| Toothpaste | Feminine products |
| Toothbrushes | Paper towels |
| Laundry detergent | |

PRO TIP: Full-sized items keep families stocked longer

COLLECTION DATES

May 3 | May 10 | May 17

Drop donations in the bin outside the Sanctuary



Kirk in the Hills NOMINATIONS Deacons • Elders • Trustees

The Church Officer Nominating Committee is preparing a slate of nominees for election later this year to fill the **Class of 2029** for Elders, Deacons and Trustees.

We need the congregation's help!

Our goal? Present a full slate of nominees in the fall. So we need your input by **May 31, 2026**.



Nominate by scanning the QR code.

Kelly & Darryl
Violin & Piano Duo
Perform Classic & Great American Songbook Compositions

Kirk Seniors Luncheon
MAY 19 | 11 AM
ST. ANDREW'S ROOM

KIRK SENIORS LUNCHEON | MAY 19 | 11 AM
Join us in St. Andrew's Room!

The group decided to lighten it up for Spring!

Dine to the toe-tapping sounds of Kelly & Darryl ~ Violin & Piano Duo. They will perform classical tunes as well as popular pieces from the *Great American Songbook*. Experience the magic of these beloved tunes brought to life in a captivating performance, followed by lunch.

Lunch is \$25/person.

Scan the QR code to Register & Pay by May 14, 2026.
Questions? Contact Sydrena Epstein at sydrena@comcast.net

Join Us ~ VBS 2026

Shine a light on who Jesus is!

This *amazing* week would not be possible without amazing volunteers. No experience necessary! Contact Lauren Clopton lclopton@kirkinthehills.org for more info.



Support VBS by donating snacks! Individually wrapped packages of nut-free snacks please. *Costco-sized snacks are perfect!* Dropoff at the Welcome Center.

Looking for Sponsors!
Bill Robinson Memorial Car Show

We are seeking sponsors for the Bill Robinson Memorial Car Show.

If you or one of your friends would like to advertise in the program, please contact George Manning at George.manning100@gmail.com.



2026 BILL ROBINSON MEMORIAL CAR SHOW



Sunday, June 14, 2026
Kirk in the Hills
Presbyterian Church
1340 Long Lake Road
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302



CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Coming to Children, Youth & Family!

Middle School TreeRunner Outing | MAY 8

Sign up & get important info about the waiver & departure times by scanning the QR code.



Scan for TreeRunners

NOTE: NO Youth Group Sunday MAY 10 in the Evening

3rd Grade Bible Jeopardy | MAY 17 | Abbey Lounge | 10 AM

Start studying your Bible, parents! Here comes the 3rd Grade Bible Jeopardy Kids vs. Parents Challenge!

Middle School Mission Trip | JULY 25-29 | Micah 6

Sign up for the Middle School Mission Trip this summer to Micah 6. July 25-29, 2026. Email Sarah for more information sford@kirkinthehills.org or if you're ready to sign up, scan this QR code.



Scan for MS Micah 6 Mission



Kirk in the Hills Preschool
Donate & Show Your Appreciation All May!

Show your support of our talented Preschool teachers throughout the month of May by donating to the Kirk Preschool fund.

Your donation empowers teachers to share their skills with more children & families through need-based scholarships. Plus, you open up new avenues for the director to create special projects & learning opportunities giving preschoolers a head start on their education & socialization.

Contribute to this meaningful ministry by scanning the QR code & scrolling down to "Kirk Preschool" in the menu. Or use the labeled envelopes found in the pews on Sunday.

Thank you for partnering with us and investing in the lives of these children and those who faithfully teach them! For additional information, reach out to Preschool Director, Sandy Jewell (sjewell@kirkinthehills.org) or Chair of the Preschool Board, Katy Haan (ktlnshlds@gmail.com).

Done in a Day!

Grab Blueprints & Renderings

Join us this Saturday, May 9, for a Done in a Day project at the Kirk.



The project will begin at 9 AM & is expected to last until 1 PM. Bring gloves if you have them. Coffee & doughnuts will be provided!" RSVP to Beth Kerr at bkerr316@aol.com to let her know she can count on you. Get it all done in a day!

COMING UP THIS WEEK

Join Us! Get Involved!

@ the Kirk

SUNDAY, MAY 10

Mother's Day & Youth Sunday

- 8:00am Worship Service - Cedarholm Chapel
- 9:00am Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 9:00am Youth Sunday/Confirmation Sunday / Acolyte Scholarship
- 10:00am Coffee Hour - Heritage Hall
- 10:00am Stephen Minister Private Prayer - Melrose Chapel
- 10:00am Stephen Minister Peer Support - Abbey 34
- 10:10am Bill Robinson Bible Study - Upper Room
- 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 After Service Sanctuary Tour
- 12:00pm Stephen Minister Private Prayer

MONDAY, MAY 11

- 10:30am Dinosaur Dance Party - Refectory Stage
- 11:00am Funeral for Jarvis Williams - Sanctuary
- 7:00pm Barnabas Bible Study - ZOOM only

TUESDAY, MAY 12

- 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
- 2:00pm Kirk Docent Tour
- 3:30pm Congregational Care Meeting - Upper Room
- 6:00pm Facilities Meeting - Upper Room & ZOOM

TUESDAY, MAY 12

- 6:30pm Deacons' Meeting - Abbey 28 & ZOOM
- 6:30pm Board of Trustees - Upper Room & ZOOM

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

- 7:30am Faith & Community Leaders Breakfast (FLB) - Refectory
- 9:30am Spiritual Studies Group - Abbey 27 & ZOOM
- 1:00pm Trinity Stitchers - Abbey 27
- 6:00pm Personnel Meeting - Upper Room
- 7:30pm 12 Bible Study - Abbey 32

THURSDAY, MAY 14

- 11:30am Care Coordinating Team Meeting - Col. George's Study
- 6:00pm Kirk Ringers - Abbey 33
- 6:30pm Strategy Committee Meeting - Abbey 38 & ZOOM
- 7:00pm Arabic Bible Study - Upper Room

FRIDAY, MAY 15

- 7:00am MOK Bible Study - Zoom
- 9:30am Books & Bibles - Upper Room
- 4:30pm Groves Prom Photos

SATURDAY, MAY 16

Good Neighbor America Day ~ National Day of Service ~ Kirk250 Kick-off

- 7:30am Saturday Morning Bible Study (Zoom Only)
- 10:00am Memorial Service for Margaret Hemdon - Cedarholm & Sanctuary
- 12:00pm Women of the Kirk Ladies Tea Party - Refectory

SUNDAY, MAY 17

Rev. Rami M. Almaqdas's Installation Service

- 8:00am Worship Service - Cedarholm Chapel
- 9:00am Worship Service - Sanctuary

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- 9:15am Sunday School
- 10:00am Coffee Hour - Heritage Hall
- 10:00am Stephen Minister Private Prayer - Melrose Chapel
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- 12:00pm After Service Sanctuary Tour
- 12:00pm Stephen Minister Private Prayer
- 1:30pm Witnessed Inurnment for Jeanne Weston - Columbarium
- 1:30pm Youth Action Board - St. Andrew's Room
- 3:00pm Micah 6 Dinner Prep - Refectory



Women of the Kirk Ladies Tea Party

May 16 | 12-2pm | Refectory

Join us for a beautiful afternoon of warmth, connection & joy!

QUESTIONS? Reach out to Amanda Yousif (amandayousif@gmail.com) or Angela Vohs (angelavohs@gmail.com).

\$25/person

Register & Pay:

Scan Here →

