

# 2026 | Experience God's Transforming Love

# @ the Kirk

THIS WEEK – MAY 17, 2026



Join Us!

## 2026 9:00am Garden Service Schedule

May 24 | Memorial Day  
Garden Service (Outdoor)

May 31 | **INDOOR**  
All Services

June 7 | **INDOOR**  
All Services

June 14 | **INDOOR**  
All Services

June 21 | Father's Day  
Garden Service (Outdoor)  
9:00am through Labor Day

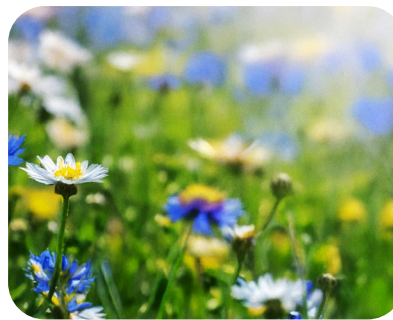
COFFEE HOUR  
HERITAGE HALL



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## A Special Sunday of Worship & Celebration



As we prepare to gather for worship this Sunday, we are reminded of the gift of Christian community and the sacred opportunity to pause from the busyness of daily life to reconnect through prayer, Scripture, music, and fellowship. Each week, worship invites us to renew our faith, encourage one another, and open our hearts to God's presence and leading.

This Sunday will hold special significance in the life of the Kirk as the congregation celebrates an important new chapter in ministry and shared calling. Moments such as these remind us that the Church is continually being renewed through faithful leadership, compassionate service, and the work of the Holy Spirit among God's people. We look forward to gathering together for this meaningful day in the life of our congregation.

## A Joyful Celebration: The Installation of Rev. Rami



Join us this **Sunday, May 17, 2026**, at the **11:00am** service, as we celebrate the installation of **Rev. Rami Michael Almaqdasi** as **Associate Pastor of Congregational Care & Evangelism**. This will be a meaningful and memorable occasion in the life of the Kirk as we officially welcome Pastor Rami into this new season of ministry.

During the service, the congregation will have the opportunity to meet many of the individuals who have mentored, encouraged, and helped shape Pastor Rami throughout his faith journey and along the path to his calling at the Kirk.

Please note that special services such as this may extend approximately one hour beyond the usual service time. We encourage you to plan accordingly and join us for this special day of celebration and fellowship.

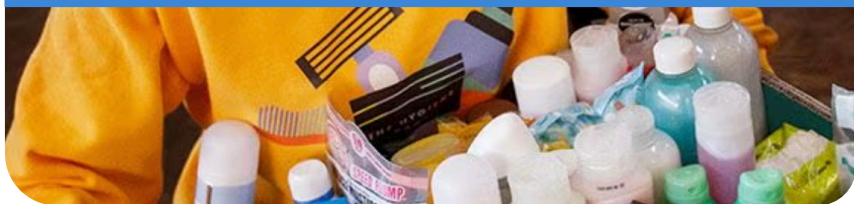
A reception in honor of Pastor Rami will follow the installation service in Heritage Hall.



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.

Join the **Kirk Service Group** by reaching out to Bob Beck historian@kirkinthehills.org or Katy Haan ktlnshlds@gmail.com.

## GOOD NEIGHBOR PROGRAM: DONATIONS NEEDED



Help the Kirk’s Outreach and Mission team provide hygiene items to our Pontiac partners through CCRT. Please note that full-sized items keep families stocked longer, but whatever you can do is greatly appreciated. The **final collection date is this Sunday, May 17**. Drop donations in the bin outside the sanctuary. We thank you in advance for your support.

## VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED TO HELP WITH PROM PICS!




Prom season is upon us! We’re sure to receive many more requests in the coming weeks. What a great way to share the Kirk with neighborhood families! Here’s who’s scheduled & when:

- Groves HS | May 15 | 4:30-6:00pm
- BHHS | May 21 | 4:30-6:00pm
- Walled Lake Central | May 26 | 5:30-7:00pm
- Walled Lake Northern | May 28 | 4:00-5:30pm

Our goal is to have at least 10 volunteers per session. If you are interested, please email Ron Kuhn at rkuhn5@yahoo.com.


**KIRK SENIORS  
DAY TRIP  
MICHIGAN  
CENTRAL**

*Register by  
June 1*



June 16 | 10:00am  
\$110/person

Depart: 10am | Return: 4pm



A busy, fun day is planned! Tour the newly renovated Michigan Central Station and enjoy some Slows Bar-B-Q. Unfortunately, this trip is NOT handicapped accessible. To register, scan the QR code!

## Children, Youth & Family

*MICAH 6 Prep & Serve | May 17 | 4:00pm*

We head to Pontiac to serve the community. We’ll meet in the Refectory kitchen at 4:00pm to prep dinner for Micah 6 and serve in the newly renovated Webster School. Beyond serving a meal, we’ll be leading a fun Kid’s Church lesson and playing games with local kids! We’ll wrap up and be back in the Kirk youth room around 8:00-8:30pm. Don’t miss this chance to serve, lead, and have a great time! Thank you, Julie and Ryan Webb, for leading this wonderful ministry!

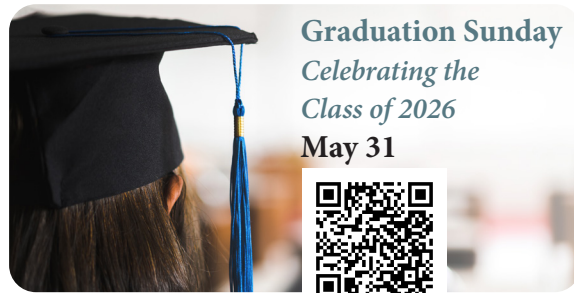
*3rd Grade Bible Jeopardy | May 17 | 10:00am*

Start studying your Bible, parents! Here comes the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bible Jeopardy Kids vs. Parents Challenge in the Abbey Lounge! See you soon!

*Teacher Appreciation Day | May 31 | 9:00am*

All Sunday School and Confirmation Teachers, please plan to come to the 9:00am service to be recognized.

## Calling all Kirk 2026 Graduates!



**Graduation Sunday**  
*Celebrating the  
Class of 2026*  
**May 31**



### *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 will recognize everyone graduating in 2026 in the May 31st bulletin. In order to be listed, scan the QR code and fill out the form by **May 18**.

## Volunteers, Join Us ~ VBS 2026

*Shine a light on who Jesus is! | Volunteer Meeting | May 20 | 5:30-7:30pm | Abbey 28*

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

You can also support VBS (June 14-18) by donating snacks! Individually wrapped packages of nut-free snacks please. Costco-sized snacks are perfect! Dropoff at the Welcome Center. Again, for questions or more information, contact Lclopton@kirkinthehills.org for more info.



## Kirk in the Hills NOMINATIONS Elders | Deacons | 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.

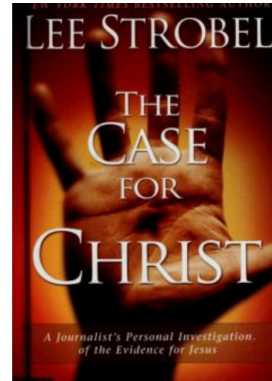


## Looking for Sponsors! Support the Bill Robinson Memorial Car Show & Seeds to Sustainability



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](mailto:George.manning100@gmail.com) or [brmcsow@gmail.com](mailto:brmcsow@gmail.com).

## One Church One Book | Get Ready! An Adult Christian Education Invite



This summer, the ACE Committee invites the congregation to participate in One Church One Book as we read The Case for Christ by Lee Strobel. New this year, participants who sign up for a book discussion or movie night will receive a free copy of the book while supplies last. The summer will conclude with

a special movie night, dinner, and two discussion opportunities in August. Watch for upcoming sign-up opportunities beginning this Sunday in the Narthex or on the website.



**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.

Support the ministry of Kirk Preschool throughout the month of May by donating to the Preschool Fund. Your gift helps provide need-based scholarships, enrich learning opportunities for children, and support the dedicated teachers who faithfully serve our families. Donations can be made using the QR code or the labeled envelopes available in the pews. For more information, contact Preschool Director Sandy Jewell or Preschool Board Chair Katy Haan.

## BLOOD DRIVE | JUNE 1, 2026



For an appointment, log onto [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) (sponsor code: Kirk) or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

## GARDEN GUILD ~ Volunteers Needed

We are looking for **volunteers to plant begonias on Saturday, June 6, starting at 9:00am**. Our rain date will be Sunday, June 7, starting at 1:30pm. The Kirk will provide the begonias. You should bring your own gloves, tools, and water. We always have a great time in the gardens! To volunteer or for more information, contact Marge Whittemore at 248-660-4867 or [whittemore3333@yahoo.com](mailto:whittemore3333@yahoo.com).



## JOIN US! BILL ROBINSON BIBLE STUDY

This **Sunday (May 17)** the Bill Robinson Bible Study will be taught by Henry Hoot, discussing 1 Peter, chapter 1. On May 24 & 31, Ed Yousif will resume the discussion of the last two Covenants of God - The Davidic Covenant and the Covenant of Grace in Jesus Christ.

Over the summer, The Bill Robinson Bible class will be reading "The Holiness of God" by R.C.Sproul. We will have monthly zoom meetings to discuss the book. The Daily Good News class, led by Bob Huer, will start in June.

**COMING IN JULY AT KIRK IN THE HILLS**  
*2026 Carillon Concert Series | Saturdays | 7:00 pm*

July 11 - Jeremy Chesman  
July 18 - Vinsom Lam

July 25 - Pamela Ruitter Feenstra  
August 1 - David R. Hunsberger

# COMING UP THIS WEEK

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## SUNDAY, MAY 17

### Rev. Rami M. Almaqdasi's Installation Service

- 8:00am Worship Service - Cedarholm Chapel
- 9:00am Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 9:15am Sunday School
- 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
- 12:30pm Reception Honoring Rev. Rami - Heritage Hall
- 1:30pm Youth Action Board - St. Andrew's Room
- 3:00pm Micah 6 Dinner Prep - Refectory Kitchen

## MONDAY, MAY 18

- 12:00pm Ministry with Pontiac
- 7:00pm Barnabas Bible Study - ZOOM only

## TUESDAY, MAY 19

- 9:30am Prayer Cordon - Upper Room
- 9:30am Sandwich Ministry - Welcome Center
- 11:00am Kirk Seniors Luncheon (Kelly & Darryl Violin & Piano Duo) - St. Andrew's Room
- 6:30pm Meeting of Session - Abbey 28 & ZOOM

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

- 9:00am End of Year Preschool Celebrations
- 10:00am Outreach & Mission - Executive Board Meeting - Abbey 34
- 10:00am Pastor Bible Study - Adam Baron - Upper Room
- 1:00pm Trinity Stitches - Abbey 27
- 5:00pm West Bloomfield Prom Photos
- 5:30pm VBS Volunteers Training - Abbey 28
- 6:00pm "Gather & Grow" New Member Cohort Fellowship Dinner - Refectory
- 6:30pm Worship Sub-Committee - Upper Room

## THURSDAY, MAY 21

- 9:00am End of Year Preschool Celebrations
- 4:30pm BHHS Prom Pics
- 6:00pm Kirk Ringers - Abbey 33
- 6:00pm CONC - Abbey 36
- 6:30pm Arabic Bible Study - Upper Room
- 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

## FRIDAY, MAY 22

- 7:00am MOK Bible Study - Zoom
- 9:30am Books & Bibles - Upper Room
- 11:00am Memorial Service for Rod Kallgren - Sanctuary
- 12:00pm Memorial Tea for Rod Kallgren - Heritage Hall
- 4:45pm Walled Lake Western Prom Photos

## SATURDAY, MAY 23

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

## SUNDAY, MAY 24

- Garden Service Kick-Off**
- 8:00am Worship Service - Cedarholm Chapel

## SUNDAY, MAY 24

### Garden Service Today

- 9:00am Worship Service - Garden
- 9:15am Sunday School
- 10:00am Coffee Hour - Heritage Hall
- 10:00am Stephen Minister Private Prayer - Melrose Chapel
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**NOTE:** In observance of Memorial Day, the office will be closed on Monday, May 25, 2026. Please mark your calendars.

### KIRK YOUNG ADULTS SPREADING GOD'S TRANSFORMING LOVE



Led by decades-long Kirk member, Adam Devlin, the young adult ministry group including Samantha Klein, Matthew Muller, Evie Drukker, Karolyn Beuscher, Katherin Adams, and Katie Paulson served The Inland Seas Education Association for the second year in a row, by clearing out two marshes with heavy debris. This ministry is unique and attributed to Adam's long-time commitment to the young adult ministry.