

2026 | Experience God's Transforming Love

@ the Kirk

THIS WEEK – JUNE 5, 2026



Let's Celebrate
Pastor Jasmine
& Our Choir

Join Us!

Upcoming Dates To Remember

June 7 | Celebrating
Rev. Jasmine Smart &
Choir Recognition Sunday

June 14 | VBS Begins
Bill Robinson Memorial Car Show
in Support of Seeds to Sustainability
10:00am - 2:00pm

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

June 28 | Garden Service (Outdoor)
@theKirk - Summer Hiatus Begins
Friday Email Continues

COFFEE HOUR
HERITAGE HALL



To keep up-to-date on all the latest Kirk news and events, visit kirkinthehills.org and sign up to receive our weekly email.



Wonder, Gratitude, and Praise



As our *Summer in the Psalms* series continues, we turn this week to Psalm 8, a song of wonder and praise that celebrates the majesty of God revealed in creation. From the vastness of the heavens to the beauty of the natural world, the psalm invites us to pause, look up, and marvel at the God whose glory is reflected throughout all creation.

This Sunday's message, "The Majesty of God," will be preached by Pastor Jasmine Smart. In a season often filled with busy schedules and distractions, Psalm 8 reminds us to slow down and rediscover the awe, gratitude, and wonder that draw us closer to God.

As we gather for worship, may we be renewed by the beauty of God's creation, inspired by the greatness of God's love, and reminded of our place within God's unfolding story.

A Sunday Celebration of Faithful Service



This Sunday, June 7, we will celebrate and give thanks for the many gifts that enrich our worship life at the Kirk. During the service, we will recognize Rev. Jasmine Smart as she

prepares to relocate to Wisconsin and begin a new chapter in ministry. We are grateful for her faithful service, compassionate spirit, and thoughtful leadership during this season of transition. **We invite you to scan the QR code below to read Pastor Jasmine's letter to the congregation and community.**

We will also honor our choir for their dedicated ministry of music throughout the year. Through their talent, commitment, and joyful leadership, they help guide our congregation in worship each week.

Please join us as we offer our gratitude and prayers for all who so faithfully serve God and this church community.

Pastor Jasmine's
Letter of Gratitude




Join us for the Bill Robinson Memorial Car Show in support of Seeds to Sustainability | Sunday, June 14 | 10:00am - 2:00pm



Enjoy an afternoon of classic and custom cars while honoring legendary automotive designer, educator, and longtime Kirk member, Bill Robinson, AND support a great cause, Seeds to Sustainability, a division of Chances for Children – an Outreach and Mission partner of Kirk in the Hills. Bring the entire family for some free food (hot dogs), great music (DJ Sabol), and fun fellowship. For more info, please contact George Manning at George.manning100@gmail.com or brmcshow@gmail.com.

Join the *Women of the Kirk* for the Launch of “Art is How God Loves Us” by Merideth Hite Estevez



 *The Women of the Kirk* invite you to an evening of music, art, and conversation to celebrate the launch of Merideth Hite Estevez’s newest book, Art Is How God Loves Us (\$28). The event will take place on **June 10, 5:30pm - 7:00pm**. Refreshments and childcare provided.

All are welcome, not just women! If you plan to attend, please RSVP by scanning the QR code on the image above. The book officially launches on July 7, but we’ll have some advanced copies of the book there to sign for this event! Spread the word!

Children, Youth & Family Updates

Youth Group | No Youth Group Sunday Night

There will be no Youth Group meeting this Sunday night, June 7, 2026. Please stay tuned for more information as our calendar updates.

Join Us~ VBS 2026 Needs You!

Join us at VBS 2026 to “Shine a light on who Jesus is.” This amazing week would not be possible without amazing volunteers. No experience necessary! Contact Lauren Clopton at lclipton@kirkinthehills.org for more information.

Support VBS By Donating Snacks!

Individually wrapped packages of nut-free snacks please! Costco sized boxes are perfect! These can be dropped off at the Welcome Center or put in Sarah Ford’s office at the Kirk.



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. To register, please scan the QR code. Email Sarah for more information sford@kirkinthehills.org.



Each week, Kirk volunteers share God’s love by making sandwiches for our neighbors through the Baldwin Center, Oakland Hope, First Presbyterian Church of Pontiac, and the Matchan Nutrition Center. Families, children, parents, and grandparents all join in this simple but meaningful ministry. We’d love to have you be part of it! For more information, contact Glenda Herb at glherb@comcast.net or 248-535-5196.

The Daily News and Good News!

Join us in the Upper Room (or by zoom) each Sunday at 10:10am. We’ll take a lively look at the news of the week through the perspective and hope of Christ’s message. Join in a stimulating discussion that will enrich your faith and understanding. The class is open to anyone wishing to attend.



Marilyn Biery
Director of Music



James Biery
Artist in Residence



Dear Kirk in the Hills Members and Friends,

After much discernment, Jim and I have decided that it is time to focus on our creative work, so at the end of August we will be leaving Kirk in the Hills. For church musicians, committing to the liturgical schedule for decades can create a longing for unscheduled

time. We both grew up Presbyterian (my dad was a Presbyterian minister) and started playing in churches regularly at early ages. Jim was 12 when he became the organist at Mosher-Pilgrim Presbyterian Church in Omaha (after a merger it is now Discovery Presbyterian Church), and I was 15 when I became the organist at Oswego Presbyterian Church in Oswego, Illinois. We met as undergraduates in the organ department at Northwestern University, and this August will celebrate our 46th wedding anniversary.

To read the full letter, scan the QR code above.



2026 SUMMER CARILLON CONCERT SERIES

July 11, 18, 25, Aug 1
Saturdays
7:00 p.m.

July 11 - Jeremy Chesman July 25 - Pamela Ruitter Feenstra
July 18 - Vinsom Lam August 1 - David R. Hunsberger

We are thrilled to invite you to the annual Summer Carillon Series! Whether you're a "carillon groupie," music lover, or music tourist, you will be awed by the magical sound of the Kirk's Carillon while sitting near Island Lake or any of the other naturally beautiful spots found throughout the Kirk grounds.

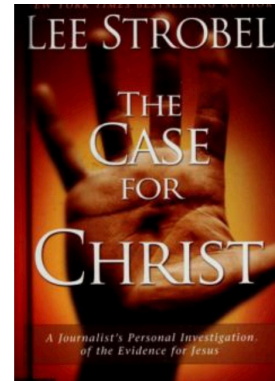
Ushers' Spotlight

A special thank you to the ushers scheduled to serve during the month of June are:

9:00 a.m. – Jerry L. Craig, Captain;
Robert Heuer, Co-captain;
Mercy Adams, Andrew Clopton;
Gerald Fisher, Brian Gapco;
Max Gomez, Michaela Hector;
Thomas Hector; John Hutt;
Abilash Jalli; Pam Lawson;
Charles Tallinger III; Mitch Weaver

11:00 a.m. – Alison Murphy, Captain;
Daniel Tomlinson, Co-captain;
Rich Duffy; Jacob Ervin;
Blaine Eynon, Jr.; Larry Galloway;
Christopher Graham;
Steve McCollum; Henry Venn;
Harvey Whitehead; James Wolfe;
Christian Yousif; Neal Yousif

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. Sign-up on the website.

Alzheimer's Support Group

The Alzheimer's Support Group meets Tuesday, June 9, 2026 in Abbey 27 at 10:00am. For more information, please contact Wendy Beck at wbeck@kirkinthehills.org.

Sojourners!

Sojourners! meet the Second Friday of each month at 1:00pm in Abbey 27. Sojourners are people on a journey through life's seasons of grief. This is a support group for widows and widowers of all ages that provides a forum in which participants can share strategies for dealing with grief with others who understand.

COMING UP THIS WEEK

Join Us! Get Involved!

@ the Kirk

SUNDAY, June 7

Celebrating Pastor Jasmine & Choir Recognition Sunday

- 8:00am Worship Service - Cedarholm Chapel
- 9:00am Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 9:15am Last Day of Sunday School
- 10:00am Coffee Hour - Heritage Hall - Celebrating Pastor Jasmine
- 10:00am Stephen Minister Private Prayer - Melrose Chapel
- 10:10am The Daily News and Good News - Upper Room
- 11:00am Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 12:00pm After Service Sanctuary Tour
- 12:00pm Stephen Minister Private Prayer

MONDAY, JUNE 8

- 6:00pm Personnel Meeting - Upper Room

TUESDAY, JUNE 9

- 9:30am Prayer Cordon - Upper Room
- 9:30am Sandwich Ministry - Welcome Center
- 10:00am Alzheimer's Support Group - Abbey 27
- 2:00pm CYFM Committee Meeting - Zoom
- 5:00pm Facilities Meeting - Upper Room
- 6:30pm Deacons' Meeting - Abbey 28
- 6:30om Board of Trustees Meeting - Upper Room

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

- 9:30am Spiritual Studies Group -
- 10:00am Pastor Bible Study - Pastor Edwin - Upper Room
- 1:00pm Trinity Stitchers - Abbey 27
- 5:00pm Women of the Kirk presents "Art is How God Loves Us" - Book Launch & Afterglow with Author, Dr. Meridith Hite Estevez - Refectory

THURSDAY, JUNE 11

- 11:00am Care Coordinating Team - Colonel George's Study
- 6:00pm CONC - Abbey 36
- 6:00pm Kirk Ringers - Abbey 33
- 6:30pm Strategy Committee Meeting - Abbey 38
- 7:00pm Arabic Bible Study - Upper Room

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

- 7:00am MOK Bible Study - Zoom
- 9:00am VBS Set Up
- 1:00pm Sojourners - Abbey 27

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

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- 11:30am VBS
- 5:30pm Youth Group



Support Accent Pontiac: *The Maynard Timm Legacy Golf Outing*

06.12.2026

\$150 - 9 HOLES OF GOLF & LUNCH
\$75 - LUNCH ONLY

- SILENT AUCTION & LIVE AUCTION
- A HOLE IN ONE CONTEST, 50/50 RAFFLE
- ON COURSE COMPETITIONS!

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT ACCENT PONTIAC AND SOCIAL CHANGE THROUGH MUSIC!

REGISTER NOW!

Heathers Club

ACCENT PONTIAC

“This year, we actually named the golf outing after Maynard Timm, who was a member of the Kirk. He was such a great supporter of AP and the golf outing. We thought this would be a great way to honor him.” - Nadia Calloway, Development Director, ACCENT Pontiac. Click [HERE](#) to register or scan the QR code above.

An Open Invitation

We invite you to join us each week for our Sunday Worship Services: 8:00am, 9:00am & 11:00am.

You're also invited to get involved in our ministries, mission work, events, and activities. Please visit our website, kirkinthehills.org, for more details.

If you're interested in becoming a member, please contact Mercy Adams at madams@kirkinthehills.org.