

2026 | Experience God's Transforming Love

@ the Kirk

THIS WEEK – JUNE 19, 2026



Let's Prepare
to Celebrate
Father's
Day This
Sunday!

Join Us!

Upcoming Dates To Remember

June 19 | Juneteenth
Office Closed

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

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

Summer Hours Are In Effect
Monday - Thursday | 9:00am - 5:00pm
Friday - Office closes at Noon

July 1 | Independence Day
Celebration | 7:30pm

COFFEE HOUR
PATIO/FIRESIDE



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



Worship, Wonder, and Renewal



Summer at the Kirk is in full swing, and this Sunday marks the return of our beloved 9:00am Garden Service. Set amid the beauty of God's creation, the Garden Service offers a unique opportunity to worship outdoors, surrounded by the sights and sounds of nature. It is a wonderful setting to invite friends, neighbors, and family members to experience the warmth of our community and the beauty of worship.

As our *Summer in the Psalms* series continues, we turn to another timeless song from the heart of David. For generations, the Psalms have helped God's people navigate life's joys and challenges, offering words of praise, trust, hope, and encouragement.

This Sunday also brings the celebration of **Father's Day**, as we give thanks for fathers, grandfathers, mentors, and all who have helped shape our lives. Together, we are reminded that through every season, God remains our refuge, strength, and faithful guide.

As we gather for worship, may we find renewal in God's presence and encouragement for the journey ahead.

Join Us for an Independence Day Celebration | Wed, July 1



Our event kicks off at 7:30pm on July 1, with a patriotic Carrillon concert. The highlight of the evening will be a special program, including a dramatic reading of the Declaration of Independence! The Youth Group will be selling hot dogs, drinks and snacks to fundraise for their missions programs (left side QR Code). There will be a strolling musician

and fun activities for children as well. The evening will conclude with a fireworks show over Island Lake at dusk. Please take a minute to sign up (scan the QR code to the right) if you're planning to join us, to help the Youth Group plan their food sales accordingly. Patriotic dress is encouraged, don't forget your lawn chairs and blankets! Rain Date | July 10, 2026



Kirk 250

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Celebrating America's Semiquincentennial

Kirk 250: Our American Stories

As the United States commemorates its 250th Anniversary, the Kirk community is coming together through fellowship, art, scripture, and shared history to reflect on our own story within the context of America. As we approach future events, especially in the Fall, additional information will be found here or in the upcoming Summer Brochure.



Sunday, June 28 the Kirk 250 committee invites our community to gather for fellowship and ice cream treats on the front lawn following the 11:00am service. This event is to serve as a kick off to the Holiday Week and the Events being planned by the Deacons for July 1 and personal celebrations throughout early July.



2026 SUMMER CARILLON CONCERT SERIES

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

July 11 - Jeremy Chesman July 25 - Pamela Ruiten 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.

Children, Youth & Family Updates

REFLECTIONS OF VBS 2026



Vacation Bible School 2026 was a joyful and faith-filled week at the Kirk! From July 14–18, our campus echoed with the sounds of 185 children laughing, singing, learning, and growing together in faith. Through Bible stories, music, games, crafts, and fellowship, children discovered that *Jesus is the Light of the World* and explored what it means to follow Him in their daily lives.

In addition to the fun and learning, participants devoted time to mission and service, putting their faith into action by caring for others. We are deeply grateful to the many volunteers, staff members, youth leaders, and families whose generosity and dedication made this week possible. Together, they helped create a memorable experience that will continue to shine in the hearts of our children long after VBS has ended.



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.

Save the Date:

July 30th 5:00-7:30pm

CYF Summer Party; Kensington Park

Join Pastor Rami for Arabic Bible Study



Join Us for Our Arabic Ministry!

Thursdays | 6:30pm | Upper Room

Rev. Rami M. Almqdasi, Associate Pastor of Evangelism & Congregational Care, brings the gift of Arabic ministry to Kirk in the Hills. Please join us for the Arabic Bible Study and church service.

For more information, please contact Rev. Rami Almqdasi at 248-626-2515 ext. 148.

Rev. Rami Almqdasi

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.

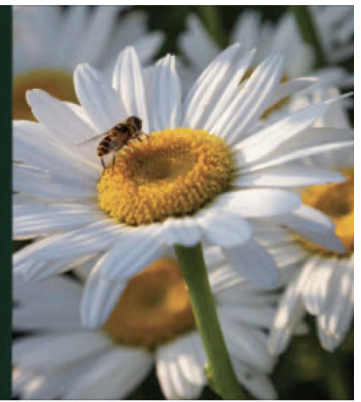
Support Our Outreach & Mission Partner, CCRT: Volunteer at the 100th Anniversary Parade

Join Us!

Sunday Summer Garden Services begin

Sunday, June 21, 2026

9:00am



Special Invitations Just for You!



Alpha Deep Dive & Leadership Training

with Christian Downs, Alpha USA National Director of Training and Jordan Biere, National Director of Alpha Youth

Tuesday, June 30 | 5:30–8:30pm | The Refectory

Join us for a special evening of dinner, connection, conversation, and discernment as we explore how Alpha may support the future of ministry at Kirk in the Hills.

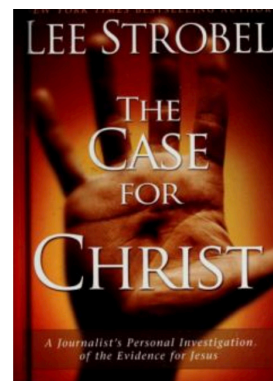
This gathering is designed for key leaders, ministry teams, and engaged members of our congregation as we continue the important work of Charting the Course and consider new ways to welcome, form, and walk alongside people in faith.

Dinner will be provided.

Please **RSVP by Tuesday, June 23** by scanning the QR code. We hope to see you there.



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. If you've already signed up for one of the events, the Adult Christian Education Committee will email you shortly to ensure you get your free copy of the book.

Did you know that it is the 100th anniversary of the Pontiac car brand? Come to Pontiac on Friday, June 26th at 6 PM to see classic cars from the eras parade through downtown Pontiac. If you would like to volunteer handing out water bottles or free ice cream on behalf of our mission partner, Christian Community Response Team, please contact Amy Davis at adavis2005@comcast.net or Carole Pearl at kcrpearl@aol.com Hope to see you there!

COMING UP THIS WEEK

Join Us! Get Involved!

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SUNDAY, JUNE 21

Happy Father's Day & Garden Service

- 8:00am Worship Service - Cedarholm Chapel
- 9:00am Garden Worship Service - (weather permitting)
- 9:15am Sunday School
- 9:40am Kona Ice Truck
- 10:00am Coffee Hour - Fireside Patio
- 10:00am Stephen Minister Private Prayer - Melrose Chapel
- 10:10am 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 22

No Meetings/Gatherings

TUESDAY, JUNE 23

- 9:30am Prayer Cordon - Upper Room
- 9:30am Sandwich Ministry - Welcome Center
- 6:00pm Adult Christian Education - Abbey 36
- 7:00pm Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival Concert
- 9:00pm Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival Concert Reception

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

- 10:00am Pastor Bible Study - Pastor Jasmine - Upper Room
- 11:00am Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival Artistic Encounters
- 1:00pm Trinity Stitches
- 6:00pm Kirk Ringers

THURSDAY, JUNE 25

- 11:30am Care Coordinating Team - Colonel George's Study
- 6:00pm CONC - Abbey 36
- 6:00pm Kirk Ringers - Abbey 33
- 7:00pm Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival Concert

FRIDAY, JUNE 26

Kirk Summer Hours Begin - Office Closes at Noon

- 7:30am Men of the Kirk Bible Study

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

- 7:30am Saturday Morning Bible Study (Zoom Only)
- 7:00pm Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival Concert

SUNDAY, JUNE 28

- 8:00am Worship Service - Cedarholm Chapel
- 9:00am Garden Worship Service - (weather permitting)
- 9:15am Sunday School
- 10:00am Coffee Hour - Fireside Patio
- 10:00am Stephen Minister Private Prayer - Melrose Chapel
- 10:10am Daily News and Good News - Upper Room
- 11:00am Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 12:00pm Ice Cream Social - Front Lawn
- 12:00pm After Service Sanctuary Tour
- 12:00pm Stephen Minister Private Prayer

Sandwich Ministry



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.

Trinity Stitches

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

Kirk Summer Office Hours In Effect Next Friday, June 26!

Mon - Thurs: 9:00am - 5:00pm
Fri: 9:00am - 12:00pm
Sat & Sun: Closed

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.

