

2026 | Experience God's Transforming Love

@ the Kirk

THIS WEEK – JUNE 26, 2026



Happy Independence Day!

Join Us!

Upcoming Dates To Remember

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 | America 250 Independence Day Celebration | 7:30pm
Isle Lake Fireworks Display

July 3 | 4th of July Observance (Office closed)

July 4 | Independence Day

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



Declaring the Glory of God



As our *Summer in the Psalms* series continues, we turn this week to Psalm 19, where creation itself declares the glory of God. From the beauty of a summer sunrise to the wonder of a star-filled sky, the psalm reminds us that God's presence can be seen throughout the world around us.

This week also offers opportunities to gather as a church family—from the Kirk 250 Sunday following worship to our Independence Day celebration on July 1, featuring fireworks, a patriotic carillon concert, and family-friendly festivities. Together, these moments remind us that worship extends beyond Sunday as we celebrate God's faithfulness and the gift of community.

As we gather this weekend, may we be renewed by the beauty of God's creation, strengthened by the fellowship we share, and inspired to reflect God's love wherever we go. 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.



This 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 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.

Children, Youth & Family Updates



Kirk in the Hills Youth Group
 Serving In Costa Rica
 June 19, 2026



Costa Rica Mission Team Returns Home

Twenty youth and seven adult leaders from Kirk in the Hills and Woodside Bible Church recently returned from a week-long mission trip to Costa Rica, where they served alongside a vibrant local community in the name of Christ.

During their time together, the team helped build the foundation of a pastoral home, delivered groceries during home visits, participated in worship, and formed meaningful friendships with their brothers and sisters in Christ—and with one another.

Join us this Sunday at 10:00am in Heritage Hall to hear firsthand about their experience, view photos from the trip, and learn how God is at work through this growing ministry partnership. We are excited about the possibility of returning every other year to continue building relationships and serving alongside our Costa Rican partners.



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.

Register Now!
2027 Christian Heritage to France Pilgrimage



France has a long, continuous Christian history, dating back to the Roman Empire, and we will focus on John Calvin and the Huguenots. To learn more and to register, scan the QR code above.

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**

Did you know that it is the 100th anniversary of the Pontiac car brand? Come to Pontiac tonight, **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!



Join us for the
**Sunday Garden
 Service at 9:00am.**
*We can't wait to
 worship with you!*

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.

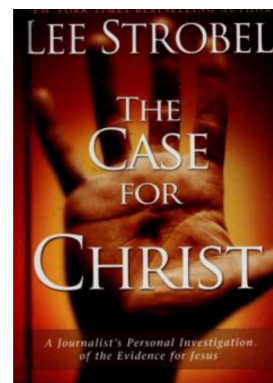
This gathering is designed for key leaders, ministry teams, and engaged members of our congregation as we continue the important work of Charting the Course and consider new ways to welcome, form, and walk alongside people in faith.

Dinner will be provided.

Please **RSVP** by 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.

COMING UP THIS WEEK

Join Us! Get Involved!

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SUNDAY, JUNE 28

Kirk 250 Ice Cream Social

- 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
- 1:30pm Youth Action Board - St. Andrew's Room

MONDAY, JUNE 29

- 9:00am Personnel Meeting - Upper Room

TUESDAY, JUNE 30

- 9:30am Prayer Cordon - Upper Room
- 9:30am Sandwich Ministry - Welcome Center
- 11:30am Alpha Lunch
- 5:30pm Alpha Course Deep Dive, Training Session, and Dinner - Refectory

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

An Independence Day Celebration

- 10:00am Pastor Bible Study - Upper Room
- 1:00pm Trinity Stitches
- 6:00pm Personnel Meeting - Upper Room
- 9:00pm Island Lake Fireworks Display

THURSDAY, JULY 2

- 6:00pm CONC - Abbey 36

FRIDAY, JULY 3

July 4th Holiday Observed (Office Closed)

SATURDAY, JULY 4

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

SUNDAY, JULY 5

- 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
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Prayer Requests

The Prayer Cordon meets at 9:30am every Tuesday in the Upper Room. Prayer cards are located in the pew racks. To receive the prayer list or submit a prayer request, please contact Wendy Beck at: wbeck@kirkinthehills.org.

Baptisms

Interested in having your child or grandchild baptized at the Kirk? For more info, contact Jen Morris via email at jmorris@kirkinthehills.org or via phone at (248) 973 - 8011.



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 Starting Today!

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.