

2026 | Experience God's
Transforming Love

@ the Kirk

THIS WEEK – JANUARY 16, 2026

Join Us!

MOUNTAINTOPS

Sermon Series Schedule:

January 18 - Abraham and Isaac on Mount Moriah -
Genesis 22

January 25 - Moses Encounters God In The Burning Bush - *Exodus 3*

February 1 - Isaiah's Vision Of God's Holiness In The Temple - *Isaiah 6*

February 8 - Elijah Meets God In Silence On Mount Horeb - *1 Kings 19*

February 15 - The Transfiguration of Jesus -
Matthew 17

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.



Kirk in the Hills

Calendar Alert:
The Church will be closed on Monday, January 19 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

A New Sermon Series Begins! *Meeting God on the Mountaintop*



As we begin the new year together, Kirk in the Hills launches a new worship series that invites us to reflect on moments of deep spiritual clarity—those mountaintop encounters where people meet God in powerful and lasting ways. Throughout Scripture, mountains are places of revelation, decision, and transformation. They are not escapes from real life, but moments that reshape how life is understood and lived.

This Sunday, our journey begins in Genesis 22, with Abraham and Isaac ascending Mount Moriah. It is one of the Bible's most searching and challenging stories, pressing us to wrestle with trust, obedience, and the nature of God. On the mountain, Abraham discovers that God is neither distant nor arbitrary, but faithful and providing. What begins in fear becomes an encounter marked by revelation and trust—so much so that Abraham names the place, "The Lord will provide."

Across generations and cultures, people have climbed mountains seeking perspective, beauty, and encounter. In Scripture, altars are built on high places and prayers rise toward the heavens. Worship functions in much the same way. When we gather, we rise—if only briefly—above the noise and urgency of daily life, not to avoid it, but to see it more truthfully and faithfully.

These mountaintop moments are not spiritual detours. They shape identity, deepen faith, and prepare God's people to return to the valleys with renewed purpose. They reveal not only who God is, but who we are called to become through Christ.

As we move through this series, we invite you to come to worship with expectation and attentiveness. May Scripture, prayer, music, and silence create space for God to meet you with grace, clarity, and provision.

Stewardship Campaign Update

as of January 16, 2026 - Less than \$100K to go...

Kirk Family, we are so close to our **2026 Stewardship Campaign** goal! We need everyone to help get us across the goal line! Your support is critical! Below is a snapshot of where we are as of January 16, 2026:



- Campaign target: \$1,600,000
- Pledges received to Date: \$\$1,504,164
- **% of target achieved: 94%**
- Number of Pledges Received: 377
- Number of Families who pledged in 2025, but not yet for 2026: 87
- Total number of member families: 896
- Number of new pledges: 36 (from anyone who did not pledge in 2025)

Many thanks to all who have pledged so far to our 2026 Campaign. **We just passed 94% and need less than \$100,000 to reach our goal. And there is still time to participate.** You may pledge by using the pledge card sent to you or by taking one from the pew rack. You may also pledge online, either through our website or via the Realm App. Or make it easy on yourself and call the Kirk Business office during the week. A cheerful person in the office will be happy to take your pledge.

The pastors and the staff of the Kirk are very grateful to each of you who give of your time, talent and treasure. Your commitment helps sustain our ministries, support our staff and programs, and carry forward our mission as a Full Sail Church. **Will you help us get to 100%** of our goal! Scan the QR code above to make your pledge today or call the church office at (248) 626-2515!

POETRY PARTY
To honor Robert Burns' 267th Birthday,
and celebrate poetry together!

Kirk in the Hills invites members, family, and friends to a **Poetry Party** celebrating the life and legacy of Scotland's national poet, **Robert Burns**, in honor of his **267th birthday**, on **Sunday, January 25, 2026, from 3:30–5:00pm** in the Refectory. Guests are encouraged to bring a small snack and a favorite poem to share, as we enjoy readings of Burns' work and an afternoon of poetry, fellowship, and community. Scan the QR code to sign up!



The Windover Piano Duo is Coming in February!

Join us for an inspiring afternoon concert with **The Windover Piano Duo—Ellen Kendall and Susan Wheatley on Saturday, February 7, at 3:00pm** in the Refectory at Kirk in the Hills. **Featuring Four-Hand Piano Duos: Classics to Cabaret**, the program spans beloved classical and romantic works to lively 20th-century cabaret selections. All proceeds support the **Renew & Resound Campaign**, helping rebuild and renew our facilities for worship and community. A suggested donation of \$15 for individuals and \$25 for families is requested.

Kirk in the Hills Preschool



"Rooted And Grounded In God's Love" for Over 40 Years.

High Quality Preschool Programs Offered at the Kirk: Non-Profit (*Kirk Members receive priority consideration*)

- 2 ½- year-old class: 2 days a week .
- 3-year-old class: 3 or 5 days a week
- 4-year-old class: 5 days a week
- Multi-Aged: 5 days a week (older 4's and young 5's)
- Parent and Toddler class: Fall and Winter sessions

Registration for 2026-2027 Starts Now - CALL TODAY!



Please contact our office at 248-973-8017 or email Sandy Jewell at: sjewell@kirkinthehills.org.

Important Notice of Congregational Meeting:

Session has called a Congregational Meeting to take place after the 9:00am worship service on **January 25, 2026** to review and approve the Pastor's Terms of Call.



Give from the heart.

Donate blood and help save lives.



Blood Drive

Monday, February 2, 2026
12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Kirk in the Hills

Heritage Hall (Undercroft)
1340 W. Long Lake Road
Bloomfield Hills



Scan to be directed to RapidPass®



Scan to schedule an appointment.

Come give blood 1/26-2/28 for a \$20 e-gift card to your choice of merchant. See rcblood.org/heart

Children, Youth & Family Updates

The Children, Youth, and Family ministry invites you to remember the upcoming dates:



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) 2026: MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Children's Ministry is excited to announce **Vacation Bible School 2026**, happening **June 14–18** at Kirk in the Hills! VBS is a joyful week of faith formation, music, learning, and fun for children, and space is limited to 125 participants.

Registration will open in phases to ensure priority access for our community:

First Priority Registration for Kirk families (preschool and church members) opens **January 30 at noon**

Second Priority Registration for returning VBS families opens **February 6 at noon**

Open Registration begins February 13

The cost is \$100 for the full week.

Families are encouraged to plan ahead and register early, as spots fill quickly. For questions or additional information, please contact Lauren Clopton at lclopton@kirkinthehills.org.

2026 Offering Envelopes in the Fireside Room - Pick Yours Up Today!

If you requested offering **envelopes for 2026, they will be in the Fireside Room**, arranged alphabetically by last name.

If you don't find offering envelopes for your name and you would like to use offering envelopes this coming year, please contact the business office.



Join the Fun & Fuel the Mission

Please join us for an **ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKE BREAKFAST** next **Sunday** and help support our amazing Youth Group as they raise funds for their 2026 Mission Trip to Costa Rica! The Youth will be preparing Pancakes and Bacon; All proceeds will help send our teens on this life-changing journey.

Date: Jan 25th

Location: Heritage Hall

Time: 10:15-11:00 (following the 9am service)

Donations encouraged (\$10/individual suggested)

Please contact Glenda Herb at gtherb@comcast.net or 248 535-5196 for more information.



SpringHill Winter Retreat – Jan 30–Feb 1

Junior High and Senior High students are invited to join us for a combined Winter Teen Retreat at SpringHill!

Depart: Friday, January 30 from Kirk in the Hills

Return: Sunday, February 1

Cost: \$125

The Youth will have a high energy weekend, experience engaging worship, meaningful faith conversations, and all the classic SpringHill fun: broomball, tubing, paintball, basketball tournaments, games, and more, all while building friendships that last far beyond the weekend. **Signup at the QR Code.**



Sunday, January 25- Costa Rica Mission Trip Signup Deadline Extended!

The countdown is on! The Senior High Mission Trip **signup deadline had been extended until Sunday, January 25**. To guarantee your teens spot, please be sure to:

- **Complete the signup**
- **Submit your deposit**

If you have any Questions, please email or call me directly at any time. Sign Up at the QR Code.

COMING UP THIS WEEK

Join Us! Get Involved!

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

- 8:00am Communion Service
Cedarholm Chapel
- 9:00am Worship Service -
Sanctuary
- 9:00am Sunday School
- 10:00am Coffee Hour -
Heritage Hall
- 10:00am Stephen Minister Private
Prayer - Melrose Chapel
- 10:10am Bill Robinson Bible Study
- Upper Room
- 10:15am Confirmation Class -
Abbey 27/28
- 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 Stephen Minister Private
Prayer
- 12:00pm After Service Sanctuary
Tour
- 3:00pm Micah 6 Dinner prep
- 5:30pm Youth Group

MONDAY, JANUARY 19

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Church Closed

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

- 9:30am Prayer Cordon - Upper
Room
- 6:30pm Meeting of Session -
Abbey 28

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21

- 10:00am Pastors Bible Study -
Upper Room
- 10:00am O & M Executive Board
Meeting - Colonel
George's Study
- 1:00pm Trinity Stitches -
Abbey 27
- 5:00pm Stephen Minister Training -
Abbey 36
- 6:00pm Kirk Ringers - Abbey 33
- 7:00pm Kirk Singers - Abbey 33

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22

- 9:30am Woman's Thursday
Morning Bible Study -
Upper Room
- 11:30am Care Coordinating Team -
Colonel George's Study
- 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal -
Choir Room

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23

- 7:00am MOK Bible Study
- 9:30am Books & Bibles -
Upper Room

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

- 8:00am Communion Service
Cedarholm Chapel
- 9:00am Worship Service -
Sanctuary
- 9:00am Sunday School
- 10:00am Coffee Hour with Pancake
Breakfast -Heritage Hall
- 10:00am Congregational Meeting
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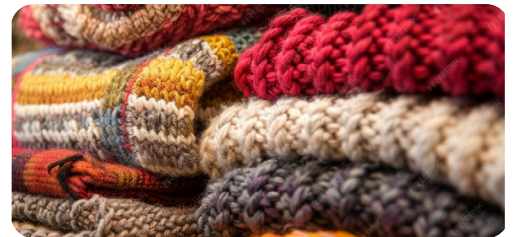
Kirk Seniors Please Note:

The Kirk Seniors Luncheon Program will resume in February. There will be NO Seniors Luncheon in January.

Join Us!

Bill Robinson Bible Study

Join us on Sundays at 10:10am -11:00am in the Upper Room (in-person or by zoom). For more info, please contact Ed Yousif at eyousif@gmail.com.



Trinity Stitches

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

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.

