

2026 | Experience God's Transforming Love @ the Kirk

THIS WEEK – OCTOBER 11, 2026

Join Us!

Let's Kickoff Stewardship Season!

Full Sail Church

A Seafaring Faith

Stewardship Sermon Series:

Oct. 11 | Stewardship Season Opener

Catch the Wind | John 3:1-8

Oct. 18 | Baptism & Mission Sunday

Remember Your Baptism | Matthew 14:22-33

Oct. 25 | Reformation & New Member Sunday

Put Out into the Deep | Luke 5:1-11

Nov. 1 | All Saints' Sunday

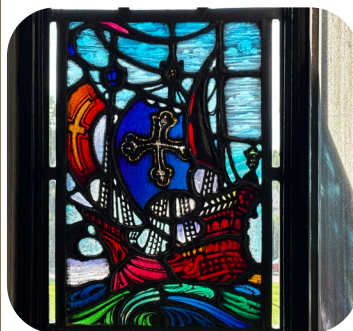
Hope Holds | Luke 5:1-11

Nov. 8 | Veterans' Sunday

Standing Watch | Psalm 121:1-8; Hebrews 11:29-12:1

Nov. 15 | Generosity & Pledge Sunday

All Hands on Deck | 1 Corinthians 12:12-27



Catch the Wind

John 3:1-8

This Sunday, we kick off our second year of our three-year journey to become a **Full Sail Church**. What is a **Full Sail Church**? It is a church where every heart experiences God's transforming love. Our mission is clear—love like Jesus within our congregation, beyond our walls, and into God's world and God's future.

The Stewardship Sermon Series is a special one.

Within the **Full Sail Church: A Seafaring Faith**, we will pontificate various marine symbols that show up time and time again in Scripture. This week's symbol is The Mast; it's an allegory of the cross. Join us as we "**Lift the Second Mast**" and prepare to catch the wind of the Holy Spirit in our sails!

COFFEE HOUR



Join Us in Heritage Hall

Reflections on Kyes Weekend

Kyes Weekend historically yields a wonderful connection to the community. This year was no exception. Nearly 100 people attended the Friday evening strolling dinner and lecture presented by Dr. Maher Samuel. On Saturday, around 50 people showed up bright & early to share a meal and hear from Hossam Garas. And the series wrapped up with over 230 people attending the Arabic service in the Sanctuary!

A huge thank you to the volunteers and staff who ensured our Christian brethren from Egypt were welcomed and given the opportunity to share what God is doing on the other side of the world.





**Charles Lindbergh:
Hero, Heretic & Reinvention**

A Presentation by
Bruce Zellers



**Kirk Seniors Luncheon
OCT. 20 | 11 AM
ST. ANDREW'S ROOM**

Register & Pay by Oct. 15

Join us as Bruce Zellers presents the curious history of an American hero who, once surrounded by controversy, could never escape his past.

Kirk Seniors Luncheon

Oct. 20 | St. Andrew's Room | 11 AM

Join us for lunch and our program featuring **Bruce Zellers**, brother-in-law of Jayne Zellers, on the topic of **Charles Lindbergh**. Lindbergh became an American hero, perhaps the best-known American of his era. In middle age, he identified with Nazi Germany and opposed WW2. The rest of his life was spent trying to reconstruct his reputation. Even then, he continued to behave in deeply problematic ways. Lunch costs \$25/person. Please register by Thursday, Oct. 15.



CONGRATULATIONS ON 25 YEARS!

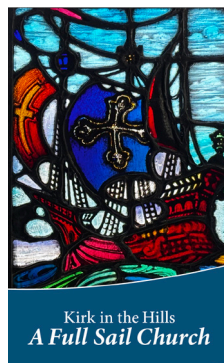
This Sunday marks **25 years** of one-on-one, confidential Christian care provided by Stephen Ministers through the Stephen Ministry. These specially trained, faithful confidants have been very quietly helping Kirk members

& friends as they journey through difficult seasons of life. The **50 hours of Stephen Ministry training** equips these dedicated care givers to provide a safe place to help their care receivers sort out challenges. Stephen Ministry offers **distinctively Christian care** and Christ is at the center of these caring relationships & truly is the One who provides the healing.

Thank you, Stephen Ministers, for sharing your gifts with us all!

A Seafaring Faith | Stewardship 2027

Volunteers rallied together and assembled the stewardship mailers that are either in your mailbox or will be soon. We look forward to celebrating the congregation's generosity as we voyage toward a Full Sail Church.



A SEAFARING FAITH
STEWARDSHIP 2027

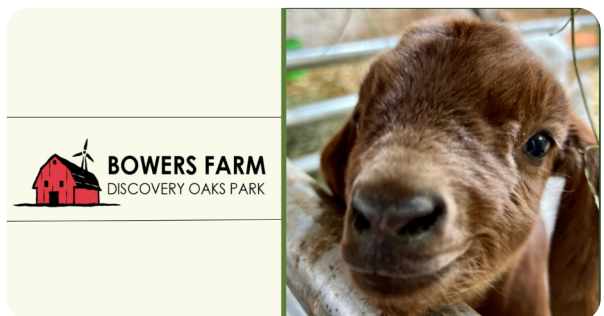
Children, Youth & Family



BIBLE SUNDAY Sunday, Oct. 25

Would you like your child to receive a Bible during Bible Sunday on October 25 during the 9:00am service? Scan the QR code.

*Please register by October 18.
Reach out to Sarah Ford at sford@kirkinthehills.org with questions.*



FALL FEST AT BOWERS FARM Friday, Oct. 16 | 5:00 - 8:30pm | MS Wayfinders

Middleschoolers, we'll meet at the Kirk first for some group devotional time. Then head to Bowers School Farm down the road!

Fall Fest at Bowers School Farm includes live music, pumpkin patch, hayrides, climbing haystacks, pumpkin trampoline, donuts & cider and more. We'll have pizza or the like at the farm for dinner.

Bring a friend to the MS
Wayfinders Group!



Cost is \$20/person



COMBINED MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

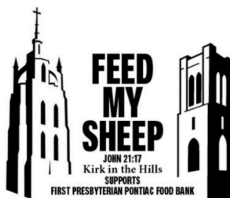
October 11 | Service to Micah 6 | 4:30PM

Meet in the Refectory kitchen at 4:30 to prepare dinner and prep children's

church. We'll head to Pontiac around 5:30 and we'll be back at 8pm. Parents, drop off at 4:30 in the Refectory and pick up at 8pm in the Refectory.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & ALL CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILY FEED MY SHEEP FOOD DRIVE | Oct. 11 - Nov. 22

CYF is hosting a food drive for the **Feed My Sheep** Initiative to support this important ministry in Pontiac through Outreach and Mission. Starting Sunday, October 11, all children, youth, and families are invited to **bring canned food** items to support this important ministry. We will have a donation bin in the sanctuary during the 9 AM children's moment and the Sunday school classes will be engaging in friendly competition between the classes to see which classes bring in the most donations! This drive will go from October 11 - November 22.



Save the Date!
CYF Advent Support of
Angel Tree

CYF ADVENT SEASON KICK OFF | Supporting Angel Tree | Nov. 29 | 3:30-6PM

Save the Date! Please email sford@kirkinthehills.org if you'd like to assist in planning or executing this event.

Coming Soon!

Sign up for the 5 PM Christmas Eve Pageant! Interested in helping? Email lclopton@kirkinthehills.org

NURSERY CARE WORKER NEEDED! Sundays | 8:00am - 12:00pm

We are looking for help in the nursery between 8:00am - 12:00pm on Sunday mornings. Reach out to sford@kirkinthehills.org if interested.



SAVE the DATE

Veterans Sunday | November 8



Featuring Guest Preacher & Speaker
Rev. Peter Muschinske, Chaplain & Rear Admiral, US Navy (retired)

SAVE THE DATE! | Honoring Veterans | Sunday, Nov. 8

Guest speaker & preacher : Rev. Peter Muschinske, Chaplain & Rear Admiral, US Navy (retired).

Details and information on how to register coming soon!

THANKSGIVING DINNER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY | Week of Nov. 23 - 26

Come be a volunteer helping to cook and serve Thanksgiving Dinner with all the 'fixins' to 1600 people who need some joy. Sign up to work at Westminster Presbyterian in Detroit, time slots are available during the entire week Nov. 23 - 26. Contact Bobi Tallinger with questions bobitall@comcast.net 248.229.6201 Scan the QR code to sign up.



SCAN ME

SAVE THE DATE | Wed., Dec., 2 Advent by Candlelight | Angels | Women of the Kirk

The Women of the Kirk are pleased to announce the 2026 Advent by Candlelight event's theme is "Angels." **Interested in hosting a holiday table?** Reach out to **Michelle Clark** directly via email at michelleanneclark1@gmail.com or call her at 248-252-7171 and request the "Hostess Guidelines & Duties" document.



COMING UP THIS WEEK

Join Us! Get Involved!

@ the Kirk

SUNDAY, OCT. 11

Stewardship Kickoff

- 8:00am Worship Service - Cedarholm Chapel
- 9:00am Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 9:15am Sunday School
- 10:00am Youth Prayer Cordon - Abbey 29
- 10:00am Stephen Minister Private Prayer - Melrose Chapel
- 10:15am Confirmation Class (Parents) - Abbey 28
- 10:15am Confirmation Class (Students) - Abbey 27
- 10:15am Joyful Noise Choir Rehearsal - Abbey 26
- 10:15am St. Cecilia's Choir Rehearsal - Abbey 33
- 11:00am Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 11:00am Cantamus Choir Rehearsal - Abbey 33
- 12:00pm Stephen Minister 25th Anniversary Luncheon - Refectory
- 1:30pm Youth Action Board - Heritage Hall
- 4:30pm MS & HS Youth Micah 6 Prep & Serve - Refectory & Micah 6

MONDAY, OCT. 12

- 12:00pm Blood Drive - Heritage Hall
- 7:00pm Barnabas Bible Study - ZOOM only

TUESDAY, OCT. 13

- 9:00am Stewardship Committee Mailer Meeting - Abbey 29
- 9:30am Prayer Cordon - Upper Room
- 9:30am Sandwich Ministry - Welcome Center
- 10:00am Alzheimer's Support Group - Abbey 27
- 5:00pm Facilities Meeting - Upper Room
- 6:30pm Board of Trustees Meeting - Upper Room
- 6:30pm Deacons Meeting - Abbey 28 & ZOOM

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 14

- 9:30am Spiritual Studies Group - Abbey 27 & ZOOM

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 14

- 10:00am Pastor-led Bible Study - Upper Room
- 11:00am Docent Tour
- 1:00pm Trinity Stitchers - Abbey 27
- 4:00pm New Member Orientation - Heritage Hall
- 6:00pm Personnel Meeting - Upper Room
- 6:00pm Fireside Fellowship w/ Pastor Rami - Fireside Room
- 6:30pm Kirk Ringers - Abbey 33
- 7:00pm Women of the Kirk (WOTK) Bible Study - St. Andrew's Room
- 7:30pm Kirk Singers Rehearsal - Abbey 33

THURSDAY, OCT. 15

- 9:30am Women's Thursday Bible Study - Upper Room & ZOOM
- 11:00am David Lentz Memorial - Sanctuary
- 12:00pm David Lentz Memorial Tea - Heritage Hall
- 6:00pm CONC - Abbey 36 & ZOOM
- 6:30pm Arabic Bible Study - Upper Room
- 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

FRIDAY, OCT. 16

- 7:00am Men of the Kirk (MOK) Bible Study - ZOOM
- 6:00pm Middle School Outing to Bowers Farm

SATURDAY, OCT. 17

- 7:30am Morning Bible Study - ZOOM only

SUNDAY, OCT. 18

Stewardship Series Wk. 2 Shell & Water Motif

- 8:00am Worship Service - Cedarholm Chapel
- 9:00am Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 9:15am Sunday School
- 10:00am Youth Prayer Cordon - Abbey 29

SUNDAY, OCT. 18

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- 10:00am Stephen Minister Private Prayer - Melrose Chapel
- 10:10am Bill Robinson Bible Study - Upper Room
- 10:15am Confirmation Class (Parents) - Abbey 28
- 10:15am Confirmation Class (Students) - Abbey 27
- 10:15am St. Cecilia's Choir Rehearsal - Abbey 33
- 11:00am Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 11:00am Cantamus Choir Rehearsal - Abbey 33
- 12:00pm Stephen Minister 25th Anniversary Luncheon - Refectory
- 1:30pm Youth Action Board - Heritage Hall
- 7:00pm High School Youth Group Parents' Meeting
- 7:00pm Youth Group Parents' Meeting - Upper Room

Alzheimer's Support Group

The Alzheimer's Support Group meets **Tuesday, September 8, 2026** in Abbey 27 at 10:00am. For more information, please contact Wendy Beck at: wbeck@kirkinthehills.org.

75th Anniversary Triptych

If you are one of the **280 generous friends** who have contributed to the Kirk's 75th Anniversary Campaign, **THANK YOU!**

Please be on the lookout for an email about your donation ... *and please respond to this email.* If we don't have your email, you'll receive a letter via US mail. Both communications will include an update about the campaign finances and projects. Also, hard copies of this update will be available in the Kirk Business Office. Once again, we celebrate & give thanks for your generosity & for what God is accomplishing within us & through us.
To God be the glory!