

2026 | Experience God's Transforming Love @ the Kirk

THIS WEEK – OCTOBER 4, 2026

Join Us!

Looking Ahead

A Seafaring Faith Series:

Full Sail Church Stewardship Sermons

Oct. 11 | Stewardship Season Opener

Catch the Wind | John 3:1-8

Oct. 18 | Baptism & Mission Sunday

Remember Your Baptism | Matthew 14:22-23

Oct. 25 | Reformation & New Member Sunday

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

COFFEE HOUR



Join Us in 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

WORLD COMMUNION
SUNDAY
We Are One in Christ!



Working with God: The Church's Responsibility in the Great Commission

John 5:1-17 & John 9:1-6, 35-38

Guest Preacher **Dr. Maher Samuel** delivers Sunday's sermon. Drawing on two of John's "signs," namely, the healing of the man at Bethesda and the man born blind, this message explores the church's calling

to labor alongside a God who is already at work, without either overestimating or abandoning our role in the salvation of others.

It's a wonderful bookend for Kyes' Lecture Weekend and an elegant celebration of World Communion Sunday.

Family Bread Baking Event

SUNDAY, OCT. 4 | 10:15 - 12:15 |

Refectory

Every family is made up of its own unique ingredients. This Bread Baking Event is intended to celebrate each ingredient and is an opportunity to do something meaningful where we come together to make something special.

We are asking for \$3/person to offset the cost of baking ingredients, snacks & a light lunch. Scan the QR code & join us!



Ushers' Spotlight

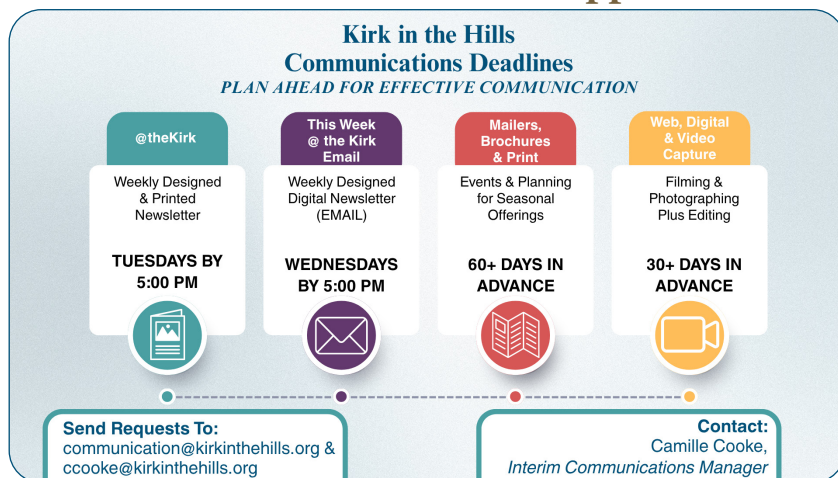
THANK YOU, OCTOBER USHERS!

9:00am – Thomas H. Baker, Captain; Ford Meiser, Co-captain; Ellen Baker; William R. Baker; Mitchell E. Bonnett; James F. Healy; Philip Jia; David Littleton

11:00am – Steve McCollum, Captain; Douglas Waldo; Co-captain; Mercy Adams; Paul Aren;

Mike Baird; Dorman B. Dickerson III; Jim Keeling; Andrew Ludden; Gregory A. Pond; Christian Yousif; Albert Zolton

'Tis the Season... To Plan for Communications' Support



It's hard to believe it's October already. And you know what that means. *Advent & Christmas season will be here soon!*

You've worked hard to plan your holiday gathering opportunities. Make sure you include Communications in the early stages—especially if you would like printed pieces to share.



AUDITION FOR THE CHANCEL CHOIR!

Dr. Buchholz still is holding auditions for the **Chancel Choir**. If you have prior choir performance experience, a good voice, & love to sing, reach out to Dr. Horst Buchholz at hbuchholz@kirkinthehills.org

to schedule an audition. It's a great opportunity to sing and perform for the church and to commune with other sacred music lovers. *P.S. The choir especially needs tenors to fill out the choral mix.*

KYES LECTURE WEEKEND SCHEDULE

October 2 - 4

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

The Refectory & St. Andrew's

Strolling Dinner & Fellowship* | 6:00pm
Kyes Lecture Featuring Dr. Maher Samuel* | 7:30pm

**Registration Required*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

St. Andrew's Room

Morning Seminar Featuring Hossam Garas* | 9:30 - 11:30am

**Registration Required*

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

Sanctuary

Worship Services Featuring Dr. Maher Samuel | 9:00 & 11:00am

YOUTH DISCUSSION

Hossam Garas Meets w/ Middle Schoolers | 9:30 - 9:45am

Hossam Garas Meets w/ Confirmants | 10:15 - 10:30am

ARABIC SERVICE

Hymn Singing Led by Pastor Ayman Kafrouni | 7:00pm

Children, Youth & Family



**BIBLE
SUNDAY
October 25**

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.

Preschool aged children (ages 3+) through Grade 2 receive the *JesusStory Book Bible* and children in Grade 3 - Grade 8 receive the *NIV Adventure Bible*.

When incoming 9th graders join confirmation, they will receive their *NIV Study Bible*. All High School age students who have not received an *NIV Study Bible* and would like to, please scan the QR code above.

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



**COMING
SUNDAY,
OCT. 11**

THE SHIPS OF FAITH

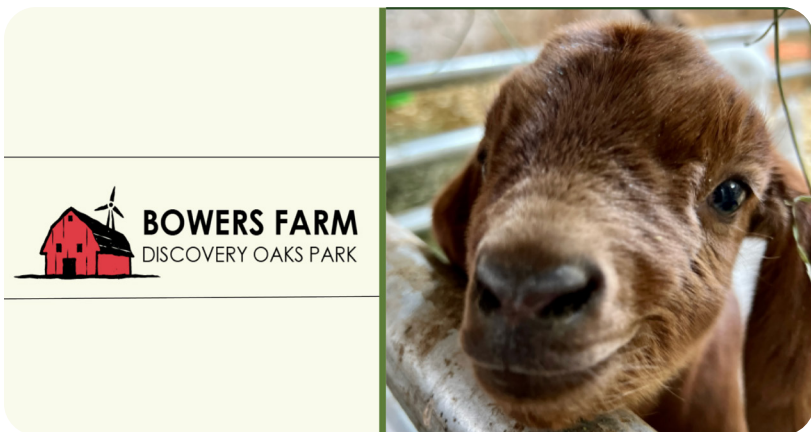
**STEWARDSHIP
2027**



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.



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

BILL ROBINSON BIBLE STUDY IS BACK!

Begins Sunday, Oct. 11 | 10:10am | Upper Room

Welcome back the Bill Robinson Bible Study as the group studies the book of Colossians. This book boldly declares the supremacy and sufficiency of Jesus Christ.

The book also declares that Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, and He is the firstborn over all creation (Colossians 1:5). We will unpack that and faithfully know who Jesus Christ is to us personally and be rooted in Him. Please join us for Christian fellowship and discussion as we travel through our faith journey.

For further info please email Ed Yousif at eyousif@gmail.com.

PATHFINDERS HS YOUTH FAITHFUL GATHERING

October 4 | 7:00pm

HS Youth Group will be meeting Sunday Night October 4 and asking the question, "What does real love look like?" using the framework of Psalm 139.

Join us for this faithful gathering.



Pathfinders Prayer Cordon Begins!

SUNDAYS | 10:10 - 10:50am | Abbey 29

High schoolers, this is a unique opportunity for you to deepen your faith, support others as they search, and decide the best ways to make this space meaningful to you. Children, Youth, & Family (CYF) are excited to offer the Pathfinders Prayer Cordon starting this Sunday, October 4.



Women of the Kirk



JOIN US! The next *Friends & Sisters* Bible Study is Wed., Oct. 7 from 7:00-8:30pm.

COMING UP THIS WEEK

Join Us! Get Involved!

@ the Kirk

SUNDAY, OCT. 4

World Communion Sunday *& Kyes Lecture Series* *Concludes*

- 8:00am Worship Service - Cedarholm Chapel
- 9:00am Worship Service w/ Dr. Maher Samuel - Sanctuary
- 9:15am Sunday School
- 10:00am Bread Baking Event - Refectory Kitchen
- 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 w/ Dr. Maher Samuel - Sanctuary
- 11:00am Preschool Fall Festival - outside
- 11:00am Cantamus Choir Rehearsal - Abbey 33
- 12:00pm Stephen Minister Private Prayer
- 6:30pm Youth Group w/ Alpha - Heritage Hall
- 7:00pm Youth Group Parents' Meeting - Upper Room
- 7:00pm Arabic Worship Service featuring Pastor Ayman Kafrouny leading hymns - Refectory

MONDAY, OCT. 5

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

TUESDAY, OCT. 6

- 9:00am Stewardship Committee Mailer Meeting - Abbey 29
- 9:30am Prayer Cordon - Upper Room
- 9:30am Sandwich Ministry - Welcome Center
- 2:00pm Kirk Seniors Steering Committee - Abbey 29

TUESDAY, OCT. 6

- 3:30pm Caring Ministries Meeting - Upper Room
- 5:30pm New Member & Evangelism Committee Meeting - Upper Room
- 6:30pm Strategy Committee Meeting - Upper Room & ZOOM

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 7

- 10:00am Pastor-led Bible Study - Upper Room
- 1:00pm Trinity Stitches - Abbey 27
- 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. 8

- 9:30am Women's Thursday Bible Study - Upper Room & ZOOM
- 11:30am Care Coordinating Team Meeting - Col. George's Study
- 12:00pm Stephen Ministry Peer Support - Abbey 36
- 6:00pm CONC - Abbey 36 & ZOOM
- 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 7:00pm Arabic Bible Study - Upper Room

FRIDAY, OCT. 9

- 7:00am Men of the Kirk (MOK) Bible Study - ZOOM
- 1:00pm Sojourners - Abbey 27

SATURDAY, OCT. 10

- 7:30am Morning Bible Study - ZOOM only

SUNDAY, OCT. 11

Stewardship Kickoff

- 8:00am Worship Service - Cedarholm Chapel
- 9:00am Worship Service - Sanctuary

SUNDAY, OCT. 11

Stewardship Kickoff

- 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 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
- 7:00pm Youth Group Parents' Meeting - Upper Room

Sojourners!

Sojourners meets on the second Friday of each month at 1:00pm; the next gathering is **Friday, October 9, 2026**. This supportive group for widows and widowers of all ages offers a caring space to share and navigate life's seasons of grief together.

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!