2026 @ the Kirk

Experience God's Transforming Love

THIS WEEK – NOVEMBER 1, 2026



Join Us!

Full Sail Church
A Seafaring Faith
Stewardship Sermon Series:

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

Nov. 22 | Kirkin' o' the Tartan & Anniversary Sunday
PLEASE NOTE:
Combined service @ 10 AM; Sunday School @ 10 AM, too
Celebrating Past & Present Generosity | Psalm 67; John 21:1-19





Hope Holds
Hebrews 6:13-20

On this All Saints' Sunday, we continue our stewardship series, Full Sail Church: A Seafaring Faith, with the theme "Hope Holds." Our symbol is the anchor, an ancient Christian image of the hope we have in Jesus Christ. Hebrews reminds us that our hope is "a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul." When the waters grow rough, and the horizon seems uncertain, our faith holds us fast—not because we control the seas, but because God is faithful.

We also remember the saints who have gone before us...those whose faith shaped our lives, whose prayers sustained us, and whose love continues to bear fruit in our community.

All Saints' Day & Celebrating 50+ Years of Membership



During Sunday's services, we will hear the names of all of the Kirk saints who have joined the Church Triumphant in the past year. Additionally, we will celebrate those members who have been members of Kirk in the Hills for 50+ years! Look for those festooned with a red corsage.



HONORING KIRK VETERANS

Sunday, Nov. 8 | Worship Services & Luncheon

This Sunday is the last day to register. →

Kirk Veterans are warmly invited to worship with us at the Kirk on Sunday, November 8, 2026. During the service, we will honor veterans through a special message delivered by Rev. Peter Muschinske, Chaplain and Rear Admiral of the U.S. Navy (retired).

Following the 11 AM service, **veterans** plus one are **invited to a luncheon in the Refectory** featuring a keynote presentation by Rev. Peter Muschinske.



GATHER & GROW | Paintings, Parables & Pastors

Wed., Nov. 4 | Rev. Marilyn Borst | Begins @ 7 PM

This special Gather & Grow series, held in the Refectory, focuses on the moving "parable" paintings which hang there, created by master illustrator and painter **N.C. Wyeth**. This week, Rev. Marilyn Borst will kick off the series with a look at the moving "*Return of the Prodigal Son*". You may be surprised to learn that Rev. Marilyn was trained as an art historian and, before her call to mission and ministry, taught art and archaelogy at the University of Houston for 20 years! Before attuning our eyes and hearts to the powerful message of the painting, she will share a concise overview of the fascinating life and fullsome artistic career of Wyeth.

Scan the QR code to register & learn more. It's free!



ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY | Kirkin' o' the Tartan

Sunday, Nov. 22 | ONE SERVICE ONLY @ 10 AM

On Sunday, November 22, 2026, we celebrate the 79th Anniversary of the official founding of Kirk in the Hills.

There is ONLY ONE SERVICE that day beginning at 10 AM. There will be a special observance of the day including the Kirkin' 'O' The Tartan ceremony, and a spectacular reception in the Refectory following the service.

Be sure to put this wonderful date on your calendar!

SCIENCE FOR THE CHURCH



A.C.E. LUNCH & LEARN | *Your Faith Has Made You Well*

Nov. 1 | St. Andrew's Room | 12 PM

Join us Sunday for a Lunch and Learn with Drew Rick-Miller, co-founder and executive director of Science for the Church, as he surveys the research on faith and health. He'll explore how the everyday practices of church life, including worship, spiritual formation, pastoral care, fellowship, and service, may contribute to our well-being and help us flourish.



TRINITY STITCHERS' PERFECT HOLIDAY GIFT SALE | Heritage Hall |

Nov. 15 | Between 9 AM & 11 AM Services

Get ready for the chilly season with beautiful, one-of-kind hand knit pieces. From warm winter hats, chunky scarves, shawls, warm knitted socks to soft baby blankets, hats, and booties. Unique stocking stuffers like spa cloths, cross bookmarks and prayer squares. Each item would make a perfect holiday gift stitched with love and care by the Trinity Stitchers.

All proceeds are donated to the Kirk organ fund. With your help, we have been able to give $2,400 so far!

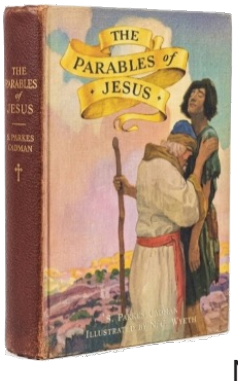
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING | MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The Church Officer Nominating Committee (CONC) has completed its work. A Congregational Meeting will take place on **Sunday, November 15 after the 9 AM** worship service for the purpose of electing incoming officers.

2026 KIRK CHRONICLES OF FAITH

Second Quarterly Edition | November 1, 2026 | *By Bob Beck, Kirk Historian*

KIRK 250: AMERICAN STORIES – "Parables, Paintings & Pastors"



Earlier this month, The Upper Room daily devotional magazine asked to feature the Kirk's painting, *The Return of the Prodigal Son*, on the cover of its May 2027 edition and to include an overview of the painting's history.

Well, here is a glimpse of that story—and a special invitation to discover more!

The very painting that graced the cover of the book featured in this article (to the left) and that The Upper Room is requesting is part of the Kirk's remarkable collection of works by renowned American artist N.C. Wyeth. Its story is one of art, faith, and a fascinating chapter in American history.



Self Portrait by N.C. Wyeth

An American Master and a Remarkable Collection

Newell Convers (N.C.) Wyeth was one of America's most celebrated illustrators and painters. During his distinguished career, he created more than 3,000 paintings and illustrated at least 112 books. He rose to prominence during the Golden Age of American Illustration, launching his legendary career in 1911 with his illustrations for Robert Louis Stevenson's classic *Treasure Island*.

In October 1922, Wyeth signed a contract to illustrate the biblical parables for Boston investment banker Robert Winsor. According to Dr. Amanda Burdan, Senior Curator at the Brandywine Museum of Art, Wyeth described the project as "a mighty interesting scheme throughout." The ambitious undertaking was planned to include a foreword by President William Howard Taft and an initial printing of 50,000 copies.

Wyeth began the twelve paintings in 1923, starting with The Barren Fig Tree, another work in the Kirk's collection. Ultimately, eight of the paintings appeared as illustrations in the book's 1931 edition.

The paintings subsequently found their way into prominent public and private collections. At least six were displayed for more than two decades at Boston's nationally renowned Vose Galleries. Around 1960, several of these remarkable works were acquired by an officer of the Kirk, for the Kirk. By 1961, the paintings were on display in Heritage Hall.

Today, Wyeth's paintings are prominently displayed in the Refectory, where their artistic beauty and biblical themes offer a wonderful opportunity to explore the intersection of faith, art, and American history.



REGISTRATION IS OPEN! WINTER RETREAT JAN. 22-24

MS & HS Combined Winter Retreat | SpringHill | Evart, MI

Register NOW - December 18.
Cost is $175 and includes transportation to and from Evart, MI, food, lodging, and all activities throughout the retreat weekend.

CLOTHING & HYGIENE DONATIONS FOR VETERANS

Nov. 1-29 | Benefitting John Dingell VA Medical Center

SCAN ME

The collection bins have been placed throughout the Kirk campus for you to donate items to veterans right here in Metro Detroit. The list is long and the need is great. Scan here for the list.

If you'd prefer to make a monetary donation, please write a check made out to Kirk in the Hills with "Veterans" written on the memo line.

Your donations help them heal with dignity.

COMING UP THIS WEEK
Join Us! Get Involved!

@ the Kirk

SUNDAY, NOV. 1

ALL SAINTS' DAY!
Stewardship Series Wk. 4
The Anchor Motif
Remember to "Fall Back"

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
10:10am Bill Robinson Bible Study - Upper Room
10:15am Confirmation Parents - Abbey 28
10:15am Confirmation Students - Abbey 27
10:15am St. Cecilia Choir Rehearsal - Abbey 33
11:00am Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00am Cantamus Choir Rehearsal - Abbey 33
12:00pm ACE Gather & Grow - lunch & presentation from Joe Rick-Miller "Your Faith Has Made You Well." - St. Andrew's Room
12:00pm Stephen Minister Private Prayer
1:30pm Youth Action Board - Heritage Hall
7:00pm High School Youth Group - Heritage Hall

MONDAY, NOV. 2

7:00pm Barnabas Bible Study - ZOOM only

TUESDAY, NOV. 3

Election Day

9:30am Prayer Cordon - Upper Room
9:30am Sandwich Ministry - Welcome Center
11:00am Outreach & Mission - St. Andrew's Room
2:00pm Kirk Senior Steering Committee - Abbey 29
3:30pm Caring Ministries Committee - Upper Room

TUESDAY, NOV. 3

Election Day

6:00pm Adult Christian Education (ACE) - Abbey 36 & ZOOM
6:30pm Strategy Committee Meeting - Upper Room & ZOOM

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 4

10:00am Pastor-led Bible Study - Upper Room
1:00pm Trinity Stitchers - Abbey 27
4:00pm APNC Meeting - Upper Room
6:30pm Kirk Ringers - Abbey 33
7:30pm Kirk Singers Rehearsal - Abbey 33
7:00pm Gather & Grow: Paintings, Pastors, & Parables w/ Rev. Marilyn Borst - St. Andrew's Room

THURSDAY, NOV. 5

9:30am Women's Thursday Bible Study - Upper Room & ZOOM
6:00pm CONC - Abbey 36 & ZOOM
6:30pm Arabic Bible Study - Upper Room
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

FRIDAY, NOV. 6

7:00am Men of the Kirk (MOK) Bible Study - ZOOM
11:00am Memorial Service for Lynn Stinson - Sanctuary
12:00pm Memorial Tea in Honor of Lynn Stinson - Heritage Hall

SATURDAY, NOV. 7

7:30am Morning Bible Study - ZOOM only
9:30am Confirmands' Pewabic Pottery Event

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The Watcher Motif

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KIRK SENIORS LUNCHEON |
NOVEMBER 17 | 11 AM |
ST. ANDREW'S ROOM



Join us for an effervescent discussion about Michigan's favorite cure all... Vernor's Ginger Ale.



Keith Wunderlich & *Vernor's* Ginger Ale

Scan & Register by November 12 →