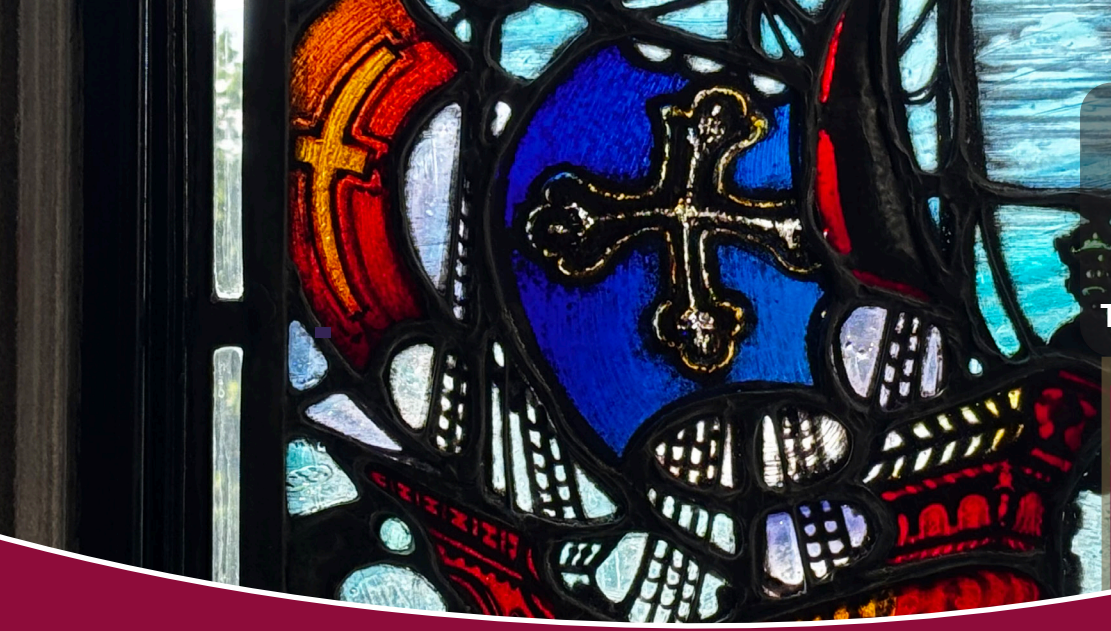


2026 @ the Kirk

Experience God's Transforming Love

THIS WEEK – NOVEMBER 15, 2026

Join Us!



All Hands on Deck
1 Corinthians 12:12-27

This Sunday, we wrap up our stewardship series, *Full Sail Church: A Seafaring Faith.* Our theme, "All Hands on Deck," invites us to consider the ship as a symbol of the Church and our life together. A ship cannot sail on the strength of its captain alone. It needs every hand, each person contributing their gifts to a shared journey. So it is with the Church. Some teach, some sing, some lead, some care for the vulnerable, some welcome newcomers, and others quietly sustain the ministry through prayer and generosity. No gift is insignificant, and no member stands alone.

We give thanks for the many ways God has blessed this congregation and invite everyone to prayerfully consider their pledge for the coming year. Our financial commitments are more than numbers on a page; they are expressions of faith, gratitude, and hope. They help sustain worship, nurture children and families, form disciples, support our staff, and extend Christ's love into the wider community.

As we chart our course into the year ahead, may we remember that the Church is not simply a beautiful building or a treasured inheritance. It is a living community called to follow Jesus together. The wind of the Spirit fills our sails, Christ guides our journey, and every one of us has a place aboard.

Full Sail Church
A Seafaring Faith
Stewardship Sermon Series:

Nov. 15 | Generosity & Pledge Commitment Sunday

All Hands on Deck | 1 Corinthians 12:12-27
PLUS
Performances by the Joyful Noise, St. Cecilia's, & Cantamus Choirs

Next Sunday
Celebrate the Kirk's 79th Anniversary

The Kirkin' O' the Tartan

A Single Service
Beginning at 10 AM

Honoring the Kirk's Scottish roots



We feature a set of 12 authentic Scottish clan tartans. From material made by Lochcarron in Scotland and crafted by master seamstress, Sue Gelbach, each of these tartans has been sponsored by a member of the Kirk's Tartan Corps and represent their families' Scottish lineage. They are:

Kirk in the Hills	Sue Gelbach
Black Watch	Buzz Brown
Fraser	Steve Briggs
Galloway	Larry Galloway
Gordon	Lynda Wilds
Irvine	Jacob Ervin
McLaren	Terry Bradley
McNeil	Jim Wolfe
MacLeod	Cynthia Niedbalski
Rose	Andrew Clopton
Urquhart	Bob O'Hara
Wallace	Bruce Miller



TIME TO ORDER | Christmas Poinsettias

Poinsettias will be used to adorn the Kirk during the Christmas season. If you would like to donate flowers to this display, send a check made payable to Kirk in the Hills for $28 along with your name and the person or persons you are memorializing or honoring. Send requests to Kirk in the Hills, *Attn. Marsha Rogers*, 1340 W. Long Lake Rd., Bloomfield Hills, 48302. **Deadline is Nov. 29.**



CALLING ALL YOUTH ARTISTS!

We are looking for Advent-inspired artwork from our children and youth for the worship bulletins throughout the Advent season, **beginning Sunday, November 29th**, and for each Christmas Eve service. Advent-themed ideas for this season at the Kirk are *Portraits of Advent* and include:

HOPE: *The Watchful Servant*
PEACE: *John the Baptist*
JOY: *Mary*
LOVE: *Gabriel the Angel*

Please submit your Advent- or Christmas Eve-themed artwork to Sarah Ford by either leaving it in her mailbox at the Welcome Center or connecting with her directly at sford@kirkinthehills.org.



On Sunday, November 8, the Kirk honored veterans, Goldstar parents and the widows of veterans at a luncheon and program. Thank you to those who serve and have served.

Dear Members of the Kirk,
What a joy to join you this past Sunday for a full day of worship and celebrating our "Seafaring Faith." Together, sails full of the Spirit-wind that gives life to all, we take our turn at The Watch, and carry on the mission of Christ. Thank you for your warm hospitality, including the welcome at the luncheon for veterans. Indeed, there are many ways we love and serve God...one is through the exercise of our citizenship. It was my privilege and pleasure to join you on this one brief "port call" along the voyage. May the Lord continue to bless—and bless many through—you.
In Christ,
Pastor-Chaplain Peter Muschinske, Rear Admiral (ret.)

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A Congregational Meeting will take place this **Sunday, November 15, after the 9 AM** worship service for the purpose of electing incoming officers.


The Good Samaritan by N.C. Wyeth

GATHER & GROW | Paintings, Parables & Pastors

Wed., Nov. 18 | Rev. Rami Michael Almaqdasi | 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**. Rev. Rami Almaqdasi closes out the series and examines the painting "*The Good Samaritan.*"

Childcare will be provided with an advance reservation only.



FRIENDSGIVING POTLUCK DINNER | WOMEN & MEN OF THE KIRK | Thursday, November 19 | Heritage Hall | 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Women of the Kirk & Men of the Kirk invite you to gather with old friends and make some new ones. Everyone brings a dish to share. Turkey, stuffing and gravy is provided!
Please sign up and let us know what you'll be bringing.

Adults only.
No childcare available for this event.

Questions? Amanda Yousif (amandayousif@gmail.com) or Angela Vohs (angelavohs@gmail.com)

VETERANS DAY AT CEDARBROOK | Wed., Nov. 11

Rev. Marilyn Borst, Pastor Matthew Means & Dr. Horst Buchholz along with Amy Davis, Carole Pearl & Todd Galloway led Veterans Day worship at Cedarbrook Retirement Living, part of the Presbyterian Villages of MI.





CHRISTMAS AT THE KIRK: A First Ever Christmas Tour for the Kirk Congregation & Local Communities | Saturday, December 5 | 3- 7 PM

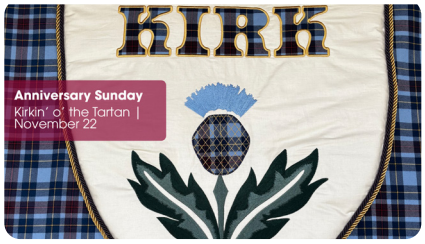
We will open our doors for a very special look at the way we celebrate Christmas. All are invited to experience the story & wonder of Christmas in the extraordinary setting of the Kirk. This self-guided tour allows all to interact with docents who will help them experience the sights and sounds of the season through music and stories.

The tour features a live Nativity, Christmas treats, the story of the Chrismon Tree, live music & the history of the Kirk—the last Gothic cathedral built in the U.S. Visitors can spend time in the Sanctuary & hear the story of the stained-glass windows—the only ones in the world that depict the entire life of Jesus. All will hear Christmas songs played on the Kirk carillon of 77 bells—the largest in the world.

Bring your family. Invite your friends. It's a great way to start this wonderful season of Advent & Christmas. You will be glad you did!

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

There is ONLY ONE SERVICE that day beginning at 10 AM. A spectacular reception in the Refectory follows the service.





ADVENT KICKOFF | NOV. 29 | 3 - 5:30 PM | SANCTUARY & REFECTORY

Hear the Kirk Preschoolers & Children's Choirs join in songs of the season. After the concert, time for merriment & meaningful family crafts, sweets, & warm beverages.

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!



2026 ANGEL TREE | Now - December 13 | Benefitting CARE House Youth

2026 marks the 22nd anniversary of our collection of gifts for area children in need of holiday joy. If you want to get into the spirit of giving, this is the mission for you.

Please take a tag(s) from one of the trees located at the Welcome Center, in the Narthex, in Heritage Hall, and near the Kirk preschool. Return unwrapped gifts to one of the trees no later than **December 13**. Contact Ann Manning at Ann.manning.21@gmail.com with any questions.

SIGN UP! Middle School Wayfinders | Red Wings Game Night | December 11 | 7 PM

Secure your ticket to the Red Wings vs. Rangers game on December 11 at 7PM. Tickets are $50 each. We leave as a group from the Kirk around 5:30PM and head downtown for a great night together! This event is for the Middle School Youth Group.

COMING UP THIS WEEK
Join Us! Get Involved!

@ the Kirk

SUNDAY, NOV. 15

GENEROSITY & COMMITMENT SUNDAY
Stewardship Series Wk. 6
The Ship Motif

8:00am Worship Service - Cedarholm Chapel
9:00am Worship Service - Sanctuary
9:15am Sunday School
10:00am Congregational Meeting- Election of Officers - Sanctuary
10:00am *Trinity Stitchers Sale during Coffee Hour - Heritage Hall*
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 Stephen Minister Private Prayer
1:00pm Worship Service in Arabic - Cedarholm Chapel
4:30pm Micah 6 Dinner Prep - Refectory

MONDAY, NOV. 16

12:00pm Ministry w/ Pontiac - Abbey 34
7:00pm Barnabas Bible Study - ZOOM only

TUESDAY, NOV. 17

Kirk Seniors Luncheon

9:30am Prayer Cordon - Upper Room
9:30am Sandwich Ministry - Welcome Center
11:00am *Kirk Seniors Luncheon - St. Andrew's Room*
6:30pm Session Meeting - Abbey 28 & ZOOM

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 18

9:30am Religious Diversity Studies - St. Andrew's & Refectory
10:00am *Pastor-led Bible Study: Angels - Upper Room*
10:00am Outreach & Mission Exe. Board Meeting - Abbey 32
1:00pm Trinity Stitchers - Abbey 27
6:00pm Personnel Meeting - Upper Room
6:30pm Kirk Ringers - Abbey 33
7:00pm Gather & Grow: Paintings, Pastors, & Parables w/ Rev. Rami Michael Almaqdasi - St. Andrew's Room
7:30pm Kirk Singers Rehearsal - Abbey 33

THURSDAY, NOV. 19

Friendsgiving

9:30am Women's Thursday Bible Study - Upper Room & ZOOM
6:15pm *Friendsgiving - St. Andrew's Room*
6:30pm Arabic Bible Study - Upper Room
6:30pm Strategy Committee Meeting - ZOOM only
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

FRIDAY, NOV. 20

7:00am Men of the Kirk (MOK) Bible Study - ZOOM
1:00pm Sojourners - Abbey 27
6:00pm KIRK 250 Event: Fruehauf & Eisenhower - Refectory

SATURDAY, NOV. 21

7:30am Morning Bible Study - ZOOM only

SUNDAY, NOV. 22

ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY & KIRKIN' O' THE TARTAN
Single Service @ 10 AM

8:00am Worship Service - Cedarholm Chapel
10:00am Worship Service - Sanctuary
10:15am Sunday School
10:00am Stephen Minister Private Prayer - Melrose Chapel
10:10am Bill Robinson Bible Study - Upper Room

SUNDAY, NOV. 22

ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY & KIRKIN' O' THE TARTAN
Single Service @ 10 AM

10:15am Confirmation Parents - Abbey 28
10:15am Confirmation Students - Abbey 27
10:15am St. Cecilia Choir Rehearsal - Abbey 33
11:00am Special Anniversary Coffee Hour - Refectory
11:00am Cantamus Choir Rehearsal - Abbey 33
12:00pm Stephen Minister Private Prayer
1:30pm Youth Action Board - Heritage Hall
7:00pm HS Youth Group - Heritage Hall
7:00pm HS Youth Group Parents' Meeting - Upper Room



PASTORS' BIBLE STUDY - Angelology Series
4 Wednesdays @ 10 AM | Upper Room
11.18 | 11.25 | 12.2 | 12.9

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH! With the angel choruses filling the air in the Christmas story, the Wednesday morning Pastors' Bible Study invites participants to a new 4-part study of angelology (yes, there is a theological discipline by that name!) beginning this Wednesday, November 18, at 10 AM in the Upper Room and led by the Rev. Marilyn Borst.

Angels are mentioned more than 300 times throughout the Bible, and this study will explore what Scripture reveals about these celestial creatures.