

2026 @ the Kirk

Experience God's Transforming Love

THIS WEEK – NOVEMBER 22, 2026

Listen for the Knock at the Door!

Join Us!

This Sunday

Celebrate the Kirk's 79th Anniversary

The Kirkin' O' the Tartan

A Single Service
Beginning at 10 AM

Honoring the Kirk's Scottish heritage



Special Reception

Immediately Following the 10 AM service

Head to the Refectory after the service for an enhanced coffee hour-type reception. Fellowship with the representatives of each Scottish clan tartan.



Kirkin' O' the Tartan - Anniversary Sunday

Psalm 67

When we think of the traditions inherent to Kirk in the Hills, this special day is at the top of the list. It's appropriate, too, that this service kicks off the week of Thanksgiving as the Kirkin' O' the Tartan is about embracing our Scottish Presbyterian heritage and remembering the faith, music, prayers, tartans, and generosity of the generations.

There will be many family tartans on display. Yet, we gather under the official Kirk tartan to celebrate our connection as one family of faith. Join us as we celebrate our past, as we look ahead to tomorrow with hope and gratitude, and as we bask in the light of a merciful God.

HOUSE TARTANS

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 lineages.



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



CHILDREN & YOUTH! WE NEED YOU!

We are looking for Advent-inspired artwork from our children and youth for the worship bulletins throughout the Advent season, **beginning Sunday, November 29**, and for each Christmas Eve service. We still need artwork for the last two week of Advent *Portraits of Advent*:

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.



CHRISTMAS AT THE KIRK: The First 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 and 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 history of the Chrismon Tree, live music & the history of the Kirk—the last Gothic cathedral built in the United States. 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!

CALLING KIRK VOLUNTEERS!

CHRISTMAS AT THE KIRK: The First Christmas Tour for the Kirk Congregation & Local Communities

Excited to welcome visitors? Jennifer Fickel and Bob Beck seek volunteers to make this event a success. Scan this QR code and enter code **KITH** to learn more about the volunteer roles available.



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.



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

What a blessing to have gifts under the Angel Tree! 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.



ADVENT KICKOFF | NOV. 29 | 3 - 5:30 PM | SANCTUARY & REFECTORY & ST. ANDREW'S ROOM

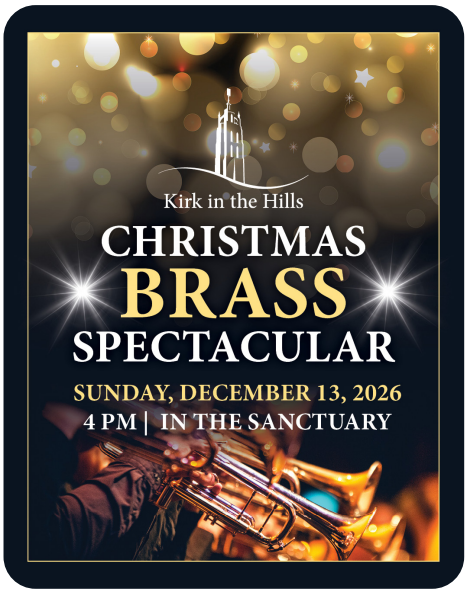
Holiday fun for family, friends, and guests!

3 - 3:45 PM → The Kirk Preschool children and the Youth Choirs join together for a music concert in the Sanctuary

3:45 - 5:30 PM → Merriment and meaningful family crafting time with sweet treats, coffee, & hot chocolate.

Please plan to bring a treat to share for the Advent Kickoff! It's better to have too many treats than not enough. Scan the QR code to sign up.

Sign Up Here



COMING SOON!

The Christmas Brass Spectacular featuring the Hills Holiday Brass and the Kirk Chancel Singers under the direction of Dr. Horst Buchholz



USHER APPRECIATION BREAKFAST
SAT., DEC. 12 | 8 AM | St. Andrew's Room

Ushers and Special Services Ushers are invited to the annual Usher Appreciation Breakfast sponsored by Men of the Kirk and Women of the Kirk in the St. Andrew's Room. We will enjoy a delicious breakfast, discuss usher duties for the Christmas holidays, and hear an advent message offered by one of our pastors. RSVP by calling the church office at 248-973-8011 or emailing Jen Morris at jmorris@kirkinthehills.org by Friday, December 4 for a final headcount.





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.

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. 22

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

8:00am Worship Service - Cedarholm Chapel
10:00am Worship Service - Sanctuary
10:00am Stephen Ministry Peer Support - Abbey 36
10:10am Bill Robinson Bible Study - Upper Room
10:15am Sunday School
9:00am Confirmation Parents - Abbey 28
9:00am Confirmation Students - Abbey 27
11:00am Special Anniversary Coffee Hour - Refectory
11:00am Stephen Minister Private Prayer - Melrose
1:30pm Youth Action Board - Heritage Hall
7:00pm HS Youth Group - Heritage Hall
7:00pm HS Youth Group Parents' Meeting - Upper Room

MONDAY, NOV. 23

7:00pm Barnabas Bible Study - ZOOM only

TUESDAY, NOV. 24

9:30am Prayer Cordon - Upper Room
9:30am Sandwich Ministry - Welcome Center
11:00am Memorial Service for Dick Bryant - Sanctuary
12:00pm Stephen Ministry Peer Support - Abbey 36
4:00pm Outreach & Mission Committee Meeting - Abbey 28
4:30pm Outreach & Mission Executive Board Meeting - Abbey 28
6:00pm ACE Meeting - Abbey 36 & ZOOM

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 25

10:00am Outreach & Mission Exe. Board Meeting - Abbey 32
1:00pm Trinity Stitchers - Abbey 27

THURSDAY, NOV. 26

Happy Thanksgiving!
Offices Closed

FRIDAY, NOV. 27

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SATURDAY, NOV. 28

7:30am Morning Bible Study - ZOOM only

SUNDAY, NOV. 29

1st Sunday of Advent - Portraits of Advent: The Watchful Servant

8:00am Worship Service - Cedarholm Chapel
9:00am Worship Service - Sanctuary
9:15am 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 Parents - Abbey 28
10:15am Confirmation Students - Abbey 27
10:15am St. Cecilia Choir Rehearsal - Abbey 33
11:00am Cantamus Choir Rehearsal - Abbey 33
12:00pm Stephen Minister Private Prayer
1:30pm Youth Action Board - Heritage Hall
3:00pm Advent Kickoff - Preschool Kids & Youth Choirs - Sanctuary
3:45pm Advent Kickoff - Merriment & Meaningful Family Crafts - Refectory & St. Andrew's

CLOTHING & HYGIENE DONATIONS FOR VETERANS

Through Nov. 29

Still time to donate items to veterans right here in Metro Detroit. Scan QR code for the list.

SCAN ME

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.





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

PLEASE NOTE→This group WILL NOT meet this Wednesday, November 25.

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.