

2026 | Experience God's Transforming Love @ the Kirk

THIS WEEK – SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

Join Us!

Welcome Back to the Kirk!

Sept. 13 | Welcome Back Sunday
Welcome back to church &
consider how to get involved

Sept. 20 | The State of the Kirk
Learn about the impact the
Kirk has had on the community

Sept. 27 | Homecoming Sunday
Fun & engaging events for all!
Pathfinders - High School
Youth Group trip to Cedar Point

COFFEE HOUR



HERITAGE HALL

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latest Kirk news and events, visit
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receive our weekly email.



Kirk in the Hills

*Celebrate Welcome Back
Sunday with Us!*



The Shepherd & the Anointed | 1 Samuel 16:1-13

God meets us in every landscape of life—
not only guiding us through green pastures
and still waters, but walking with us
through the valleys we would rather avoid.

To be anointed is to be claimed, cared for,
and called. In the Shepherd's presence,
we discover that we are never simply
wandering through life, but held and guided by a love that follows us all our days.

KYES LECTURE WEEKEND

God's Mission: Toward a Theology of Presence

Dr. Maher Samuel
M.D., MS, PhD



FEATURED SPEAKER

Psychiatrist | Author | Christian Apologist |
International Speaker
Founder, Credologos

"Let the believers think and thinkers believe."

Hossam Garas
BsEng, ThM, PhD Candidate



MINISTRY PARTNER & SPEAKER

Christian Leader | Theological Education |
Discipleship & Global Church
PhD Candidate at University of Edinburgh

REGISTER NOW! OCTOBER 2-4, 2026

Kyes lecture are made possible by the Kyes Endowment Fund,
established in honor of Robert M. Kyes, former Trustee of Kirk in
the Hills. See full schedule on page 4.



Children, Youth & Family

HIGH SCHOOL

You Are Invited To Join Us!

PATHFINDERS

Find Your Path. Live Your Purpose.

It's a new school year. And at the Kirk, there are so many ways to get the High School years off to a great start through Pathfinders--the new name for our High School Youth Group.

Scan the QR code to learn all about Pathfinders.



MIDDLE SCHOOL

WAYFINDERS

Explore | Discover | Belong

Wayfinders, the Middle School Youth Group of Kirk in the Hills, meets monthly for intentional, fun, engaging experiences and to participate in service projects supporting our ministry partner in Pontiac.



SIGN UP TODAY!



CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation is an opportunity for high school students and their parents to explore what it means to follow Christ, belong to the church, and live out their faith as

Presbyterians, deepen their understanding of faith, and prepare to take an important step toward membership in the church.

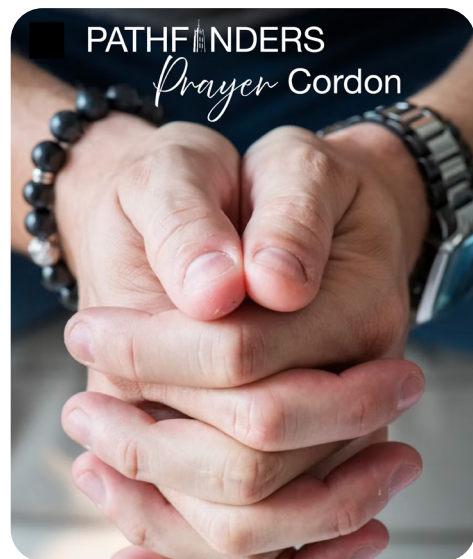


Grow in Faith | Grow Together

This Sunday, we get back to church and get back to this time that's just for the Kirk youth to learn and grow. Sunday School at the Kirk is a special place for children to ask questions and discover what it means to live their faith. Scan the QR code to register today.



PATHFINDERS
Prayer Cordon



Introducing Pathfinders Prayer Cordon

SUNDAYS | 10:10 - 10:50am | Begins October 4

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 October 4.



PATHFINDERS - HS Youth Group Trip to Cedar Point

September 27 | 8:00am - 8:30pm

High schoolers, kick off the new school year with a trip to Cedar Point! Invite your school friends and show them how much fun youth group at Kirk in the Hills can be.

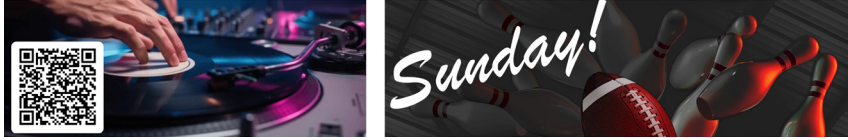
Meet at the Kirk at 8:00am on Sunday, September 27, in Heritage Hall, share in a moment of prayer, and hit the road to Cedar Point. Cost to attend is \$55 per HS youth. Please plan on your youth bringing a form of payment for lunch, snacks, and any drinks at the park throughout the day.

Register by September 20.





HOMECOMING



Join us for this fun-filled day spent with your faith community. Here are all the activities planned:

- Attend worship at your favorite time...9 AM or 11AM
- Enjoy frozen treats from the Ice Cream Truck
- Listen to hot tracks spun by DJ Kevin
- Jump to your heart's content in the Bounce House
- Test your punting, passing &/or kicking skills in the Game Area
- Show your Metro Detroit roots with Fowling
- Engage in a spirited game of Cornhole
- Eat a yummy lunch grilled and served up by Men of the Kirk (MOK)

You are encouraged to show your Team Spirit! Peacock your school pride & sport your FAVORITE team colors, jerseys, whatever helps you complete the tailgating vibe of Homecoming Sunday.



Women
of the Kirk



Women of the Kirk | *Friends & Sisters* | A Bible Study
Wednesdays | Sept. 16 - Oct. 14 | 7 - 8:30pm | St. Andrew's Room

Friends & Sisters, a Bible study, kicks off this Wednesday with **Rev. Marilyn Borst** leading this Bible study. She just joined the Kirk's staff as Interim Director of Mission, Ministry, and Women of the Kirk.

This study will remind you that you have a place in God's family and will inspire you to become a better friend and sister. Scan to learn so much more!



Kirk Seniors Luncheon
September 15 | 11:00am | St. Andrew's Room

We are looking forward to this new program year on **September 15** featuring Rev. Rami Michael Almaqdasi. Pastor Rami will share formative stories about his life before coming to the United States.

You'll be amazed at his life journey. And you'll grow in understanding as you learn how Philippians 4:13 guided him through some of the most difficult times:

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. - Philippians 4:13

Registration is closed.



Handbell Ringers & Singers
September 9 | 6:30 - 8:30pm | Abbey 33

Do you love to sing? Or maybe you're interested in learning the handbells. You're invited to join us this season. **Kirk Ringers & Singers** started up on September 9. They will meet biweekly on Wednesdays...**Handbell Ringers** at 6:30-7:30 pm and **Singers** at 7:30-8:30 p.m. in Abbey 33.

Newcomers who love to sing are most welcome, no experience necessary. Dr. Susan Wheatley will guide the group and coach individuals to express their faith through music. Come learn from one of the best!

COMING UP THIS WEEK

Join Us! Get Involved!

@ the Kirk

SUNDAY, SEPT. 13

Welcome Back Sunday

- 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
- 10:00am Stephen Minister Peer Support - Abbey 34
- 11:00am Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 12:00pm Stephen Minister Private Prayer
- 1:30pm Youth Action Board - Heritage Hall
- 7:00pm Youth Group Kickoff with Alpha - Heritage Hall & Youth Room
- 7:00pm Pathfinders' Parents' meeting - Upper Room

TUESDAY, SEPT. 15

- 9:30am Prayer Cordon - Upper Room
- 9:30am Sandwich Ministry - Welcome Center
- 11:00am Kirk Seniors Luncheon - St. Andrew's Room
- 4:00pm Child Welfare Awareness Symposium - Refectory
- 6:30pm Meeting of Session - Abbey 28 & ZOOM

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 16

- 10:00am O & M Executive Board Meeting - Abbey 34
- 10:00am Pastor-led Bible Study - Upper Room
- 10:00am Milford Senior Center Docent Tour
- 1:00pm Trinity Stitchers - Abbey 27 & ZOOM
- 6:00pm Worship Committee - Upper 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, SEPT. 17

- 9:30am Women's Thursday Bible Study - Upper Room
- 3:30pm Rental Committee Meeting - Upper Room
- 1:00pm Care Coordinating Team Col. George's Study
- 6:00pm CONC - Abbey 36 & ZOOM
- 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

FRIDAY, SEPT. 18

- 7:00am MOK Bible Study - Zoom

SATURDAY, SEPT. 19

- 7:30am Saturday Morning Bible Study (Zoom Only)

SUNDAY, SEPT. 20

State of the Kirk

- 8:00am Worship Service - Cedarholm Chapel
- 9:00am Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 9:15am Sunday School
- 10:00am State of the Kirk Presentation - Heritage Hall
- 10:00am Stephen Minister Private Prayer - Melrose Chapel
- 11:00am Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 12:00pm Stephen Minister Private Prayer
- 3:30pm Wayfinders Youth Group goes to Micah 6



of ACCENT Pontiac and the mission to utilize music for social change within Pontiac schools. Scan to RSVP & learn more.



Gala Celebrating 10 Years | Sept. 25 | The Lafayette Grande

You're invited to celebrate 10 years

KYES LECTURE WEEKEND SCHEDULE

October 2 - 4

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

The Refectory & St. Andrew's
Strolling Dinner & Fellowship* | 6:00pm
Kyes Lecture ~ Dr. Maher Samuel* | 7:30pm
**Registration Required*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

St. Andrew's Room
Morning Seminar | 9:30 - 11:30am
Featuring Hossam Garas*
**Registration Required*

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

Sanctuary
Worship Services Featuring | 9:00 & 11:30am
Dr. Maher Samuel

YOUTH DISCUSSION

Facilitated by Hossam Garas | 9:30 - 10:30am

ARABIC SERVICE

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



Volunteers Needed! Join the Garden Guild & Plant Fall Mums

Saturday, 9.26.26 | 9:00 - 11:00am

FALL PLANTING WITH THE GARDEN GUILD | Saturday, 9.26.26 | 9:00-11:00am

The Kirk gardens are beckoning! Volunteers are needed to plant mums on Saturday, September 26, from about 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The Kirk will provide the mums. Volunteers provide energy and enthusiasm. Bring your own gloves, gardening tools, kneeling pad, and water. Shovels, clippers, and trowels are particularly helpful. For more information or to volunteer, contact Marge Whittemore at 248-660-4867 or whittemore3333@yahoo.com. Come join the fun!