

2026 @ the Kirk

Experience God's
Transforming Love

THIS WEEK – SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

Join Us!

Looking Ahead

Fall 2026 Sermon Series:

The Life of David III
A Shepherd, Poet, Prophet,
Warrior & King

Sept. 27 | The Warrior & King

2 Samuel 5:1-10;
1 Samuel 17 (select passages)
Explore courage, power,
responsibility, & the burden of
leadership

Oct. 2-4 | Kyes Weekend

Let the believers think and thinkers
believe.

Dr. Maher Samuel - Guest Preacher on
Sunday, Oct. 4 | 9:00am & 11:00am

STATE OF THE KIRK COFFEE HOUR



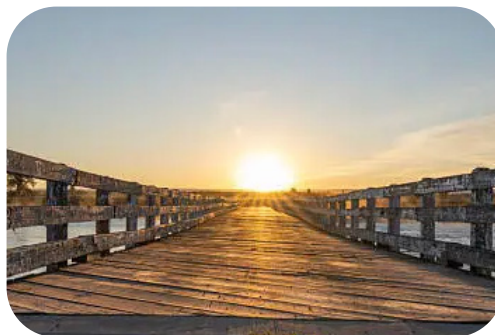
HERITAGE HALL | 10:15am

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latest Kirk news and events, visit
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Kirk in the Hills

Join Us for an Exciting Look
at the State of the Kirk!



The Poet & the Prophet 2 Samuel 23:1-7

David's final words invite us to consider
our own lives. What have we learned
about God along the way, and what are
we called to say because of it?

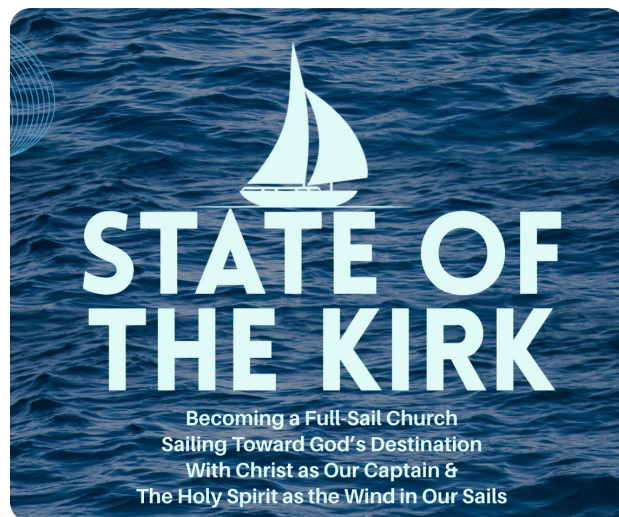
Like David, we can give voice to God's
faithfulness in our lives and speak hope
into the world around us.

Join Us! State of the Kirk 10:15am & 12:15pm

We now are several steps
into September and eager
to share all the exciting
things God has done
here at the Kirk. The
State of the Kirk is our first
ever invitation to gather
longtime, returning, and
new members along with
visitors to welcome us all
onto the ship of our Full-Sail Church!

Our hospitality is one of the qualities we want to celebrate! Please join us
in Heritage Hall at 10:15am for an upscale Coffee Hour along with a fast-
paced, short presentation—the *State of the Kirk*. We will gather again at
12:15pm in Heritage Hall for a hot-and-cold, strolling brunch & experience
the *State of the Kirk* presentation anew.

Two opportunities to celebrate together what we believe God has done in our
midst and where we believe God is leading us next.



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

**KYES LECTURE
WEEKEND SCHEDULE**
OCTOBER 2 -4

FRIDAY OCTOBER 2

The Refectory & St. Andrew's Room

Strolling Dinner & Fellowship* | 6:00pm
Kyes Lecture ~ 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 | 9:30 - 11:30am

YOUTH DISCUSSION
Hossam Garas Meets w/ Wayfinders | 9:30 - 9:45am
Confirmants | 10:15 - 10:30am

ARABIC SERVICE
Hymm Singing Led by | 7:00pm
Pastor Ayman Kafouni

Children, Youth & Family



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.

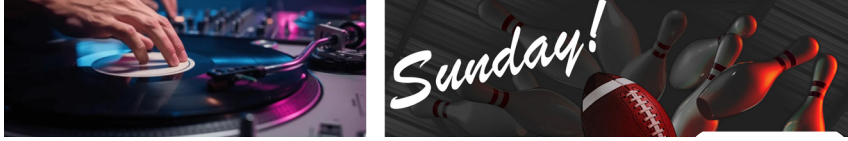
Sunday's the last day to register!

Register by September 20.





HOMECOMING



HOMECOMING Sunday | Bring a Friend!

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. *There will be a professional photographer taking pics for us to show people how fun & inviting the Kirk is!* Remember to sign the waiver.



Outreach & Missions executive board members Carole Pearl & Amy Davis took the Reverends Rami Almaqdasi, Matthew Means & Marilyn Borst, along with Mark Borst, to tour & learn about the Kirk's Mission Center, Christian Community Response Team (CCRT).

Director Barbara Williams explained how CCRT helps individuals and families in need. Since 2004, CCRT has been assisting Pontiac residents in crisis with essential emergency services, such as preventing homelessness, preventing utility shutoff, supplying school clothing, school supplies, food, legal aid...the list goes on!

CCRT currently is seeking volunteers to join them in a variety of ways! This is a wonderful opportunity to come together in the spirit of faith, friendship, and service while making a meaningful impact in the lives of others. Interested? Contact CCRT by email:

CCRT@CCRT-Pontiac.org or visit their web site: <https://ccrt.org>



CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation class starts Sunday!
September 20th | 10:15-11:45AM.
Parents & Youth meet in Abbey 28.



Prep & Serve - Micah 6 Mission

Sept. 20 | 4:15 - 8:00pm | Refectory Kitchen & Micah 6

Wayfinders and Pathfinders Youth Groups will be serving the Micah 6 community on Sunday, Sept. 20.

Plan to meet in the **Refectory kitchen at 4:15pm**. The group will return to the Kirk **between 8:00 - 8:15pm**.

New to youth group or interested in getting involved? **Contact sford@kirkinthehills.org**.

All MS and HS youth welcome & encouraged!

COMING UP THIS WEEK

Join Us! Get Involved!

@ the Kirk

SUNDAY, SEPT. 20

State of the Kirk

- 8:00am Worship Service - Cedarholm Chapel
- 9:00am Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 9:15am Sunday School
- 10:15am State of the Kirk Presentation - Heritage Hall
- 10:00am Stephen Minister Private Prayer - Melrose Chapel
- 11:00am Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 12:15am State of the Kirk Presentation - Heritage Hall
- 4:15pm Wayfinders & Pathfinders Youth Groups go to Micah 6

MONDAY, SEPT. 21

- 12:00pm Ministry w/ Pontiac - Abbey 34

TUESDAY, SEPT. 22

- 9:30am Prayer Cordon - Upper Room
- 9:30am Sandwich Ministry - Welcome Center
- 4:00pm Outreach & Mission Committee Meeting - Abbey 28
- 4:30pm Outreach & Mission Executive Board Meeting - Abbey 28
- 5:00pm Adult Christian Ed. - Abbey 36 & ZOOM
- 6:00pm Personnel - Upper Room

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 23

- 10:00am Pastor-led Bible Study - Upper Room
- 1:00pm Trinity Stitchers - Abbey 27
- 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. 24

- 9:30am Women's Thursday Bible Study - Upper Room & ZOOM
- 11:30am Care Coordinating Team - Col. George's Study

THURSDAY, SEPT. 24

- 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, SEPT. 25

- 7:00am MOK Bible Study - Zoom

SATURDAY, SEPT. 26

- 9:00am Mum Planting - Outside

SUNDAY, SEPT. 27

Homecoming Sunday

- 8:00am Worship Service - Cedarholm Chapel
- 9:00am Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 9:15am Sunday School
- 10:00am Homecoming Festivities Begin - Outside
- 10:00am Stephen Minister Private Prayer - Melrose Chapel
- 10:15am St. Cecilia's Choir Rehearsal - Abbey 33
- 11:00am Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 11:00am Youth Arrive at Cedar Point
- 11:00am Cantamus Choir Rehearsal - Abbey 33
- 12:00pm Stephen Minister Private Prayer



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

You're invited to celebrate 10 years of ACCENT Pontiac and the mission to utilize music for social change within Pontiac schools. Scan to RSVP & learn more.



The Deacons ~ Home Communion

Do you have a Kirk friend, relative or lonely soul at America House, Cedarbrook, or Autumn House who would like communion & prayers in their home? Please invite them to join us:

AMERICA HOUSE | Bloomfield
1st Monday each month | 9:30am

CEDARBROOK | Bloomfield Hills
4th Monday of each month | 11:00am

AUTUMN HOUSE | Bloomfield
2nd Wednesday each month | 11:00am

Do you have someone dear to you who would like a visit from the Deacons' team for communion? Contact Toni Johnson (pictured above) @ 248.642.7922 or Terri Miller @ 248.705.0970.



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

The Kirk will provide the mums. Volunteers provide energy and enthusiasm! Bring your own gloves, gardening tools, kneeling pad, & water. Shovels, clippers, & trowels are particularly helpful. Contact Marge Whittemore at 248-660-4867 or whittemore3333@yahoo.com. Come join the fun!