



the Kirk

Sunday, May 22, 2022



Today

Coffee Hour - Please join us between worship services for coffee, community, and snacks in Heritage Hall. Robert Logan from the Michigan Youth Opportunity Initiative will be at Coffee Hour with info about how we can help older foster youth transition to adulthood.

New Member Admission - Our newest members will be admitted during the 11:00 a.m. worship service today. Learn more about them on the new member flyer.

Faith & Finances - At 12:15 p.m. the Kirk will be hosting a second adult formation class on faith and finances. Join us in Heritage Hall to learn about opportunities and strategies for your unique financial situation and how to leave a legacy that will last beyond your lifetime. This class will be led by Thrivent, a financial services organization.

Register at kirkinthehills.org under **Events**.

Class: Covenant of God - We are studying the Covenants of God with Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, David, and the New Covenant through Jesus. Join us today, June 5, and June 12 at 10:00 a.m. in A36. Register at kirkinthehills.org under **Events**.

Spring Choir Festival - Today at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary, join us for Annual Spring Choir Festival. This event features our Children and Youth Choirs and especially celebrates our Graduating Seniors. Reception to follow.

Music Director Audition - Today a candidate for the Music Director position at the Kirk will be a part of the worship services.



Dennis Malfatti is Co-Director of the UE Music Conservatory, Professor of

Music, and Director of Choral Activities at the University of Evansville. Choirs under his direction have sung by invitation at the American Choral Directors Association Central Division Conference in Chicago, at state-level music education conferences in Virginia, Indiana, and Washington National Cathedral. In May 2011 he conducted Haydn's Paukenmesse at Carnegie Hall in New York City with the New England Symphonic Ensemble and a chorus of one hundred fifty-five singers made up of choirs from across the country. In June 2016, he returned to Carnegie Hall to conduct the New England Symphonic Ensemble.

In 2011, he founded the Evansville Bach Singers and Chamber Orchestra which he led until 2018. The Evansville Bach Singers and Chamber Orchestra presented an annual Bach Cantata series at Eastminster Presbyterian Church in Evansville where he also served as Music Director.

Previous positions have included serving as Conductor of the Evansville Philharmonic Chorus, and Assistant Conductor and Chorus Master of the Operafestival di Roma in Rome, Italy. As conductor of the Evansville Philharmonic Chorus, he prepared the chorus for performances of major works including Prokofiev's Alexander Nevsky, Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, and Haydn's Creation, and he conducted multiple performances of Handel's Messiah with orchestra.

As a participant in both the 2005 and 2010 Oregon Bach Festival conducting masterclasses, he studied choral/orchestral works of J.S. Bach with the renowned conductor Helmuth Rilling and conducted the Oregon Bach Festival Orchestra and Chorus in several performances as part of the Discovery Series.

He recently completed a six-year term as President of the Indiana Choral Directors Association and he has published articles on choral music in state, regional, and national publications of the American Choral Directors Association. In 2013, he was the recipient of the Educator of the Year Award from the Arts Council of Southwest Indiana.

Announcements & Programming

9:00 a.m. Garden Service -

Beginning next Sunday, May 29 the 9:00 a.m. worship service will move into the garden for the summer. Congregants are asked to bring a lawn chair or other outdoor seating.

Garden Club - Garden Club is our Sunday school for the summer! In Garden Club, our children will work in a little garden. Through Jesus' parables, they will learn all about God's creation and how we can care for our earth. Garden Club begins Sunday, May 29. Register at kirkinthehills.org under **Events**.

Rebuilding Together - On June 3 at 8:00 a.m., Kirk in the Hills is collaborating with Rebuilding Together, a non-profit that finds and helps local homeowners that are in need of home repairs or improvements. Sign up to help with residential repairs and medium-grade renovations at kirkinthehills.org under **Events**.

Volunteer with the Garden Guild

Spring is a great time to beautify and enjoy the Kirk gardens. We are looking for volunteers to plant flowers on the morning of Saturday, June 4. The Kirk will provide the begonias; you should bring your own gloves and water. Please bring any tools you would like to use, such as a trowel, clippers, and kneeling pad. We will get started at 8:00 a.m. To volunteer or for more information, contact Marge Whittemore at (248) 660-4867 or whittemore3333@yahoo.com.

Kirk Social: Baseball - See a game at the Jimmy John's Baseball Field in Utica on June 4 at 7:00 p.m. Our Kirk Youth Choirs sing the National Anthem at 6:45 p.m. Purchase tickets until May 23 at kirkinthehills.org under **Events**.

Daily News Good News - Daily News Good News is a long-standing adult formation class that takes a news story from the secular world and views it

through the lens of scripture. DNGN will meet after the 9:00 a.m. garden service, with members having time to briefly socialize during coffee hour before coming up. Join us beginning Sunday,

Register at kirkinthehills.org under **Events** → **Groups + Classes**

Graduation Sunday - We recognize and celebrate our graduates on June 5! Visit kirkinthehills.org under **Resources** → **News & Updates** and fill out the form by May 31 to feature a graduate in the bulletin.

Red Cross Blood Drive - It's your chance to make a difference on Monday, June 6! Go to redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code **KIRK** to schedule your appointment.

Birdies & Beats - Support Accent Pontiac through their annual golf fundraiser on June 24 at 8:30 a.m. Registration includes 18 holes, cart, raffle & games, continental breakfast, and lunch! Register at accentpontiac.org/birdies-beats.

Men of the Kirk Car Show - Join us Sunday, June 12, after the 11:00 a.m. service for the Annual MOK Car Show. Sign-up to show a car at kirkinthehills.org under **Events**.

Vacation Bible School Needs Volunteers - The Kirk is excited to announce the VBS dates this summer are July 10, 17, 24, and 31 from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.! Please contact Pastor Kelsey at revkns@kirkinthehills.org or (248) 847-3422 to learn more.

Ongoing

Church Officer Nominations - The CONC is preparing a slate of nominees for election in January 2023. Nominate those whom you believe are qualified for church leadership. You may self-nominate. The deadline for submissions is July 1, 2022. To make a nomination, fill out a paper form (located in the info racks) or visit kirkinthehills.org under **About** → **Church Officers**.

Special Offerings - In April, May, and June, the non-pledged offerings collected during Sunday worship will be given to support outreach and mission organizations. In May, offerings support organizations involved foster care and adoption. The generous support and hard work of the congregation have allowed Kirk in the Hills to work with countless organizations, both locally and abroad. To give, place a donation in the offering plate or text **KITH MISSION** to 73256.

Youth Events on Band - Learn more about youth events on the Band app for groups. For an invite to the Kirk Youth band group, please contact Pastor Kelsey at revkns@kirkinthehills.org.

Prayer Requests - Each week, the Prayer Cordon gathers to pray over our concerns, church, congregants, and ministries. Submit requests to at kirkinthehills.org under **Ministries** → **Congregational Care** → **Prayer**.

May is Blanket Fund Month - There is still time to support the Church World Service Blanket Fund. CWS does more than just supply blankets: their vision is a world where everyone has food, voice, and a safe place to call home. You may donate using the envelopes in the pew racks in church or by going to cwsglobal.org/donate/.

Calendar

Sunday, May 22

- 8:00 a.m. Communion Service - Cedarholm Chapel
- 9:00 a.m. Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour - Heritage Hall
- 10:00 a.m. Class: Covenant of God - A36
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 12:00 p.m. Bible Study - A32
- 12:00 p.m. Outreach & Mission Committee Meeting - St. Andrew's
- 12:15 p.m. Class: Faith & Finances - Heritage Hall
- 12:15 p.m. Senior Boys' & Girls' Choir - Choir Room
- 3:00 p.m. Spring Choir Festival - Sanctuary

Monday, May 23

- 7:30 p.m. Music Director Search Committee Meeting - Upper Room

Tuesday, May 24

- 9:30 a.m. Prayer Cordon - Upper Room

Wednesday, May 25

- 1:00 p.m. Congregational Care Meeting - Upper Room
- 1:00 p.m. Trinity Stitchers - A27

Thursday, May 26

- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Upper Room
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

Friday, May 27

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study - St. Andrew's

Saturday, May 28

- 7:30 a.m. Bible Study - Offsite

Sunday, May 29

- 8:00 a.m. Communion Service - Cedarholm Chapel
- 9:00 a.m. Worship Service - Garden
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour - Patio
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 12:00 p.m. Bible Study - A32

Check out kirkinthehills.org for more information on ministries and events at the Kirk.

