



the Kirk

Sunday, July 31, 2022

The 11:00 a.m. worship service on 7.24.22.

Today

Garden Club - Children are invited to Garden Club, our Sunday school for the summer, on Sundays at 9:00 a.m.! Please drop off your children at the Howard Baum Children's Garden before the Garden Service begins.

Summer Carillon Series - The Annual Summer Carillon Series continues today. Learn more about Hyo Jin ("Jenna") Moon in the Carillon program brochure. The brochure can be found in the info racks. Listen from your car, walk our beautiful grounds, or livestream the concert from your home after the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. services, each Sunday through August 21.

Coffee Hour - Please join us between worship services for coffee, community, and snacks on the patio.

The Daily News & The Good News
Join us today for The Daily News & the Good News, a long-standing adult formation class that takes a news story from the secular world and views it through the lens of scripture. The story might be ripped from that week's headlines, or it might be something from the back pages of the news. DNGN will meet after the 9:00 a.m. garden service, with members having time to briefly socialize during coffee hour before coming up.

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

Announcements & Programming

Kirk Social: Detroit City Soccer Game - Join us on August 20 to catch a Detroit City Soccer game (Detroit vs Louisville City FC). The game begins at 7:30 p.m. and the gates open at 6:30 p.m. Some Kirk members will be meeting at Fowling Warehouse at 5:30 p.m. to follow the Northern Guard Supporters marching to the stadium! Purchase tickets for \$17 at kirkinthehills.org under **Events**.

August School Supply Collection
During August, the Kirk is collecting school supplies for Walt Whitman Elementary School teachers to use in their classrooms. Drop off school supplies in the Welcome Center and Heritage Hall. For more info, please contact Julie Walker at jwalker@kirkinthehills.org.

Backpack Stuffing - The Ministry With Pontiac committee is organizing a Back Pack Stuffing Party on Sunday, August 21, in Heritage Hall after the 9:00 a.m. service. We just need help stuffing and assembling backpacks for the Pontiac students at Walt Whitman Elementary School. No registration required.

2022 Committees - A list of the Kirk's current Elder-Chaired Committees and Committee Members is available at kirkinthehills.org under **About** → **Church Officers**.

CWS Blanket Fund Update -



Thank you so much for sponsoring the Church World Service Blanket Fund. The Kirk raised almost \$1,100 to supply blankets and work toward “a world where everyone has food, voice and a safe place to call home,” the CWS vision.

75th Anniversary Celebration - Our celebration weekend begins with two Scottish Themed dinners on Friday, November 18, and Saturday, November 19 in the Refectory. Both evenings will feature our Scottish Heritage with a bagpiper procession, The Rough Water String Band, Scottish Highland Dancers, and festive music and activities. Watch your mail for the invitation package in September.

Our anniversary celebration will conclude on Sunday, November 20 with a very special worship service that will include

the Kirkin O' the Tartan ceremony, bagpiper, and the Alma College Pipe Band. We are delighted that The Rev. Dr. Norman M. Pritchard, Pastor Emeritus, will be our guest preacher that morning. Included in the service will be several unique commissioned music pieces for the choir and the carillon. After the worship service, everyone will be invited to a festive strolling brunch.

CROP Hunger Walk - On Sunday, September 25 at 2:00 p.m, we walk through Birmingham to support the global mission of Church World Service. After a CROP Hunger Walk ends, 25% of the funds raised are returned to the community to support local hunger-fighting efforts. Learn more about CWS, CROP Walk, and to register or donate, visit kirkinthehills.org and search **CROP**.

Planning People Needed - If you enjoy event planning and would like to help organize Homecoming, the Mission Conference, the Christmas Festival, or the 2023 Car Show, please email Julie Walker at jwalker@kirkinthehills.org.

Pilgrimage to Egypt 2023 - The 2023 Pilgrimage to Egypt is taking place from February 5 to February 16, 2023. We will encounter the religious experiences of the ancient Egyptians and discover the roots of our Biblical origins with our guide, Dr. Theodore Hieber, the esteemed Old Testament scholar. More details, including the trip brochure and registration, can be found at kirkinthehills.org by searching “Egypt.”

Free Books - The Kirk is giving away books to any members of the congregation that would like them. Stop by the Abbey Lounge to check out what's available.

Ongoing

Sermon Series: Psalms for the Summer - Join us in our summer journey through the Psalms. Our lives are filled with joy, sadness, and everything in between. Psalms help us navigate those experiences through true expression and honesty with God. The beautiful poetry will accompany us through learning, worshiping, and praying together.

Conference Sponsorship - The Kirk's Pontiac Collaborators Conference is coming up quickly, October 1, 2022. We are offering the opportunity for sponsorship. Last year we had over 200 participants; business owners, faith leaders, non-profit leaders, educators, and Oakland County residents. If you would like to learn more about this opportunity, visit pontiacmissioncollaborators.com or contact Pastor Edwin at revedwin@kirkinthehills.org.

The Garden Service & Weather - If inclement or hazardous weather is expected, the 9:00 a.m. Garden Service will move into the sanctuary. The decision to move inside will be made by 7:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings, and you will be notified via email. Up to date info about worship services can always be found online at kirkinthehills.org. If the Garden Service moves inside due to weather, Garden Club will be held in Heritage Hall.



Refectory terrace construction 7.25.22.

Worship Overflow - The Sanctuary worship services will be streamed in Cedarholm Chapel as overflow seating or for those who would prefer a quieter space to enjoy the service.

22 in 2022 - We are more than halfway through the year. Now is a great time to catch up on the 22 hours of service everyone is challenged to complete in the year 2022! You can count service at the organizations you already work with or find other volunteer opportunities and links to organizations on the Kirk website. Don't forget to log your service hours at kirkinthehills.org under **Ministries** → **Outreach & Mission** → **Serve**.

Prayer Requests - Do you or does someone you know need prayers? Each week, the Prayer Cordon gathers to pray over our concerns, church, congregants, and ministries. Share your prayer requests at kirkinthehills.org under **Ministries** → **Congregational Care** → **Prayer**. If you are interested in joining the prayer cordon or receiving the prayer list, contact Cole Pachucki at cpachucki@kirkinthehills.org.

Men's Bible Study - The Men of the Kirk hold a weekly bible study/sermon talk back. To be added to the weekly email list, please contact Cole Pachucki at cpachucki@kirkinthehills.org. Join us this Thursday at 7:00 a.m.!

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

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

Calendar

Sunday, July 31

- 8:00 a.m. Communion Service - Cedarholm Chapel
- 9:00 a.m. Worship Service - Garden
- 9:00 a.m. Garden Club - The Howard Baum Children's Garden
- 9:45 a.m. Carillon Concert
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour - Patio
- 10:00 a.m. The Daily News & The Good News - Upper Room
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 12:00 p.m. Carillon Concert

Monday, August 1

No events/meetings scheduled

Tuesday, August 2

- 9:30 a.m. Prayer Cordon - Upper Room
- 1:00 p.m. Music Meeting - A29
- 7:00 p.m. Facilities Meeting - Offsite

Wednesday, July 3

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

Thursday, August 4

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study - Garden Patio

Friday, August 5

- 1:00 p.m. Sojourners - A28

Saturday, August 6

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

Sunday, August 7

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