

# Kirk News

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Kirk in the Hills is a Christ-centered Community Called to Deepen Faith, Serve Others, and Foster Fellowship



## Kirk in the Hills

### Sunday Worship

9:00 a.m. Family Service

11:00 a.m. Traditional Service

### Christian Education Hour

10:00 a.m. Adults and Children

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## Consecration Sunday

### Consecration Sunday Is October 23

Once again this year, our congregation's Stewardship Committee has selected the New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving. During the morning worship on Consecration Sunday, October 23, we are asking our members and friends to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

We welcome The Rev. Dr. K.C. Ptomey, Zbinden Professor of Pastoral Ministry and Leadership at Austin Theological Seminary, Austin Texas, to the Kirk as our guest preacher on Consecration Sunday at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Dr. Ptomey spoke at Carol Tate's Installation on September 11, and it will be great to have him preach for us on this important day.



A congregational brunch will be held in the refectory following each service (10:00 a.m. and noon); call the Kirk Office at (248) 626-2515, ext. 355 to make your brunch reservation.

During the morning worship Dr. Ptomey will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship. Please prayerfully consider your 2012 commitment to Kirk in the Hills.

## A Busy Season

There are many big events coming up in October and November and plenty to invite friends and neighbors to share!

**CROP Hunger Walk** takes place on Sunday, October 2 at 1:15 p.m. from the First United Methodist Church of Birmingham. Walkers and sponsors required!

**David Briggs**, renowned organist, makes a welcome return to the Kirk for an Organ Recital on Sunday, October 2 at 3:00 p.m.

**Afrizo**, the vocal ensemble from Daystar University in Nairobi Kenya, makes a welcome return to the Kirk to sing in Sunday morning worship on October 9 and a concert at 7:00 p.m. in the refectory (read more on page 9).

**Coffee Cantata**, a fundraiser for the Kirk's youth choirs takes place on Sunday, October 16 at 12:15 p.m. in the refectory (read more on page 11).

**Interfaith Opportunities** - We have two opportunities for fellowship with members of local faith communities this month. We welcome a group of visitors from the Women of Faith program to the 11:00 a.m. service on October 30, and we participate in the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, November 20 in the evening (time TBA) at St. Hugo of the Hills.



# Worship Schedule

## Sunday Worship

**Family service in the sanctuary at 9:00 a.m.;**  
**traditional service at 11:00 a.m.**

- October 2      *Grapes of Patience* (Matthew 21:33-46)  
Dr. Pritchard
- October 9      RSVP (Matthew 22:1-14)  
Dr. Pritchard
- October 16     *Faith Making Headlines* (1 Thessalonians 1:1-10)  
Dr. Pritchard
- October 23     Consecration Sunday  
*Restrain That Giver!* (Exodus 35:4-9; 36:2-7)  
Rev. Dr. K. C. Ptomey Zbinden, Professor of Pastoral Ministry  
and Leadership, Austin Theological Seminary, Austin, Texas
- October 30     *Reformed and Ever Being Reformed* (Psalm 90; Deuteronomy 34)  
Rev. Carol Tate
- November 6    *Late for His Own Wedding* (Matthew 25:1-13)  
Dr. Pritchard
- November 13   *Topic TBA* (Matthew 25:14-30)  
Dr. Pritchard
- November 20   *Kirk Anniversary: Looking Back* (Matthew 25:31-46)  
Dr. Pritchard
- November 27   *Advent 1: Looking Forward* (1 Corinthians 1:3-9)  
Dr. Pritchard

## Cedarholm Chapel Communion

*A brief service of Holy Communion, with meditation, at 8:00 a.m. on the first Sunday of every month*

- October 2      Rev. Carol Tate
- November 6    Dr. Provost

## Taizé Service

*A brief service of prayers, song, scripture and silence held in the beauty of Melrose Chapel on the first and third Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m.*

- October 5
- October 19
- November 2
- November 16



## Thanksgiving Services

**Sunday, November 20** – Interfaith Thanksgiving Service in the evening (time TBA). *Join with friends from neighboring faith communities in this annual service, held this year at St. Hugo of the Hills.*

**Thursday, November 24** – Family Thanksgiving Service in the Kirk sanctuary, 9:30 a.m.

## Parish Register

### Deaths

- Muriel Koeller*
- Dr. Thomas C. Fitch*
- Joanne Speyer*
- Harold Bond*
- Elizabeth Pokorny*
- Gerald King*

### Marriages

- Michael P. McAfee and Sarah E. DeFrain*
- Douglas Etcher and LuAnn Nowak*
- Jason R. White and Kathleen J. Boura*
- Casey J. VanZoeren and Ashley E. Compagner*

### Baptisms

- Delaney A. Fessler*



## Passport 2 Faith – 2 Hours Together

By Dr. Norman M. Pritchard, Pastor

### It took us by surprise, too!

Pastors and musicians had sat down in early August to plan worship for the fall. We began by looking at the Sunday morning schedule and then all the complications and disappointments we had faced in the last church program year confronted us and we began to see that change was needed. The issues had been thoroughly explored at the Officers' Roundtable in early May but no solution was apparent. Over two days we wrestled with choices before deciding to recommend to Session the new format for Sunday mornings which is now in place: family-friendly worship at 9:00 a.m. in the sanctuary, Christian education for all ages at 10:00 a.m. and the Kirk's traditional worship service at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. The St. Andrew's service has been deferred pending comprehensive revision and we are very grateful for the support of the St. Andrew's Service Committee, albeit reluctant and disappointed support.

In its eight years of existence the St. Andrew's service has given the Kirk a lot, even though we were not able to devote as many resources to it as we would have liked. We are particularly grateful that, thanks to the St. Andrew's service, children are now seen to have their proper place in worship of the church, and we look forward to developing their active participation in worship on a regular basis.

The new Sunday schedule also allows us time for a range of Christian educational offerings for all ages. Under the capable guidance of Kelly Shriver and Rev. Tres Adams, children in Sunday School enjoy more time for learning, follow-up activities and developing relationships with teachers and one another. Under the guidance of Rev. Carol Tate and the Adult Ministry Committee, a range of Bible studies and classes is available on Sunday mornings between services, adding exciting new programs to the popular and long-established ones we already have. There's something for everyone!

What we are seeking to do is to anchor people in the Christian faith to worship and explore the meaning of faith and the blessings it brings. Young people are entering a world increasingly ignorant of and hostile towards the Christian faith and it is crucial that the church takes every opportunity to resource our youth for the challenges they will face at college and beyond. Many adults feel uncomfortable talking about their faith outside the fellowship of the church and it is our hope that our program will equip our members to be more comfortable in explaining their faith to friends and neighbors.

### But this is no surprise!

The new program year at the Kirk is up and running with an amazing array of programs and events for all ages. Music, community service, outreach, fellowship, learning, and developing respectful relationships with other faiths provide many opportunities for us both to experience our faith and express it in a variety of ways. The list on page 1 and the articles in this issue provide, I hope, attractive reasons for each reader to be involved. As the weekly e-mail keeps saying, "See you in church!"

Many of these programs would not be possible without the dedicated and, in some cases, sacrificial involvement of members and friends. Many Kirk members were very busily engaged over the summer months from the World Carillon Congress in June through several mission projects, Camp Hosanna, Vacation Bible School and the Garden service. Then September came and many people simply kept on keeping on; helping, for example, with the wonderful reception following Carol Tate's Installation on September 11 and the interfaith service for the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks that same evening. Many people serve in ways that are visible and obvious to us all; many others work quietly and without fuss behind the scenes. Each piece of service is a vital contribution to the ministry of the church as a whole and I am deeply grateful for you all.





# Children, Youth & Families



## Fantastic Fall!

By Rev. Tres Adams

We are off to a fantastic start this fall! Everyone is abuzz with energy and fellowship here at the Kirk on Sunday mornings. It is truly wonderful to see the Spirit at work.

In September the Confirmation Class of 2012 kicked off and we are proud to report that we have 25 confirmands and their supportive parents on board! It's great to see their excitement to learn more about our faith, as well as their enthusiasm to grow alongside their Kirk family. You will also notice that we are blessed to have our acolytes leading our way into worship. A special thanks to Jim Devlin for his tireless efforts to revitalize the spirit of this amazing group of young people. Be sure to take the time to encourage our acolytes in their participation in Christ's ministry. They are great kids and doing wonderful things here at the Kirk and in the community.

We are truly blessed this fall with so many great things happening. All of us are committed and moving forward in answering God's call. See you on Sunday!



## Sunday School

By Kelly Shriver

Sunday, September 18 marked an exciting day for us in Children, Youth, and Families Ministry: we launched our brand new Passport 2 Faith hour for all of our children, from birth up to high school! As I wandered the halls, I was overwhelmed by how joyful it was to see the classrooms full (literally, full!) of children, reading their Bibles, playing games, singing songs, and *Feasting on the Word* together. We are thrilled about the year ahead in Sunday School, and we know it's only going to get better.

None of this, of course, would be possible without the tireless efforts of our wonderful Sunday School teachers. They were here early on Sunday, setting up their classrooms, copying handouts, and gathering supplies so that everything would be ready for the kickoff. If you see a teacher around the Kirk, be sure to stop them and say "thank you."

In the year ahead we have some great Sundays planned. Be sure to keep Passport 2 Faith on your Sunday morning schedule, and keep your eyes open for the Family Advent Celebration and other surprising events coming your way from Children, Youth and Families Ministry.





## Youth Groups

By Kevin Krawczyk

It has been an amazing start to a new calendar year at the Kirk. Sunday mornings have been a great time of community and fellowship. The Senior High and Mid High Youth Groups have been overflowing with participation. Club 45 continues to grow on Tuesdays and the Spirit is alive and moving at Kirk in the Hills. Praise God!

October and November bring great excitement for all our youth. The Mid High Youth Group will enjoy its annual Halloween party with costumes, food and games. November will bring a pot-luck dinner, movie night and weekly meetings in the Youth Room. An Iron Man Fundraiser for the summer mission trip will feature an evening gathering for dads to help raise funding by - you guessed it - ironing clothes!

The Senior High Youth Group will team up to participate in the CROP Hunger Walk on October 2. They will spend a day at OATS (Offering Alternative Therapy with Smiles), an outreach that combines horseback riding with therapy for those individuals dealing with mental or physical needs. Some of the fun weekly gatherings include the Halloween party, a trip to Franklin Cider Mill, a Lock-In and a gathering at Starbucks.

*The Mid High Youth Group enjoyed its final summer gathering with a campout on August 26.*

**Club 45** meets Tuesdays from 4:45-5:45 p.m.

**Mid High Youth Group** meets Wednesdays from 7:00- 8:30 p.m.

**Senior High Youth Group** meets Sundays from 4:00-5:30 p.m.

These groups are always looking for new, young Christians and friends that want to be part of an exciting weekly or occasional gathering. All are welcome to participate with no prior involvement needed. For more details on any of these events, contact me ([kkrawczyk@kirkinthehills.org](mailto:kkrawczyk@kirkinthehills.org)), grab a calendar found in the information racks or go to our website under Children, Youth & Families/Youth Groups.



*The Senior High Youth Group was excited to be back in the Youth Room to kick off the fall season!*



# Congregation News

## Passport to Faith: 2 Hours Together Adult Education Hour – Sunday Mornings

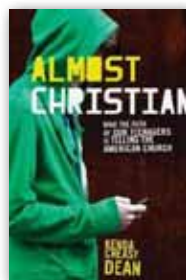
COME TO SUNDAY SCHOOL! It's not just for kids. It's for all of us. *Passport to Faith: 2 Hours Together* means that Adult Ministry can offer some new options while continuing what is already happening. The idea is simple. Go to worship at 9:00 a.m., head to the coffee pot, say "Hi" to your friends, then go to one of the following classes for 40 minutes. Or, come to one of these classes at 10:00 a.m. and stay for worship at 11:00 a.m. Two Hours Together means it takes both education and worship to form us into grateful, thoughtful, service-oriented Christians. We are not born that way and we cannot get there without a community of people with whom to share our Christian life. And our kids are watching.



### Class Offerings:

*Parenting Young Children*, led by Paul Melrose,  
Samaritan Counseling Center  
Sundays, September 18 – October 16  
10:10-10:50 a.m. in the St. Andrew's Room

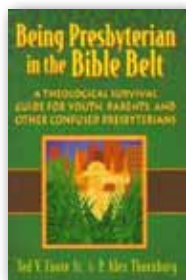
Book Study, *Almost Christian: What the Faith of Our Teenagers is Telling the American Church*  
Sundays, September 18 – November 6  
10:10-10:50 a.m. in the Bride's Room  
(3rd floor, Kirk House)



*Feasting on the Word: A Discussion Group for Young Adults*,  
led by various Kirk Members  
Sundays, September – June  
10:10-10:50 a.m. in Abbey 31

*Feasting on the Word: A Lectionary-based Bible Study*  
Sundays, September – June  
10:10-10:50 a.m. in the Youth Room

Book Study, *Being Presbyterian in the Bible Belt: A Theological Survival Guide for Youth, Parents, and Other Confused Presbyterians*  
Sundays, September 18 – November 6  
10:10-10:50 a.m. in the refectory



*Between Services Bible Study*, led by Bill Robinson  
Sundays, September – June  
10:15 a.m. in Abbey 29

*The Daily News and The Good News: A Discussion Group*  
Sundays, all year  
10:15 a.m. in the Upper Room

Check out our pamphlet available in the information racks located throughout the Kirk or check out the Adult Ministry page on our website at [kirkinthehills.org](http://kirkinthehills.org) for detailed information on each class.



## An Essential Conversation About Reformed Theology

Don't let the title *Christian Doctrine* scare you off. Join our study series following our popular Wonderful Wednesdays format and enjoy a time of



learning that will be fun and maybe even a little out-of-the-box at times. Learn what Presbyterians think about some of the most fundamental aspects of our faith. Come if you are seeking new ways to think about your faith. Come even if you think your ideas are already fully formed. It may be the questions that matter most in prodding us toward a life of ever-deepening faith.

This class meets each Wednesday through November 16. It's not too late to join the session that best suits your schedule: 4:45-5:45 p.m. or 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the St. Andrew's room (note the new start time of 7:30 p.m. which allows for the opportunity to attend the Taizé service on the first and third Wednesday of each month). Dinner is served in the refectory from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Reservations are required for dinner and can be made by calling the church at (248) 626-2515, ext. 117 or by emailing [amc@kirkinthehills.org](mailto:amc@kirkinthehills.org). The cost of the meal is \$8 or \$20 for a family of three or more. Childcare is provided.



## Health Ministry

### ICE Your Phone!

Yes, that is correct; ICE is the acronym for “in case of emergency.” Cell phone users are urged to insert ICE before the names of the people they want to designate as emergency contacts in their cell phone address book, creating entries such as ICE Dad, ICE Alison or ICE Emily.



Please stop by the Health Ministry table in Heritage Hall on Sunday, October 9 for additional information and/or assistance to ICE your phone. Blood pressure screening will also be available.

### Alzheimer’s Caregivers’ Support Group

With the shorter days of fall and winter and the Christmas holidays approaching, unique concerns arise for families caring for individuals with dementia. If you are a caregiver for someone with any type of dementia, you will find confidential and caring support at the Alzheimer’s Caregivers’ Support group. We discuss how to deal with specific issues in care giving, such as those listed above, and also share experiences and practical tips for caring for the dementia patient. We meet the first Tuesday of every month in Abbey 29 from 1:30-3:00 p.m. Please call Laura Ambrose at (248) 952-5186 for more information.

### Film & Fellowship Small Group

This small group of Kirk members and friends (couples and singles) meets monthly. We usually view a newly-released movie and gather afterwards for discussion, coffee and/or a light meal. Our goal is to foster supportive relationships in a relaxing social environment. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Joan Cheng at (248) 788-3796 or [jhcheng@pol.net](mailto:jhcheng@pol.net).

### Christmas Poinsettia Memorial

During the Christmas season the Altar Guild uses poinsettias to adorn the Kirk. If you haven’t had an opportunity to provide a flower memorial but would like to memorialize a loved one, donating a poinsettia memorial offers you this opportunity. Please send a check made payable to *Kirk in the Hills* for \$25 along with the name of the person you would like to memorialize. Send requests to Kirk in the Hills, Attn: Marsha Rogers, 1340 W. Long Lake Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302 no later than Sunday, December 4.



## Kirk Seniors



**October Luncheon** – On Tuesday, October 18 the Kirk Seniors will celebrate Oktoberfest. Plan to come and enjoy a fun day with a wonderful lunch and great companionship. Make checks payable to *Kirk Seniors* for \$12 to reach the Kirk no later than Thursday, October 13.

**November Luncheon** – On Tuesday, November 8 we will be honoring the veterans at our November luncheon (a week earlier than usual). We have had speakers from World War II, the Korean and Vietnam wars, and this year Rocky Raczkowski will tell us about the more current conflicts in which our armed forces are engaged. Make checks payable to *Kirk Seniors* for \$12 to reach the Kirk no later than Thursday, November 3.

### Kirk Veterans

In November we will honor Kirk members, living and deceased, who have served in the armed forces. You can view the current list on our website at [kirkinthehills.org](http://kirkinthehills.org)



by clicking the Adults tab along the left side of the home page. Our list has not been updated since 2009. If you have an update, please contact Crystal Thomas at [crystalthomas6000@sbcglobal.net](mailto:crystalthomas6000@sbcglobal.net). List the branch of service, where served, any wars in which the veteran served and rank at the end of service. If you are presently serving in the armed forces, we certainly want your information. Please help us to include all the members who have helped our country by serving in its armed forces.



## Women of the Kirk

Many thanks to all of the women and friends who came out to the Women's Fall Gathering on Thursday, September 29! Our new associate pastor and featured speaker, Rev. Carol Tate, delivered a memorable presentation - *Music... Ministry... Moving*. This is going to be a great year for women's ministry! You won't want to miss a single event.



### Advent by Candlelight

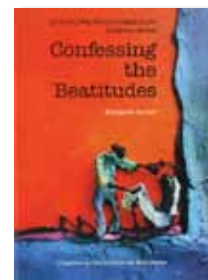
The annual event, Advent by Candlelight will be held on Tuesday, November 29 and Thursday, December 1 beginning at 6:30 p.m. (the program for each night is the same). If you would like to attend one of the evenings, sign-up Sundays will be held in October. Look for more information in @ *The Kirk*. If you have never attended an Advent by Candlelight evening, you'll want to make this the year to start a new tradition. Women offer to host a table with five guests. The guests may be people you have invited or people that are asked to sit at your table by the ABC Committee (this is your choice). Many tables are hosted by more than one woman. To be a hostess means setting a table with your china (festive, holiday or otherwise), bringing a centerpiece that incorporates Advent candles, and providing a dessert and a small hostess gift for each guest. The ABC Committee will provide appetizers to start the evening and a great program to begin the Advent season. If you would like to be part of the planning or a hostess, please call Grace Guthrie at (248) 879-1124 or Jayne Zellers at (248) 626-2515, ext. 110.

### Annual Women of the Kirk Retreat

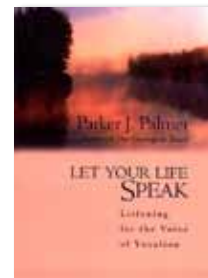
Women's Ministry holds its annual retreat in the spring of each year. Mark your calendars - this year it will be held April 13-15 at the Weber Center in Adrian. Plans are now underway, so watch for more information on how to make your reservation. If you would like to help with the retreat, please call Jayne Dodge at (248) 626-7142 or Phyllis Mazure at (248) 299-5361.

### Women's Study Opportunities

**Beatitudes Bible Study** - What do you make of the Beatitudes? Was Jesus describing a real or end-time world? Why are there two sets of beatitudes? Is there a word for us in the 21st century? Join the Women of the Kirk's Bible study and see what we discover. We will be using the Presbyterian Women's curriculum, *Confessing the Beatitudes*. We will explore what it means to confess our faith. Come ready to think about how Jesus' statements or our confessions might translate into art. Theology and the arts - a combination that will engage our imaginations as well as our intellects. Join us beginning Tuesday, October 4 and for the following 9 weeks. There will be a morning session from 9:30-11:00 a.m. in Abbey 22 and an evening session from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in Abbey 28.



**Fall Book Study** - We will study the book, *Let Your Life Speak* by Parker Palmer - the inspiration for our theme this year. Join us on Thursday, October 13 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the St. Andrew's Room and on Thursday, October 20, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Barbara Littleton's home. Books may be purchased in the Adult Ministry Office for \$12. Rev. Carol Tate will be leading the study. Parker Palmer is one of this country's leading educators and he is certain that we must find our "true self" as God knows it. This is the beginning of discovering our vocation, when we can accept even what we may want to deny, and come to know who we really are. He asks the poet William Stafford's question: "Ask me whether what I have done is my life." Come and be a part of a meaningful time together as we seek to understand whether we are really doing "our life."





# Outreach and Mission



## Afrizo Returns to the Kirk!

On Sunday, October 9 at 7:00 p.m., the Kirk will welcome back a Christian music group straight out of Africa: Daystar University's colorful Afrizo. You won't want to miss Afrizo's rich and exciting routine of dance and song, infused with the beautiful sounds and rhythms of Kenya and its respective tribes. The performance is perfect for all ages, and members are encouraged to invite friends from the community.



Led by our Outreach and Mission Committee, the Kirk has supported Daystar students in their pursuit of the University's Christ-based educational programs. This has enabled many of them to return to their cities and villages as well-educated young adults and assume roles as Jesus-centered local leaders in business and community enterprises, using their acquired skills in communications, science, technology and liberal arts.

In 2007 several Kirk families were delighted to host these students and introduce them to the Kirk and the sights of the area on the Saturday before their

performances. Once again we are grateful to a number of Kirk families who have agreed to host the students during their October visit.

We'll get a foretaste of their native-Christian music when Afrizo participates in our two worship services on Sunday morning, October 9. On Monday, they'll leave to continue their national fundraising tour, visiting dozens of churches and Christian colleges.

There is no charge for admission, but a free-will offering will be accepted to support Daystar students.



*Because you give, with God's help, we can do great things.*

By Sydrena Epstein

## Adult Ministry Committee

The mission of the Adult Ministry Committee is to provide programs, speakers and events that will help Kirk members and friends deepen their faith, strengthen fellowship and prepare to serve others.

One focus has been on a variety of studies following our popular Wonderful Wednesdays format, usually led by Dr. Pritchard, with dinner served in the refectory. The Adult Ministry Committee has brought a tremendous offering of speakers to the Kirk - Reggie McNeal talking about the Missional Church, Brad Sherrill performing *The Gospel of John* and *Prophets*, and a video presentation in the sanctuary by the choral group, Conspirare.

Under the leadership of our new associate pastor for Adult Ministry, Rev. Carol Tate, the work of the committee will continue the tradition of interesting programming. The fall study addresses Reformed theology which should prove to be lively, informative and inspirational.

The time and effort put in by the Adult Ministry Committee is a wonderful example of stewardship, giving of their time and their talent.



## Foster Care Ministry Community-Wide Event

The Kirk Foster Care Ministry is hosting a community-wide event at the Kirk on Tuesday, November 8 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Kirk members are encouraged to invite friends from other faiths to hear Maura Corrigan, Director of the Department of Human Services, as well as others who will share their stories, positive experiences and suggestions for ways that each congregation can contribute in some small but significant way to alleviate this crisis.



When Maura Corrigan spoke at the Kirk in March of 2010, she was known as Justice Corrigan. At that time she served with distinction on the Michigan Supreme Court, yet even then she was a passionate advocate on behalf of the vulnerable and invisible children in Michigan's foster care system. Maura's

devotion to the well-being of children and youth in the foster care system is now a major mission for her.

The event is held in partnership with the Faith Communities Coalition, a rapidly-expanding community outreach initiative of the Save Our Children Coalition of the University of Michigan-Dearborn School of Education.

The Kirk has supported our Presbytery-wide transitional housing (A Place of Refuge), conducted donation drives, taught foster children in Camp Hosanna, provided mentors at Vista Maria, and much more.

For more information or to help, contact Yvonne Rundell at [yrundell@comcast.net](mailto:yrundell@comcast.net), Sheri Falvay at [skfalvay@gmail.com](mailto:skfalvay@gmail.com), or Liz Williamson at [williamson@macomb.edu](mailto:williamson@macomb.edu)

Reservations are requested by Monday, October 31 to [kirkfostercare@kirkinthehills.org](mailto:kirkfostercare@kirkinthehills.org).

## Kirk Tutors

School has started and Kirk Tutors will be starting up soon, too! If you have an interest in tutoring at Jefferson/Whittier Elementary School in Pontiac we would love to have you join us! We meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30-5:00 p.m. With one-on-one tutoring for students in grades 1-6, we develop wonderful tutoring relationships. We will have an in-service on October 11 and start with the students on October 13. If you are interested in helping, please contact Linda Juracek-Lipa at (248) 909-4482 or Martha Sorge at (248) 851-2014.

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## Two Pound Challenge to Feed the Needy



Earlier in the year members were invited to take part in the Presbytery's Hands-On Mission program called the Great Tomato Giveaway (also known as Garden Gatherer's Initiative) by taking tomato plants home, growing them in their gardens and bringing the resulting crop back to the Kirk. The produce would then be delivered to Baldwin Center to help feed the needy.

Out of this program an idea was born, supported by the Outreach and Mission Committee and the Board of Deacons. At the August 28 worship services Dr. Provost described this program and issued a "Two Pound Challenge" to the congregation. The concept is that each week people coming to worship will bring with them two pounds of produce. With close to 500 people in worship each week that means we could collect and distribute 1,000 pounds of fresh produce to those in need each week! As Dr. Provost said in his sermon that day, "With a congregation this size there is no reason for us not to be able to do something on a significant scale week after week. We can't always just assume someone else will step up. We are all called to step up."

Please join us each week in this challenge by bringing two pounds of produce to Heritage Hall on Sunday mornings.



*Camp Hosanna families and volunteers enjoyed a picnic at the Kirk on Sunday, September 25.*



## Music News

### Coffee Cantata – Sunday, October 16, 12:15 p.m.

Chancel Choir soloists Nicole Greenidge Joseph and Branden Hood will delight us with a performance of J. S. Bach’s “Coffee Cantata,” a very engaging and humorous miniature comic opera about coffee.



Sung in English and with instrumental accompaniment in the informal setting of the refectory, this presentation will warm the hearts of coffee lovers as well as lovers of other beverages.

Refreshments – coffee, tea, cocoa and pastries served by our choristers – will add to the enjoyment of this event, which will last approximately forty-five minutes.

This event is being presented as a way to help raise funds to benefit the many activities of the Kirk Choir School, particularly the chorister scholarship fund which helps to make possible participation in the summer Royal School of Church Music Choristers’ Training Course in Wilkes Barre, PA. Tickets are \$50 and are available at the Music Office or by calling (248) 626-2515, ext. 108.

### Looking Ahead:

#### 2011–12 Music Event Highlights at the Kirk

**Sunday, December 4 at 7:30 p.m. – Annual Advent and Christmas Concert**, presented by the Chancel Choir and orchestra, presenting part I of “Messiah” and various seasonal selections, concluding with carol singing with the congregation.

**Sunday, December 11 at 6:00 p.m. – Annual Carol Festival**, presented by the Boys’, Girls’ and Young Children’s Choirs.

**Sunday, December 18 at 4:00 p.m. – Annual Service of Lessons and Carols**, presented by the Chancel Choir.

**Saturdays, January 7, February 4, March 10 and April 28 at 8:00 p.m. – Concerts by the Detroit Symphony Orchestra**

**Sunday, March 4 at 3:00 p.m. – Concert by the internationally-acclaimed chamber choir *Conspirare*** (Glenn Miller and Nicole Greenidge Joseph are members)



### Glenn Miller Organ Recital

Don’t miss Kirk Director of Music and Organist Glenn Miller in recital on Sunday, October 30 at 4:00 p.m. on the magnificent sanctuary organ.

As the recital is taking place on the eve of Hallowe’en, Mr. Miller will perform a number of appropriate favorites, including J. S. Bach’s “Tocatta and Fugue in D minor” and Boellmann’s “Suite Gothique” (known for its stirring Toccata). Also included on the program will be Messiaen’s “Vision of the Eternal Church,” Duruflés “Scherzo,” the Franck “Choral No. II in B minor,” and two works by Jehan Alain, presented in celebration of the 100th anniversary of his birth. There is no admission charge; all are welcome.

### Kirk Choir School

Our choir program continues to grow, and as a way to celebrate its growth and to heighten its profile, it has been named the Kirk Choir School. Long recognized for the training its participants receive and for the vital contribution the choirs make in our life as a congregation, this step further underscores its work and ministry.





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