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Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026

The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed! Welcome everyone to North Hills Church on Easter Sunday 2025. We thank **John Kenney** for serving at the Welcome Desk this morning. Everyone is invited to the **Fellowship Hall** for fellowship and refreshments—thanks to **Helen Brien's** assistants **Polly Ayers** & **Connie Woods**, today's hosts.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES today:
During the service:

Infants, Toddlers and Preschoolers meet in the downstairs playroom with **Polly Ayers** & **Sami Nechifor**. Parents can sign in their child(ren) starting at 9:20am.

There are no educational ministries today.



Following the Easter Sunday service, all children are invited to participate in an Easter egg hunt. Colorful eggs will be hidden throughout the playground, waiting to be discovered by eager young eyes. A prize table will be available for children to choose a special treat after they've collected their hidden treasures.



Next week, April 12, we welcome the Rev. Dr. **Mary Hulst** to our pulpit. Dr. Hulst is the chaplain of Calvin University in Grand Rapids, MI. Pastor Engle will be in Oxford, England, to give a lecture on his book *Sound Theology*.

Our STEWARDSHIP:

March 29 tithes:

\$13,253

Tithes received through March 29:

\$128,832

Ministry plan need through March 29:

\$143,750

There are four ways to give your offering:

- In person: An offering plate is at the east Sanctuary entrance
- Our website: Click "giving" tab
- Mail: Send a check to North Hills Church / 3150 N Adams Road / Troy 48084
- On your phone: Download and use Vanco mobile app (Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement)



The history of the **flowering cross** dates back to the 6th century. It has long been a symbol of the new life we have in Christ. A barren wooden cross is transformed, from the darkness of Good Friday, to a blooming cross on Easter morning. The profusion of flowers completely covers the cross.

At North Hills, we have flowered the cross since 2005. Originally our wooden cross was anchored in a pail filled with concrete. That cross quickly became impractical as it couldn't be moved! Mark Elliott created the cross we currently use. At North Hills, everyone is encouraged to bring flowers for the cross, and if desired, to attach them as well. Grosgrain ribbon woven across the wood makes attaching possible even for young children. Flowers can be obtained from the backyard or from a florist—a single bloom or a bouquet. We will also have extras here. The cross is then carried down the east aisle during the singing of *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*. It remains on the front ledge during worship.

Because we appreciate the Troy community of which we are a part, we display the cross on Adams Road following the service. It's a tradition that extends Easter joy beyond our walls!



Rejoice, O Sons and daughters! Sing and shout hosannas! Raise the strain!

For Christ, whose death Good Friday brings, on Easter day will live again!

-James Gertmenian



New Address:

Jerry and Patti Door
925 Oakcrest Lane
Jenison, MI 49428

This week's birthdays:

April 7: Donavan Brouwer
April 8: Mary Bernd

March 2026 Social Media Stats

Facebook: 268 followers (+1)
Instagram: 138 followers

YouTube: 385 Subscribers (+1)
1.2k views
183 hours watched
738 viewers, 504 new

Website: 649 users
547 new users

Countries (in order of number of users): USA, Singapore, China, Germany, Canada, Mexico.

Interesting note: Our most users per city in the USA was Indianapolis at 67!



March was Reading Month at North Hills Child Care Center

Our children were surprised with “mystery readers” throughout the month of March. Pictured here are mystery readers (clockwise from top left) **Paddy Lynch, Pastor Engle, Jenna Patten, and Josh Patten:**



Happy National Reading Month!





Ladies' Fellowship Craft Night!

Unleash your creativity
and spend time socializing!



Date: April 20th
Time: 6-9pm
North Hills Fellowship Hall

Event Details

Craft: Create your own Party
Plates Class taught by artist
Virginia LaMont Naegeli

Cost: \$20

Covers all supplies.



RSVP by 4-12-2026

Using the QR code or
email Stephanie at
ssdexter26@gmail.com



Snacks and Beverages Provided