

Events at the Hills

WELLESLEY HILLS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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OPPORTUNITIES

THIS YEAR'S CHURCH PICNIC IS THIS SUNDAY, JUNE 11 DON'T MISS IT!

The Parish Life Committee and the Board of Deacons take pleasure in inviting you and your family to join us for our Annual All-Church Picnic immediately after worship **this Sunday, June 11** on the front lawn. (In case of rain, we will gather, undaunted, in the Assembly Room.) Come and enjoy the delectable results of our grill masters' skill at flipping burgers (including veggie burgers) and grilling hot dogs to perfection! Then, enjoy a delicious dessert provided by the Deacons. All are encouraged to dress casually, and to bring blankets or beach chairs. We will have tables and chairs on hand for our senior friends. Please plan to join in, have lunch, and help us all welcome summer! Admission is free.



As we enjoy our hot dogs and hamburgers, let's not forget those who are hungry in our community. **Please bring a donation for the Wellesley Food Pantry with you this Sunday, June 11.**

DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR COAT/GLOVES/GLASSES/SMALL CHILDREN ARE????

Well, if you can't find them, there is a good chance they have been languishing in the church's Lost and Found area, waiting patiently for you to miss them and come back for them.

This Sunday, June 11, all items in the church Lost and Found area will be placed on a table in the Assembly Room. Please stop by to claim any items that are yours. All items remaining on the table at the conclusion of the Church Picnic will be bundled up and donated to any area charity.

TEA WITH MINISTER NEXT TUESDAY, JUNE 13 AT 1:30



We have a unique Tea planned for the month of June. Join historian and former Hills Church Senior Deacon, Ned Downing, as he brings the brilliant and complicated Alexander Hamilton to life. Ned wrote a book on how the colonies financed the new United States of America and has had a deep appreciation for Alexander Hamilton even before Lin Maneul Miranda's hit musical "Hamilton" added to his fame.

Come to the Reception Room **next Tuesday, June 13 at 1:30** and hear Ned give us the background on the man, his genius, and his legacy. Please call Cynthia in the church office at 781-235-4424 if you need a ride to and or from the church.

HABITAT IS FOR EVERYONE!

The Hills Church has an active group of volunteers who participate in Habitat for Humanity's home building projects and sale of gently used furniture to families in need. Wish you could help? Now you can! We've added sign-up opportunities aimed at families, groups of teens, and elders to join in the fun.



Now you can sign up to prepare and deliver a hearty lunch for our volunteers, or join the Habitat group early on a Saturday morning in the church parking lot to send them off with prayers and blessings. This is a terrific opportunity to share the work our volunteers are doing and see for yourselves what a difference the Hills Church is making in the lives of people who need a place to live. Find another family to share the sandwich-making, or let us know if you want to be paired up with someone to split the task.

Dates for this summer are:

July 22

August 19

September 16

Guidelines for the lunches are included on the Sign-up Genius. Questions? Please contact Janeen Hansen (hansr234@comcast.net) or Elaine Vildzius (vildzius@gmail.com).

MISSING USHERS' FLOWERS

Flowers worn by our ushers were handmade many years ago by then church member Donna Kent. Unfortunately their number has dwindled, especially in the recent months or year. Apparently ushers have accidentally taken them home.

These flowers are valuable, historical and important to the life of the church. It would be most appreciated if any former usher who has one at home would return it to the ushers' station at the church. Thank you.

Harold Wilkinson

USHERING IS A GREAT WAY TO SERVE YOUR CHURCH

The mission of the Ushering Committee is to provide a staff of ushers who serve and support the Congregation before, during and after the worship service each week. To paraphrase a quote from Rev. Lacy Scott, "An usher ... is so much more than a seat finder. They are the meeters and greeters to our service ... the people who meet our guests and our members alike on a person-to-person basis when they first arrive at church. They are the ones whose smiles and warm welcomes help to set the tone for our worship." To volunteer to usher at an upcoming service, please contact Rich Sweeting rich@sweeting.us.

SIGN UP TO TEACH IN THE FALL...VISIT THE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TABLE TODAY

Parents, grandparents, members, caring adults we need your wisdom, experience, love, your caring support, your time and your grace. Please consider helping the Children's Ministry Team extend God's love to our youngest members. Consider teaching in the Church School this Fall. Contact Sallyt@hillschurch.org or visit the Children's Ministry Team table in the Assembly Room during Community Hour today.

THANK YOU DEAR CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS

No education program would be possible without the dedication of our Church School teachers. As the church school year draws to a close, we would like to thank all our dedicated volunteers. That special gift of hope you share with our church is paid forward in your honor. We have partnered with Heifer International to send three 'Hope Baskets' to families trying to make a better life for their children. Each Hope Basket includes a gift of rabbits and a starter flock of chickens. Families also receive training and education in the animals' care to make sure their hope becomes a reality.

The gift of a Hope Basket:

- Provides eggs and protein for nourishment
- Boosts income through sales of extra eggs and offspring
- Passes on the Gift to others, since livestock can multiply quickly

Rabbits are easy to care for and can reproduce in a short amount of time. Chickens lay eggs and provide manure for vegetable gardens. Your livestock donation provides hope for struggling farmers looking for a way out of poverty.

Teachers please know- For every lesson you've prepared, the love of God has been shared. Through your time given at church you have changed many lives. We thank you for that; we thank you for your love, inspiration and care.

Erin Johnson, Sally Tomasetti, Josh Waetzig and the Children's Ministry team.

VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 26 -30



Our church will be holding its Big Adventure vacation bible camp this summer and would love to offer YOU the opportunity to be involved. This is an inspiring, heart-swelling service you can give to the church and our children. Help these campers grow with God as a Teacher, a Teacher's assistant, Nursery Care team member, Snack Boss, Crazy Artist, or Mad Scientist.

Prayerfully consider where your talents lead you. Be with us for a day or the full week. Camp is from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Contact Sallyt@hillschurch.org or visit the Children's Ministry Team table in the Assembly Room during Community Hour

today.

HELP OUR AIA CHILDREN KEEP WARM WHEN SLEEPING



Katie McCabe will be traveling to our partnering African Indian Alliance villages in Karnataka, India this summer. She is collecting thin, light blankets for the children. Nights get chilly, and the children sleep on concrete



floors. Please share kindness and warmth and help children have a better night sleep.

Some examples/suggestions: blankets from airplanes/Amtrak, from Amazon: <https://goo.gl/QozGUC> from Walmart: <https://goo.gl/G66k4X>. Place in the grey bins around church until June 18 Any questions contact Katie McCabe: klm4192@yahoo.com.

BEING A HILLS CHURCH GREETER IS SURE TO PUT A SMILE ON YOUR FACE!

Join a Greeter Ministry Team and greet regularly or just once a year! It's up to you!

As a greeter, you can help us set the tone for worship, as a place where all are warmly received. The task involves being at one of the doors by 9:40 a.m., with a name tag and a welcoming smile - ready to offer handshakes and greetings to members and visitors arriving for worship. We especially LOVE children and youth greeters. Your responsibilities end when the worship hour begins. If you would like to join the Greeting Ministry, please contact Becky Williams (williams.becky.m@gmail.com) or Jeff Thomas (mr_jpt@hotmail.com)

WANT TO MEET FOR COFFEE?



We do too! We are looking for a few folks to do some small tasks on Sunday mornings....for the second, third or fourth Sundays of the month. You may do any of the jobs for any or all of the weeks.

You can set-up before church, serve during Community Hour itself, or whistle while you work (and make new friends!) cleaning up afterwards.

To learn more about this important church ministry or to volunteer to help at an upcoming Community Hour, please contact Anne Leland (akoteen@gmail.com).

WOMEN'S MINISTRY NEEDS KNITTERS!

As we welcome with joy the many new babies in our midst, we need to restock our supply of baptismal blankets. These blankets are given as a symbol of the care and love that we as a congregation promise to these new members of our church family. Women's Ministry will be happy to provide you with yarn and a pattern, if you'd like to knit one (or more!) of these blankets. Contact Laurie Otten at laurieotten50@gmail.com.



SUMMER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN THE WELLESLEY FOOD PANTRY!

The Wellesley Food Pantry is housed in the basement of our church, and helps over 250 families in Wellesley. The Food Pantry could use some additional help this summer.

More specifically, the Food Pantry needs two (2) volunteers **each Monday, beginning June 26**, to go to Roche Bros. at 8:30 a.m. and pick up all the donated food from the front of the store and deliver it to the Food Pantry. The volunteers then go through the food, looking at expiration dates and marking the bar codes.

The Pantry also needs two (2) volunteers **each Tuesday, beginning June 27**, to go to Roche Bros. at 8:15 a.m. and pick up bread, and deliver it to the Food Pantry. The volunteers will

then help with deliveries, putting the final touches on the bags (produce, frozen items, bread), and then delivering the bags to our clients. There are usually 3-5 clients during any week, and each client gets an average of five (5) bags.

More details will be given when you sign up for a shift, and a coordinator will be present to direct you.

Please email Tricia Frank pdfrank@comcast.net with any questions and with your availability.

THE PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE
AND
THE SPIRITUAL CARE SUPPORT BOARD

Invite you and your family to join us for our

ANNUAL HILLS ALL-CHURCH



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(in case of rain, in the Assembly Room)

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Come celebrate another great church year!

**ECUMENICAL SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE
SUMMER 2017**

August 6 The Village Church (UCC), 2 Central Street, Wellesley
Preaching: Adrian Robbins-Cole, St. Andrew's

August 13 Hills Church (UCC), 207 Washington St., Wellesley
Preaching: Sarah Butter, Village Church (UCC)

August 20 St. Andrew's Episcopal, 79 Denton Road, Wellesley
Preaching: Matt Wooster, Hills Church (UCC)

August 27 All churches resume normal schedules

ALL SERVICES BEGIN AT 10:00 A.M.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY



Children's Ministry Coordinator: Sally Tomasetti Sallyt@hillschurch.org
Children's Ministry team Co-chairs: Erin Johnson and Josh Waetzig

YOUTH MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Saturday, June 17, 2-4pm

On Saturday, June 17 at 2:00 p.m., all the youth groups from Club 3:6 up to high school graduates will have time for water sliding, bouncy housing, and super soaking! Snacks too. Bring clothes you can get wet and your favorite water toys.

HILLS CHURCH CALENDAR

THURSDAY, June 8

- 9:30 a.m. Clergy Meeting
- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. North Hill Tea
- 6:30 p.m. New Beginnings
- 7:30 p.m. Church Council

This Sunday's Scripture Readings
Sirach 43:9-12
Luke 18:15-17

FRIDAY, June 9

- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

SATURDAY, June 10

SUNDAY, June 11 Celebration Sunday, Church Picnic

- 9:00 a.m. Lectionary Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. Church Picnic
- 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

MONDAY, June 12

TUESDAY, June 13

- 1:30 p.m. Tea with Ministers
- 5:00 p.m. Food Pantry Client Supper
- 6:30 p.m. Caring for the Caregivers
- 7:30 p.m. Search Committee

WEDNESDAY, June 14

THURSDAY, June 15

- 6:30 p.m. New Beginnings

PROGRAMMING NOTE:

The last issue of *Events at the Hills* for this Program Year will be published on Thursday, June 29. The first newsletter for the coming Program Year will be released the week of Rally Day in September.

HILLS CHURCH PUBLICATION DEADLINES

Need to spread the word about an activity or event?

Email your notice to Cynthia Gordan, Church Administrator,
at cynthia@hillschurch.org, or call the Church Office at 781-235-4424.

Weekly Newsletters

Sunday Orders of Worship

Submissions are due **Fridays by 5:00 p.m.**

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