

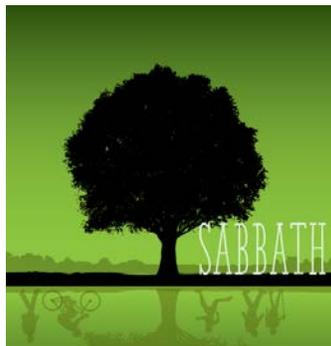
Events at the Hills

WELLESLEY HILLS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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OPPORTUNITIES



THE SABBATH

AN INTEGRATED SERIES OF LENTEN SERMONS AND SPIRITUALITY GROUP DISCUSSIONS

Jesus taught that the Sabbath was made for people, and yet the commandment to remember the Sabbath day for rest may be the commandment that is least practiced by Christians in our time and place. In the season of Lent, we will explore the concept of Sabbath for our time. Sabbath is God's gift for all who are weary of work, busy schedules, demands, or worry.

- This Sunday, April 2 Sabbath is Hungry. *1 Kings 19:1-8*
- Palm Sunday, April 9 Sabbath is Just. *Isaiah 56:1-7*

HILLS CHURCH EASTER EGG HUNT

Easter is coming and this year's Egg Hunt is Saturday, April 8, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.! Enjoy breakfast, a petting zoo, the Easter Bunny, crafts, and of course THE HUNT (with prizes!) To register, visit the church website (hillschurch.org) or e-mail the Church Office (cynthia@hillschurch.org) by Tuesday, April 4, so we can provide food and prizes...then, HOP ON OVER! Rain or shine.



EGG HUNT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Participate in the joy and warmth of the day! Signup at www.tinyurl.com/besthuntever or e-mail Erin Johnson at emmetcalf@gmail.com.

BIBLE AND THE NEWS - A WEEKLY STUDY WITH REV. MATT WOOSTER

Wednesdays, 10:00-11:00 a.m. in the Church Library.

During Lent, we will discuss scripture related to keeping Sabbath:

Matthew 21:1-13 on April 5; Matthew 28:1-10 on April 12.

Are you interested in learning more
about the Hills Church?

Please join us at an Inquirers' Gathering
This Sunday, April 2
After Worship in the Reception Room
Please RSVP to the church office TODAY

RECOMMENDED READING ON THE SABBATH

From *Keeping the Sabbath Wholly*, by Marva Dawn:

The story is told of a wagon train on its way from St. Louis to Oregon. Its members were devout Christians, so the whole group observed the habit of stopping for the Sabbath day. Winter was approaching quickly, however, and some among the group began to panic in fear that they wouldn't reach their destination before the heavy snows. Consequently, several members proposed to the rest of the group that they should quit their practice of stopping for the Sabbath and continue driving onward seven days a week.

This proposal triggered a lot of contention in the community, so finally it was suggested that the wagon train should split into two groups—those who wanted to observe the Sabbath and those who preferred to travel on that day. The proposal was accepted, and both groups set out and traveled together until the next Sabbath day, when one group continued while the other group remained at rest.

Guess which group got to Oregon first.

You're right. The ones who kept the Sabbath reached their destination first. Both the people and the horses were so rested by their Sabbath observance that they could travel much more vigorously and effectively the other six days of the week.

Keeping the Sabbath Wholly and the following books are available at the church.

The Sabbath, by Abraham Joshua Heschel

Sabbath in the Suburbs, by MaryAnn Mckibben Dana

Sabbath as Resistance, by Walter Brueggemann

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. Training is available for any job. Contact Anne Leland for

more info.

JOIN THE HILLS CHURCH CARE TEAM!

Every March our Hills Church Care Teams welcome new members. Four Care Teams rotate weeks of the month, with different opportunities to reach out to members of the congregation with a card, a visit, a meal--or other kindness, always depending on your own schedule. There are no meetings, just ministry. To sign up, contact Luree Jaquith at fluryj@comcast.net or Judy Swahnberg at judy@hillschurch.org.



Would you like to become a member of the Hills Church?
The next Joining Sunday will be May 21, 2017.

Please join clergy and church members in the Reception Room for an evening Membership Class on May 3, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Dinner will be provided, and child care will be available on request.

This class will include information regarding Educational Programs, Service Opportunities, The United Church of Christ (UCC), Baptism, Communion and Confirmation at the Hills Church, and Community Life. We will also discuss the Order of Worship, Church Governance, the Membership Covenant and Stewardship.

If you would like to participate, please RSVP to the church office at 781-235-4424, ext 210 or via email to cynthia@hillschurch.org.

RUMMAGE SALE NEWS

The Hills Church Women's Ministry Team has decided to postpone the Rummage Sale originally scheduled to take place on May 6. We hope to hold a sale next spring. Our thanks to all of those who have faithfully worked on our Rummage Sales in past years. The Women's Ministry Team looks forward to working with you next year.

Laurie Otten, Team Leader

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)

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 [CLICK ON THE FOLLOWING LINK](#) or contact Cindy Jaczko – cindy@jaczko.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.

Adult Education at the Hills Church – Winter 2017

SUNDAY, APRIL 30

FROM THE LAST GOSPEL TO THE LAST WORD: JOHN IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

*Adam Isbitsky, M.Div. candidate, Andover Newton Theological School,
Seminary Hills Church*

Rev. Pashington Obeng, M.Th., Ph.D., Associate Minister, Hills Church

11:30 am – Reception Room

There are several books in the New Testament that seem to claim authorship by one or more men named John. The Gospel of John is distinctive in style and content from the other Gospels and deserves special consideration. We will compare it generally to the Synoptic Gospels and then look at specific passages unique to John. Additionally, the short letters 1, 2, and 3 John will be considered as they relate to John’s Gospel and to Paul’s letters. Finally, we will take a short trip through Revelation, which also bears the name John and holds a unique place in the biblical canon. Please remember to bring your Bible.



EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

If you would like to give Easter lilies in memory of—or in honor of—a loved one, please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate or send it to the church office by Tuesday, April 11.

You may donate whatever amount you wish. Checks should be made payable to the *Wellesley Hills Congregational Church*. Please note *Easter Flowers* on the memo line of your check.

My donation for Easter Flowers is given (PLEASE PRINT)

In memory of: _____

or

In honor of: _____

Given by: _____

Mail your check to:
Wellesley Hills Congregational
Church
207 Washington Street
Wellesley Hills, MA 02481





8th Annual ***Walk Away Homelessness*** Walkathon

SATURDAY, April 8, 2017 at the Natick Community Senior Center, 117 E. Central Street
at 9:00 am, registration opens at 8:00am

Join WROR 105.7 FM radio personality LBF and hundreds of walkers of all ages for fun, music,
food, face painting, prizes and more!

Special Guest Laura Vecchione

TOGETHER WE WILL WALK to End HOMELESSNESS!

All proceeds from the walk will help Family Promise Metrowest end the cycle of homelessness
by providing families with shelter, meals and professional services. Walkers raising over \$100
will be entered into a raffle to win Amazon Fire HD10 tablet, Red Sox tickets, American Girl
Dolls, Bose wireless speaker and a Authentic Autograph baseball from Jason Varitek!

The first 400 registered walkers receive a newly designed long sleeve t-shirt.

Be the first 100 walkers to raise \$500 and receive a Family Promise Metrowest embroidered
Pack N Go Jacket from Charles River Apparel

Remember to qualify for the VIP raffle and the Pack N Go Jacket all donations must be in to
Family Promise by Friday, April 7 at 5:00pm.

<http://walkawayhomelessness.familypromisemetrowest.org>

or call 508-318-4820.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY



Planning for Summer?

Think Big Adventure V.B.S!
The church's summer camp
Registration Is Now Open
Join us for beginning of summer fun!
June 26- June 30
9:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.
For children entering grades 1-6
Register at hillschurch.org

Cost:
\$100.00 first camper - \$75.00 siblings
For more information
Sallyt@hillschurch.org

Fun
Science
Games
Arts
Field Trips
Service

YOUTH MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

LENTEN "WEDNESDAY WORKSHOPS"

6:00-8:00 p.m. during Lent

Sure it's a weeknight, but you have to eat, right? For the season of Lent, we're going to have a different workshop each Wednesday. Come for dinner at 6:00, followed by some hangout and discussion time.

April 5 Caring for Others: Footwashing, Justice, and Other Weird Churchy Things

COMING SOONER THAN YOU THINK: HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH RETREAT

APRIL 28-30

Who: Grades 7-12

Where: Craigville Retreat Center on Cape Cod

What: Hills Church Olympics, campfires, great food, and music

HILLS CHURCH CALENDAR

THURSDAY, March 30

9:30 a.m. Clergy Meeting

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

6:30 p.m. New Beginnings

FRIDAY, March 31

7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

SATURDAY, April 1

SUNDAY, April 2

9:00 a.m. Lectionary Bible Study Group

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

11:00 a.m. Community Hour

11:30 a.m. Inquirers' Gathering

11:30 a.m. Pastor Parish Relations

11:30 a.m. Children's Choir

4:00 p.m. Hills Bells Rehearsal

7:30 p.m. Sunday Night Lenten Group

7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

MONDAY, April 3

7:30 p.m. Board of Deacons

7:30 p.m. Children's Ministry Team Meeting

TUESDAY, April 4

9:30 a.m. Tuesday Morning Lenten Group

WEDNESDAY, April 5

10:00 a.m. Bible and the News

6:00 p.m. Youth Group Lenten Dinner and "Wednesday Workshop"

8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, April 6

9:30 a.m. Clergy Meeting

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

12:00 p.m. Staff Luncheon

1:00 p.m. North Hill Tea

6:30 p.m. New Beginnings

7:30 p.m. Church Council

This Sunday's Scripture Readings

1 Kings 19:3-8

John 6:51-58

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.

Submissions are due Monday by 5:00 p.m.