

Events at the Hills

WELLESLEY HILLS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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OPPORTUNITIES

BIBLE AND THE NEWS - A WEEKLY STUDY WITH REV. MATT WOOSTER
Wednesdays, 10:00-11:00 a.m. in the Church Library.
Upcoming texts: John 14:15-21 on April 26.

HABITAT VOLUNTEER TIME

Want to volunteer for a day with Habitat for Humanity?
Join us on May 20 for construction work or ReStore
sorting in Lawrence.



May doesn't fit your schedule? This year we will also
have three summer volunteer days in Holliston! We will
be helping to build a house for one of our former Family Promise guests. Mark your summer
calendars now for July 22, August 19, or September 16. Contact Elaine Vildzius,
Vildzius@gmail.com for more information or to sign up for any of these dates.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY IS MAY 14

You are cordially invited to take part in this special celebration of welcoming our confirmands as
they make their public commitment to this faith and the Church!

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. Refreshments 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.



Progressive Dinner

*An Annual, Adult Event
Sponsored by Parish Life
Saturday, April 29, 2017*

RESERVATION DEADLINE IS MIDNIGHT THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 23.
SIGN UP TODAY!

This year's dinner is scheduled for Saturday, April 29, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Assembly Room for hors d'oeuvres, wine, beer, and soft drinks. (Each guest is asked to bring an appetizer to this cocktail hour at the church.) Then, we will progress to various members' homes for dinner!

What's on the menu, you ask? Chicken Pot Pie. *In 2007, in an article for NPR entitled, "Restoring Humble Potpie to Its Rightful Place," Kevin Weeks wrote, "The humble potpie was once the height of culinary style. Filled with four and twenty blackbirds, for example, it was, at least in the nursery rhyme, a dainty dish to set before the king."*

Parish Life agrees! So, chicken pot pie, it is! Followed by a refreshing salad to complete this course.

The main course, salad, and wine are provided by the Parish Life committee and delivered to the host houses in the afternoon. We ask hosts to provide a dessert for their guests but they are excused from providing an appetizer for the cocktail hour.

The cost of the event is \$20.00 per person, payable at the door.

The Progressive Dinner is a WONDERFUL way to get to know the members of our church family a bit better!!

In addition to sharing a meal with our church friends, we ask you to share a meal with our community by bringing to the cocktail hour a canned food item for the food pantry.

If you are interested in attending or hosting, please contact David Otten at otten@mit.edu.

NO LATER THAN MIDNIGHT THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 23!

Or you may sign up at Community Hour.

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).

OUR NEXT FAMILY PROMISE HOSTING WEEK BEGINS SUNDAY, MAY 14



Please let either Tricia Frank or Marbo Hansen know if you would like to help make our guests feel welcome.

And please remember, while no training is needed for most volunteer positions, training is required for individuals wishing to serve as overnight or meal hosts.

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 Cindy Jaczko – cindy@jaczko.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)

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

THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 23

THE CONVERSATION STARTER PROJECT – PART II

Harold Wilkinson, M.D. and Rev. Judy Swahnberg, Facilitators

11:30 am – Reception Room

If you found the March 19 Conversation Starter Project discussion helpful, you won't want to miss the additional support provided during this follow-up session.

SUNDAY, APRIL 30

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

Adam Isbitsky, M.Div. candidate, Seminarian 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.

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

YOUTH MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Hills Church Youth Retreat



April 28-30 — Cape Cod

Who: Grades 7-12

Where: Craigville Retreat Center on Cape Cod

What: Bible study, beach time, and board games.

Register now!

Registration forms and family contributions of \$100 per youth are requested by April 17.

HILLS CHURCH CALENDAR

THURSDAY, April 20

- 9:30 a.m. Clergy Meeting
- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Pine's Edge Tea
- 6:30 p.m. New Beginnings

This Sunday's Scripture Readings
Psalm 16
John 20:19-31

FRIDAY, April 21

- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. Connections (at the home of Dottie Laughlin, 135 Benvenue Street, Wellesley)

SATURDAY, April 22

SUNDAY, April 23

- 9:00 a.m. Lectionary Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. Community Hour
- 11:30 a.m. Adult Ed. Event (Conversation Starter Project - Part II)
- 11:30 a.m. Teaching Parish Committee
- 11:30 a.m. Children's Choir
- 11:30 a.m. Youth Groups
- 4:00 p.m. Hills Bells Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

MONDAY, April 24

TUESDAY, April 25

- 6:30 p.m. Caring for the Caregivers
- 7:30 p.m. Search Committee

WEDNESDAY, April 26

- 10:00 a.m. Bible and the News
- 11:00 a.m. North Hill Worship Service
- 7:00 p.m. African Indian Alliance
- 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, April 27

- 9:30 a.m. Clergy Meeting
- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. New Beginnings

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.