

Events at the Hills

WELLESLEY HILLS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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OPPORTUNITIES

REV. WENDY VANDER HART TO PREACH AT THE HILLS CHURCH THIS SUNDAY



I am honored to welcome Rev. Wendy Vander Hart to the pulpit of the Hills Church this Sunday, April 30. Wendy is the Associate Minister for the Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ. In this role, she serves the Metropolitan Boston Association, in which the Hills Church is a member congregation. Wendy assists with pastoral searches and transitions, provides support for churches and pastors, and provides vision and leadership for ministry in the United Church of Christ. She regularly preaches to congregations around the conference, and I am delighted to welcome her to preach on Sunday.

- Matt Wooster

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!

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 - or [JUST CLICK HERE](#) to volunteer.

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.

The next training class will take place on Tuesday, May 2, at 7:00 p.m. at Christ the King Church, 600 Central Street, in Holliston.

SEARCH AND CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Search and Call Committee for the settled associate minister for youth and families position will meet this week to receive an orientation to the United Church of Christ search process from Rev. Wendy Vander Hart, Associate Conference Minister of the Massachusetts Conference, UCC. Following this orientation, the members of the committee will be introduced to the congregation and commissioned during a worship service.

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.

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).



Progressive Dinner
An Annual, Adult Event
Sponsored by Parish Life
This Saturday, April 29, 2017

This year's dinner begins 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 - and a canned food item for The Wellesley Food Pantry - to this cocktail hour at the church.) Then, we will progress to various members' homes for a sumptuous Chicken Pot Pie dinner, complete with salad and dessert.

The cost of the event is \$20.00 per person, payable at the door - but if you haven't already registered for this event, you need to e-mail David Otten right now, at otten@mit.edu - and keep your fingers crossed. (David may - or may not - still be able to find a place for you!).

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 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

Fun
Science
Games
Arts
Field Trips
Service

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.

HILLS CHURCH CALENDAR

Contact Katherine Blaisdell for more information – Katherine@hillschurch.org

THURSDAY, April 27

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

FRIDAY, April 28

- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

SATURDAY, April 29

- 6:00 p.m. Progressive Dinner

SUNDAY, April 30

- 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 (Johannine Corpus – Adam Isbitsky and Pash Obeng)
- 11:30 a.m. Pastor Parish Relations 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, May 1

- 7:30 p.m. Board of Deacons

TUESDAY, May 2

- 7:30 p.m. Search Committee

WEDNESDAY, May 3

- 8:00 a.m. All Church Calendaring Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Membership Classes I and II
- 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, May 4

- 9:30 a.m. Clergy Meeting
- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. Staff Luncheon
- 6:30 p.m. New Beginnings

This Sunday's Scripture Readings
Psalm 116:1-9
Acts 4:1-4, 23-37

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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