

Events at the Hills

WELLESLEY HILLS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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OPPORTUNITIES

WELCOME, KIRSTEN OBEROI!

We are delighted to announce that Kirsten Oberoi will be joining us here at the Hills Church as our new Music Coordinator for Children and Youth, beginning in August.



A native of Quincy, MA, Kirsten is thrilled to be involved in the music community of the South Shore with the South Shore Children's Chorus and also as the Choral Director at Ahern Middle School in Foxborough, MA. Kirsten graduated with a Bachelor of Music degree in Composition from Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego, CA. Her award-winning compositions are available at www.jwpepper.com.

In only two years of activity within the San Diego music community, Kirsten founded and created four different choral programs for children – most notably, her after-school choral program at San Diego High School and the SACRA/PROFANA Summer Choral Intensive, which served 78 students in its first year (2014) and 97 students in its second year, representing over 35 different high schools. She founded the South Shore Children's Chorus in her hometown of Quincy, MA in 2016, and the program now serves over 60 students year-round.

Other notable choral experiences include conducting the Intermediate Level Choir at San Diego Children's Choir in 2013-2014, helping to prepare (and performing in) the on-stage chorus for Disney Theatrical's U.S. Premiere of *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* in 2014, and singing professional choral performances as a core member of SACRA/PROFANA. Kirsten's singing voice can be heard on the soundtrack for the live action *Beauty and the Beast* film, released by Walt Disney Pictures in March 2017.

Kirsten is thrilled to start working with the wonderful children at The Hills Church!

SEARCH AND CALL COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP AFTER CHURCH, THIS SUNDAY, JUNE 4

An important part of the search process for a Settled Associate Minister for Youth and Families is to reflect on our church's strengths and hopes. As members of the Search and Call Committee, we want you to join the conversation about the future of the church ministry. To that end, the Search and Call Committee will also hold a second discussion session **at 11:30 a.m. this Sunday, June 4, in the Reception Room** to listen to your thoughts.

In addition, please remember to take time to complete the survey we have prepared. Surveys are available electronically – and hard copies will also be available at the church this Sunday.

The survey is intended to help define the congregation's strengths and a vision for our future ministry. The information gathered will also inform candidates about the character of the church and to identify a minister who fits with our vision.

Any additional feedback can be provided in person to a committee member or via e-mail at familyandyouthminister2017@hillschurch.org. We appreciate your assistance in the search for our Associate Minister.

Sincerely,

Mimi D'Angelo (co-chair), Nicholas Bahn, Daniel Bruchez, David Otten, Jennifer Rossetti, Dave Thornton, Josh Waetzig (co-chair), and Rev. Matt Wooster

CONNECTIONS TOMORROW, JUNE 2 AT 6:30

The June 2 meeting of Connections will be at Judy Swahnberg's home at 29 Kenilworth Road, Wellesley. This is a revised date for a combo May/June gathering. Bring a salad, wine, desserts, bread or just your sweet self! All are welcome! Please RSVP to Judy by the close of business on Thursday, June 1.



IN RECOGNITION OF 2017 HILLS CHURCH GRADUATES

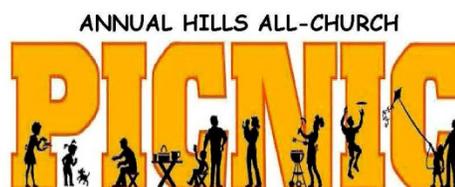


degrees, please forward name, degree, and institution.)

On Celebration Sunday, June 11, we will acknowledge and honor all Hills Church graduates. If you know of any graduates from high school, college, or graduate school, please forward their names exactly as they will appear in the Sunday Order of Worship and in *Events at the Hills*, as well as the graduating institution, by next Monday, June 5, to Cynthia at cynthia@hillschurch.org. (Note: for undergraduate and graduate

THIS YEAR'S CHURCH PICNIC IS 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 on 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.



TEA WITH MINISTER - 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 on **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.

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.

THE NEXT FAMILY PROMISE METROWEST TRAINING CLASS IS NEXT TUESDAY, JUNE 6



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 is at 7:00 p.m. **next Tuesday, June 6**, in Natick. Please contact Tricia Frank (pdfrank@comcast.net) if you would like to attend.

And, Family Promise has an opening for an afternoon van driver to drive Family Promise guests back and forth between the Day Center and the churches serving as host congregations. The hours are **Monday-Wednesday, from 3:30 to 7:00 p.m.** and applicants must be at least 18.

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 18th Any questions contact Katie McCabe: klm4192@yahoo.com.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE SUPPORT BOARD'S MISSIONARY TRAVEL EXPENSE POLICY.

The Christian Service Support Board believes that serving others in the name of Jesus is paramount to our faith and our lives as Christians. It increases our understanding of ourselves

and our global neighbors and ignites our sympathy for their struggles and hardships. Mission activities enhance not only the lives of those who serve, but also the entire congregation as we learn from the experiences of others.

To that end, the Christian Service Support Board is delighted to announce our policy on reimbursing missionary travel expenses, funded through the Visioning Account. This summer, these funds will help two members of our congregation serve in Karnataka, India with Reverend Pash Obeng as part of our church's support of the African Indian Alliance, our partner in missions.

Who is eligible to apply? All members of the Wellesley Hills Congregational Church traveling internationally on a non-youth sponsored WHCC mission trip are eligible.

What is the process? Individuals interested in serving in India during the summer of 2018 should speak to Pash in the Fall 2017 about the opportunity.

How much money will each missionary be awarded? Travelers will be reimbursed a portion of their airfare. This amount will not exceed \$2,000 per traveler or \$10,000 for all participants in a given year. You may contact the Chair of the Christian Service Support Board, Elaine Vildzius (vildzius@gmail.com) for further information.

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.

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



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

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

YOUTH MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

YOUTH GROUPS

The youth group (grades 7-12) will meet for the last time before summer **this Sunday, June 4, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** Come for dinner and discussion. Bring a friend!

Parents: Volunteers to bring dinner are welcome!

Email katherine@hillschurch.org for information.

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 1

- 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

1 Corinthians 12:4-12

John 3:1-8

FRIDAY, June 2

- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

SATURDAY, June 3

SUNDAY, June 4

- 9:00 a.m. Lectionary Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. Community Hour
- 11:30 a.m. Search and Call Open Forum/Discussion
- 4:00 p.m. Hills Bells Rehearsal
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Groups
- 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

MONDAY, June 5

- 7:00 p.m. Youth Ministry Team
- 7:30 p.m. Board of Deacons

TUESDAY, June 6

- 5:30 p.m. MACUCC Council Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. Search Committee

WEDNESDAY, June 7

- 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

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

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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