

# Events at the Hills

WELLESLEY HILLS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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## OPPORTUNITIES

### 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!

### CONCERT TO BENEFIT FAMILY PROMISE METROWEST



On Saturday, May 13, bring your friends and family to hear singer-songwriter Laura Vecchione celebrate her third album release, *Love Lead*, with a benefit concert to support Family Promise Metrowest. The concert will take place at The Center for the Arts, 14 Summer Street in Natick (TCAN), at 7:30 p.m., with a reception to follow.

Laura Vecchione is a sultry, soulful performer whose voice feels much like an old friend's embrace, and whose songs express the hope and courage necessary to overcome hard times. Joining Laura is Jodi Heights, with her supple Broadway tinged voice and her brilliant lyrics that plumb the depths of everyday life, ranging from cheeky to heartbreaking.

Visit [www.lauravmusic.com](http://www.lauravmusic.com) to hear Laura's music and [www.familypromisemetrowest.org](http://www.familypromisemetrowest.org) to purchase tickets for the event. Contact Carole Brodrick with any questions 781-864-7433.

### OUR NEXT FAMILY PROMISE HOSTING WEEK BEGINS SUNDAY, MAY 14

Please let either Tricia Frank ([pdfrank@comcast.net](mailto:pdfrank@comcast.net)) or Marbo Hansen ([marbo@hansenlink.com](mailto:marbo@hansenlink.com)) 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.

### TEA WITH A MINISTER - TUESDAY, MAY 16 AT 1:30 PM

We have a very special treat planned for the May Tea – with three of our own church members presenting their beautiful world of artistry!

Lucy Sur, Dwight Garland, and Dottie Laughlin will present three very different styles and concentrations of their art. Lucy is primarily a botanical and landscape artist – working in watercolor – and still lifes in acrylic.

Dwight is best known for his portraits, but experiments with other subjects as well. And Dottie focuses primarily on landscape oils.



Our three guests will bring in several examples of their art and talk about process, how they began their painting careers, and how they keep current and promote it today. What a lovely way to spend your afternoon!

We will meet in the Reception Room on Tuesday, May 16 at 1:30. Please call Cynthia in the church office at 781-235-4424 if you need transportation to and/or from the church.

#### 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](mailto:Vildzius@gmail.com) for more information or to sign up for any of these dates.

#### GRACE KNIGHT BABSON CHILDREN'S CHOIR PERFORMANCE - SUNDAY, MAY 21

Every year Babson College hosts the annual religious education program of the Grace Knight Babson Fund. The Fund makes financial contributions to Wellesley religious institutions that perform at the event. Children from the Hills Church have participated in this annual event for more than 40 years, and our Children's Choir will continue this tradition on May 21 of this year. Held on Wellesley Wonderful Weekend, it is a great way to celebrate Wellesley and its many religious institutions. So, please join us on Sunday afternoon, May 21, at 4:00 p.m. - at Babson College. Ask Ingrid Lestrud or Sally Tomasetti for details.

#### 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/Amtrack, from Amazon: <https://goo.gl/Q0zGUC> from Walmart: <https://goo.gl/G66k4X>

Place in the grey bins around church until June 18<sup>th</sup> Any questions contact Katie McCabe: [klm4192@yahoo.com](mailto:klm4192@yahoo.com).

#### SEARCH AND CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Search and Call Committee for the settled associate minister for youth and families position is now active, having had its second meeting this past week. Co-Chaired by Mimi D'Angelo and Josh Waetzig, the committee also includes Nick Bahns, Daniel Bruchez, David Otten, Jennifer Rosetti, David Thornton, and Rev. Matt Wooster. This past week, the committee welcomed Associate

Conference Minister Rev. Wendy Vander Hart, who was very helpful in laying out the key components of the Search and Call process and who will continue to be a valued resource during the coming months. The committee will be commissioned by the Congregation on May 7 – and will be formally reaching out to key constituencies within the congregation on a regular basis for input into the search process. In addition, all members are encouraged to share their thoughts and recommendations at any time by either contacting a committee member directly or sending an email to [familyandyouthminister2017@hillschurg.org](mailto:familyandyouthminister2017@hillschurg.org). Thank you in advance for your support!

#### 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](mailto:akoteen@gmail.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 contact Cindy Jaczko – [cindy@jaczko.com](mailto: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](mailto:williams.becky.m@gmail.com)) or Jeff Thomas ([mr\\_jpt@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:laurieotten50@gmail.com).

## 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](http://hillschurch.org)

Cost:  
\$100.00 first camper - \$75.00 siblings  
For more information  
[Sallyt@hillschurch.org](mailto:Sallyt@hillschurch.org)

Fun  
Science  
Games  
Arts  
Field Trips  
Service

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## YOUTH MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Please watch this space for upcoming events, including another Wednesday Workshop series and an end-of-year party!

## HILLS CHURCH CALENDAR

### 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 23  
John 10:1-10

### FRIDAY, May 5

- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

### SATURDAY, May 6

- 9:00 a.m. 12-Step Meeting

### SUNDAY, May 7

- 9:00 a.m. Lectionary Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. Community Hour
- 11:30 a.m. Confirmation Class
- 11:30 a.m. Children's Choir
- 4:00 p.m. Hills Bells Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

### MONDAY, May 8

- 7:30 p.m. Children's Ministry Team Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. Christian Service Support Board Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. Stewards Support Board Meeting

### TUESDAY, May 9

- 7:30 a.m. Technology Ministry Team
- 11:30 a.m. Confirmation Class
- 5:00 p.m. Food Pantry Client Supper
- 6:30 p.m. Confirmand Dinner
- 7:30 p.m. Search Committee

### WEDNESDAY, May 10

- 7:00 p.m. Property Maintenance Committee
- 7:30 p.m. Care Team Ministry - Team Leader Meeting
- 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

### THURSDAY, May 11

- 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

### 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](mailto: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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