

Events at the Hills

WELLESLEY HILLS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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OPPORTUNITIES

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY IS THIS SUNDAY, 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



This 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 to hear Laura's music and 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 THIS SUNDAY, MAY 14

Please let either Tricia Frank (pdfrank@comcast.net) or Marbo Hansen (marbo@hansenlink.com) know if you would like to help make our guests feel welcome – or JUST CLICK HERE to volunteer. Please note that we are still in need of overnight hosts for Friday and Saturday, May 19 and 20.

Also, 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 two training classes are on Thursday, May 18, and Tuesday, June 6, in Sherborn and Natick, respectively. Both classes begin at 7:00 p.m. Contact Tricia Frank (pdfrank@comcast.net) if you would like to attend either class.

And finally, 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 years old. Interested parties are encouraged to contact Family Promise directly at 508.318.4820.

TEA WITH A MINISTER – NEXT 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 next 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 Saturday, 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.

SEARCH AND CALL COMMITTEE TO HOLD TWO DISCUSSION SESSIONS

The Search and Call committee for the Associate Minister position will be holding discussion sessions to gather feedback from the church. It is our hope that we can define the church's community identity, strengths, gifts, vocations, and visions for the future. All are encouraged and welcome to attend.

The sessions will be held in the Board Room on Sunday, May 21 and in the Reception Room on Sunday, June 4. Both sessions will begin at 11:30 a.m. To gather additional information from the church, surveys will also be distributed and members will have the option to complete the survey on paper or online.

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*

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.

IN RECOGNITION OF 2017 HILLS CHURCH GRADUATES

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 Monday, June 5, to Cynthia at cynthia@hillschurch.org. (Note: for undergraduate and graduate degrees, please forward name, degree, and institution.)



GRADUATION SCARVES



In June, we will give graduation scarves to graduating high school students of the Hills church, as a symbol of the love of their church family which will continue to surround them as they go out into the world. We have many graduates, and need a few more scarves. Would you be willing to knit a scarf? Women's Ministry will provide a pattern and yarn. Please contact Laurie Otten, laurie.otten@verizon.net or 617-965-5875. Thank you!

---Women's Ministry

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/Q0zGUC> from Walmart: <https://goo.gl/G66k4X>

Place in the grey bins around church until June 18th Any questions contact Katie McCabe: klm4192@yahoo.com.

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.

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).

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.

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.

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. More details will be given when you are signed up for a shift, and a coordinator will be present to direct you.

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.

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

YOUTH GROUP

Next youth group series: Wednesday Workshops Part 2!
Weekly from 6-8 p.m., May 10 through June 7.
Come for dinner and discussion. Bring a friend!
Parents: Volunteers to bring dinner are welcome!
Email katherine@hillschurch.org for information.

FAMILY PROMISE SET-UP

Help Hills Church host families without their own shelter
by setting up bedrooms in the third-floor classrooms.
All youth grades 7-12 are invited to help.
This Sunday, May 14, after church, approximately 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

HILLS CHURCH CALENDAR

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

This Sunday's Scripture Readings
Luke 10:29-37
John 7:37-39

FRIDAY, May 12

- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

SATURDAY, May 13

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

SUNDAY, May 14 – Confirmation Sunday, Family Promise Hosting Week Begins

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

MONDAY, May 15

TUESDAY, May 16

- 1:30 p.m. Tea with Ministers
- 7:30 p.m. Board of Deacons
- 7:30 p.m. Search Committee

WEDNESDAY, May 17

- 7:30 p.m. Youth Group Wednesday Workshop
- 7:30 p.m. NAMI Meeting
- 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, May 18

- 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.

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