

# Events at the Hills

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## REV. WOOSTER AT WELLESLEY VIGIL FOR CHARLOTTESVILLE

On Sunday evening, August 13, Rev. Matt Wooster gave the opening message at the Wellesley Vigil in Solidarity with Charlottesville on the lawn of the Town Hall. The vigil was quickly organized by the World of Wellesley following the violence and loss of life in Charlottesville, VA, on August 12, and was announced at the August 13 ecumenical worship service here and on the church's Facebook page. The Vigil included moments of silence for the three people who died in Charlottesville and a time of reflection led by Michelle Chalmers, the president of World of Wellesley. Messages were given by Rev. Wooster and Tiffany Steinwert, the Dean of Religious and Spiritual Life at Wellesley College.

Matt described the vigil as a meaningful experience. "We stood in a circle with about 150 people of all ages, from Wellesley and surrounding towns. Children and teenagers held their candles side by side with wise people of their grandparent's generation who have learned how to respond to tragedy with hope and renewed commitment to love."

In his opening message, Matt spoke of the hope that responds with love.

"Tonight, as we hold this vigil in solidarity with the people of Charlottesville, it is an affirmation of our vision of a better world. May we find, in community and in solidarity, the vision and the courage to create a different community, a different nation, a different world. May we be inspired and emboldened to be co-creators of that vision in which the sins of white supremacy, anti-Semitism, and racism have no place, no ground, no opportunity. One relationship at a time, one neighborhood at a time, one school, workplace, team, and organization at a time, the world will become a place of justice and peace."

## A SHARED MEAL – A SHARED COMMITMENT



What is it about sharing a meal that brings people together? Not physically together but emotionally, spiritually together. As a faith community we share our communion meal together. We don't often take communion alone, we never "brown bag" our own communion bread but then eat alongside others in the church. As children we shared meals with our families. Perhaps this seems like just good time management for busy parents to have one person cook for everyone in the house, but once you sit together everything changes. All at the table can appreciate the food and also the cook. There is something special about a shared meal.

This summer our Habitat for Humanity work crews had the privilege of sharing lunch provided by a few members of our congregation. For the most part these were simple lunches of sandwiches, chips, fruit and cookies, but after working for four hours in the hot sun, to wander over to a picnic table that had been set with a tablecloth, fresh food that hadn't been sitting in a hot car and cold lemonade was a wonderful treat! And as is the case with food, the spread easily stretched to provide lunch for others on the site as well as our own group. The foremen shared the freshly picked apples and had sandwiches. Clark, the young man, who was the Family Promise coordinator at his Needham church, shared the homemade applesauce and wonderful gooey brownies. Often there was some fruit or chips left over to have a small snack at the end of the afternoon.

As Christians we are asked to be the hands and feet of Christ in the world. At Habitat we wind up being the sore knees and tired backs of Christ as well. To have someone take the time to nourish us and cook for us, lifts us up and makes the work

seem easier. It is like getting a hug from our congregation. Thank you to Carol and Jerry Cole, Felicia and Burt Payne and Harriet Dishman for that collective hug.

Our next Habitat build date is **Saturday, September 16**. If you'd like to help – whether by swinging a hammer or making a sandwich – visit the church's Habitat SignUpGenius – or contact Janeen Hansen ([hans1234@comcast.net](mailto:hans1234@comcast.net)) or Elaine Vildzius ([vildzius@gmail.com](mailto:vildzius@gmail.com)) with your questions.

## OPPORTUNITIES

### RALLY DAY IS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

**COME FOR WORSHIP!  
STAY FOR ICE CREAM!**



The Hills Church celebrates the beginning of a new year of program ministries **on Sunday, September 10**. Children and Youth in new grades will be welcomed to their new classrooms and ministries. The Chancel Choir will return to lead worship, and the Parish Life Ministry Team will host the annual Ice Cream Social on the front lawn after worship!

- 9:00 a.m.** Adult Lectionary Bible Study begins.  
Orientation for Kindergarten students and parents and anyone new to Children's Ministry at the Hills Church.
- 10:00 a.m.** Worship Service - with the Chancel Choir and Rev. Matt Wooster's sermon "All We Owe is Love" on the text "owe no one anything, except to love one another." Romans 13:8.
- 10:15 a.m.** Pre-Kindergarten - 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited to Church School.
- 11:00 a.m.** Ice Cream Social on the front lawn.
- 11:30 a.m.** Confirmation Kickoff and Family Information Session.
- 4:30 p.m.** Open House for 7<sup>th</sup> grade students and parents and anyone new to the Youth Ministry at the Hills Church.
- 5:00 p.m.** Youth Group Kickoff - Grades 7-12.

## SIGN UP TO TEACH CHURCH SCHOOL IN THE FALL

Parents, grandparents, members, caring adults the children of the church need your wisdom, your caring support, and your grace. Please help the Children's Ministry extend God's love to our youngest members.

- Volunteer in the nursery
- Teach in the toddler and pre- k room or in the rotation classrooms
- Shepherd a grade or mentor older grades

**Teaching in the Church School is fun and rewarding – and it's NOT HARD!** It is a four week commitment, and full job descriptions for each role are available on the church website. If you are new to this role, Sally, Erin, Josh or the Christian Ministry Team will teach you everything you need to know, pair you with an experienced teacher, and cover for you if you need to miss a Sunday.

To sign up, fill out a church school commitment form, go to the Children and Youth page on the church website or e-mail Sally at [sallyt@hillschurch.org](mailto:sallyt@hillschurch.org).

## SUMMER CHILDCARE

During the summer weeks childcare for under 5's is in the Nursery room. Ms. Emily will share a Bible story and singing time each week. Older grade classes resume on Rally Day, September 10. Children's worship bulletins and coloring sheets will also be available.

FAITH FORMATION  
DEACONS/ SPIRITUAL CARE  
STEWARDS  
CHRISTIAN SERVICE

*time, Talents & Tacos*

yes  
tacos!

**Save the Date**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2017

**STAY FOR A SPECIAL EVENT AFTER THE OCTOBER 1 WORSHIP SERVICE  
FIND OUT MORE ABOUT ALL OF THE CHURCH'S MINISTRY TEAMS  
DISCOVER WHERE YOUR GIFTS ARE NEEDED**

**SAVE THE DATE FOR HONDURAS HOPE – JUNE 2018  
INFORMATION SESSION AND APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE – SEPTEMBER 17, 2017**

Youth and adults will travel to Honduras next June for a week of learning and working. Make life better by working with your hands alongside amazing people, teaching little ones, and sharing in women’s empowerment activities. This is both a Youth Mission Trip and an intergenerational one! Grades 7&8 are invited with a parent; high schoolers can come independently. Applications for the limited number of spaces available will be accepted in September. **Learn more at an info session after church on September 17!**



**AFRICAN INDIAN ALLIANCE – SAVE THE DATE  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 3:00 to 5:00 P.M.**



On Sunday afternoon, September 24, the African Indian Alliance will present a program update on this year’s ministries. Come see and experience the wonder of the work that continues to unfold on the ground. Education—and companion ministries—are making a difference in the lives of some of India’s poorest, most marginalized people. When we work together, we truly create a positive impact in our world

*Rev. Pash Obeng, Nena Radtke, Kelly Ford, Sarah Pedersen,  
Rev. Lauren Lorincz, Don Frederico, Katie McCabe, and Stephen Obeng*

**YOUTH LEADERSHIP INTERNS WANTED!**

High School youth can apply to be Youth Leadership Interns. Interns will work with Rev. Katherine and the Youth Ministry Team on planning youth groups, retreats, and service projects. Take a role in making YOUR youth ministry awesome! And get a jump on leadership experience for your college application. Email [katherine@hillschurch.org](mailto:katherine@hillschurch.org) for a full internship description and application.

## **WELCOME, TONY PATTI**

Please extend a very warm Hills Church welcome to Tony Patti, who joined the Hills Church staff on Sunday, August 6, as our new Part-time Weekend Sexton.

Tony will be here every Sunday morning to make sure the Sanctuary and the church's common areas are ready for the Sunday worship service and any other activities scheduled to take place that day – and to provide assistance to members and guests both before and during the service and through the end of the coffee hour which follows.

Tony is a seasoned facilities maintenance professional with more than twenty years of experience in the field, and he comes highly recommended. He will report to Cynthia Gordan, our Church Administrator.

In addition to his new role here, Tony will also be continuing to work in a similar capacity at the St. Mark's School in Southborough and the Southborough Housing Authority. He lives in Natick.

Please take a moment after this Sunday's service to introduce yourself and add your welcome to mine as Tony begins his responsibilities as the newest member of the Hills Church family.

*Matt Wooster*

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## **YOUTH MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES**

### **PLEASE TAKE OUR ANNUAL SURVEY!**

#### **Parents:**

<https://goo.gl/forms/D6gPPAgWksDs0ZnL2>

Or scan code:



#### **Youth:**

<https://goo.gl/forms/E2AejKMu22a5LgAv1>

Or scan code:



### **SEPTEMBER 10: YOUTH GROUP KICKOFF AND OPEN HOUSE**

If you're new to our church (or you just want to hang out with us for a few minutes), we'd love to see you at our Open House – so we can introduce you to our Youth Ministry! Get the details at <https://www.facebook.com/hillschurchoyouth/>

This year, we're teaching Youth Group by season. Youth are ALWAYS welcome to show up whenever you can. But as you're looking at sports and extra-curriculars this year, consider adding a six-ish-week block of Youth Group into your schedule.

Youth Group will meet most Sundays from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., and each block, e.g., Finding Friends, Loving Others, will focus on a different spiritual discipline. Learn more at the Open House!

## PARISH REGISTER

Congratulations to:

**Marbo Hansen and Dave Hansen** on the birth of their granddaughter, **Margaret "Maggie" Jane Polonsky**, born on the 4<sup>th</sup> of the July, at 7 pounds, 14 ounces, and to Maggie's parents, **Kimberly Hansen Polonsky and Joseph "Joey" Polonsky**.

**Diane and Nick Orf** on the birth of their son, **Adam George Orf**, on August 4, at 7 pounds, 8 ounces

Prayers of joy and celebration on the summer baptisms of:

**Colette Noelle Goss**, daughter of **Kristen Hewett Goss and Patrick Goss**,

**Lincoln Sessions Goulet**, son of **Loi and Jon Goulet**,

**Jane Rose Rhinesmith**, daughter of **David and Julia Rhinesmith**, and

**Rowan Capri Bent**, daughter of **Simone Bent**.

Prayers of joy and celebration for:

**Melita Mullen and Ramsay Finger** on their June 17 wedding in Madison, Wisconsin. **Melita** is the daughter of **Bob and Alice Mullen**.

**Peter Walton and Christina Rosenthal** on their July 30 wedding. **Peter** is the son of **Jim and Susan Walton**.

Prayers of sympathy for:

**Hope Bucklin** and family as they continue to mourn the death of **Donald Hartwell Bucklin**, who passed away on October 21, 2016 at the age of 94. A private, graveside memorial service was held Friday, July 7, 2017 in Providence, Rhode Island.

The family of long time church member **Dorothy L. Sherrer**, who passed away at age 88 on July 2, 2017. A memorial service was held at the Doherty Funeral Home on July 7.

**Jennifer Rossetti** and her family on the death of her father, **John King**, on July 3, 2017 at age 88. A funeral service was held on Saturday July 8, at West Charlton United Presbyterian Church, West Charlton, NY.

The family of longtime church member **Julia Stagg**, widow of **Howard Stagg**. Julia passed away on April 1, 2017 at the age of 97. A private graveside funeral was held on July 18 at Woodlawn Cemetery.

The family and friends of **Marjorie McDermott**, on her recent death. Marjorie was the Hills Church alto soloist for many years prior to a debilitating stroke in 1998. A concert in her memory will be held at the Hills Church on Saturday, September 23, at 4:00 p.m.

**Nick Bahns** and family on the death of his grandmother, **Evelyn Ament**, at the age of 90, in Nebraska.

**Elizabeth Robertson** and family, on the recent death of her 63 year old nephew, **Chris Houge**, in Seattle, Washington.

**Noreen Young** and family on the August 4 death of her 91 year old father, **Richard "Dick" Young**.

## **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.**

Submissions are due **Monday by 5:00 p.m.**

## PARISH REGISTER - CONTINUED

Prayers of healing and wholeness for:

**Pam Broderick's** mother, **Penny Wright**.

**Lois Dotter**, at home.

**Donna Kent's** 32 year old granddaughter, **Tammy Paar**, in cancer treatment in Wisconsin.

**Bill Marth's** mother, **Mary Lou Marth**.

**Mary Ruth Negro**, continuing in treatment.

**Marilyn Nutting's** brother, **Tom McCarthy**, continuing in rehabilitation.

**Kyla P'an's** stepmother, **Lee Reynolds**, recovering after treatment.

**Tia Pinney**, recovering from surgery.

**John Schuler**, recovering from surgery.

**Martin Schultz**, in cancer treatment.

**Guil Specer**, recovering after a hospitalization.

**Beverly Stewart's** daughter, **Susan McGee**.

**Kristin Toffer's** father, **Hans Toffer**, in hospice care in Dallas, Texas.

**Robert Williams' mother**, **Susie Williams**.

**Myralee Wilson's** sister, **Bonnie Rose**, undergoing treatment.

Continuing prayers from our congregation for:

**Matt Schuler**, son of **John and Dwin Schuler**, in Pennsylvania.

**Martha Spencer**, **Bill Spencer's** sister.

To request a pastoral visit or to update information, please e-mail [judy@hillschurch.org](mailto:judy@hillschurch.org) or call the church office (781.235.4424).

## HILLS CHURCH CALENDAR

### THURSDAY, August 24

6:30 p.m. New Beginnings

### FRIDAY, August 25

7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

### SATURDAY, August 26

### SUNDAY, August 27

10:00 a.m. Worship Service – Here!

11:00 a.m. Community Hour

7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

### MONDAY, August 28

### TUESDAY, August 29

7:30 p.m. Search Committee

### WEDNESDAY, August 30

### THURSDAY, August 31

6:30 p.m. New Beginnings

### FRIDAY, September 1

7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

### SATURDAY, September 2

This Sunday's Scripture Readings

Exodus 1:13-22

Romans 12:1-3