

# Events at the Hills

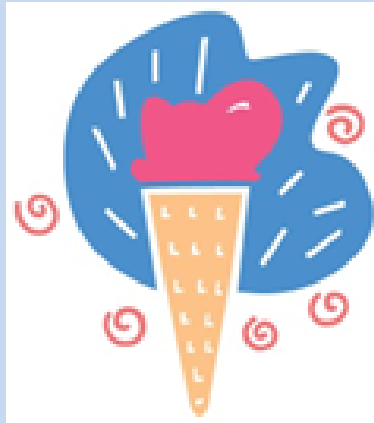
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## RALLY DAY IS THIS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

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



The Hills Church celebrates the beginning of a new year of program ministries **this 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 after the Children's Message.
- 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.

## WELCOME, KIRSTEN OBEROI!



We are delighted to welcome Kirsten Oberoi as our new Music Coordinator for Children and Youth.

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](http://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! Choir practice begins right after worship **on Sunday, September 17!**

### **INTRODUCTION TO THE REFORMATION – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, AT 11:30**

The Adult Education Ministry Team's fall program begins **right after worship on Sunday, September 24**, when our star seminarian, Adam Isbitsky, will be making a return visit and will lead a session he describes in the following words:

*The Protestant Reformation comes into its 500th year in 2017. In this session we will introduce the basics of some of the main people involved in the Reformation and their historical contexts. We will discuss important concepts that differentiated then-new Protestant theology and ecclesiology from the dominant Christian paradigms of the 16th century. We will trace themes of Protestantism that still flavor the United Church of Christ today, with a focus on the heritages of the Hills Church's history.*

**In the Reception Room – at 11:30.**

### **SIGN UP TO TEACH CHURCH SCHOOL THIS 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).

### **DONATION MADE TO THE COMBINED JEWISH PHILANTROPIES**

The Holocaust Memorial in downtown Boston was vandalized not once – but twice – this summer. In light of the recent racist and anti-Semitic events here and around the country the church Christian Service Support Board voted to send a donation to the Combined Jewish Philanthropies, the organization that is collecting funds to repair the memorial. This donation is intended as a sign of solidarity with our Jewish neighbors and the greater Boston community on behalf of our whole congregation.

### **THE COMMUNITY HOUR MINISTRY TEAM IS RAMPING UP**



Consider sharing your gift of hospitality and welcome by volunteering to help!

Five or six people are needed each week to ensure that each Sunday there are beverages, pastries and fruit waiting for our members and guests to enjoy after worship – while they catch up with friends (old and new).

The Community Hour Ministry Team already has a Team Leader in place for each week – to guide, help or train anyone interested in helping – and is seeking volunteers to fill out each of its weekly team rosters.

[Click here if you'd like to help](#) or call or e-mail Anne Leland for more information - 617-669-6512 or [akoteen@gmail.com](mailto:akoteen@gmail.com).

### **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*

### **HABITAT IS FOR EVERYONE!**

The Hills Church has an active group of volunteers who participate in Habitat for Humanity's home building projects and sale of gently used furniture to families in need. Wish you could help? Now you can!



Our next Habitat build date is **next 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.



**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 Sunday, September 17!**



## HILLS CHURCH CALENDAR

### **THURSDAY, September 7**

- 9:30 a.m. Clergy Meeting
- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. New Beginnings
- 7:30 p.m. Church Council
- 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

This Sunday's Scripture Readings  
Romans 13:8-14  
Matthew 18:18-20

### **FRIDAY, September 8**

- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Connections (at the home of Dottie and Phil Laughlin)

### **SATURDAY, September 9**

#### **SUNDAY, September 10 – Rally Day and Ice Cream Social**

- 9:00 a.m. Lectionary Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. Community Hour (Ice Cream on the Front Lawn)
- 11:30 a.m. Confirmation Kick-off and Family Information Session
- 4:30 p.m. Youth Ministry Open House
- 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

### **MONDAY, September 11**

- 7:30 p.m. Board of Deacons

### **TUESDAY, September 12**

- 4:30 p.m. Food Pantry Client Supper
- 7:30 p.m. Search Committee
- 8:00 p.m. Adult Ed. Ministry Team Meeting (at the home of Rich and Meg Sweeting)

### **WEDNESDAY, September 13**

- 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

### **THURSDAY, September 14**

- 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
- 7:00 p.m. African Indian Alliance

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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:



### THIS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, AT 4:30 P.M.: 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 **this Sunday, at 4:30** – so we can introduce you to our Youth Ministry! Get the details at <https://www.facebook.com/hillschurchyouth/>

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!

### THIS MONTH: FINDING FRIENDS: A SERIES ON FRIENDSHIP



You've probably had an experience or two that has taught you the power of a good friendship and the danger of a destructive one. Teenagers, though, sometimes have difficulty seeing the way their friendships influence them. So, in this series, we'll be discussing how to choose our friends wisely, exploring the qualities of a healthy friendship, encouraging students to build friendships with wise people, and learning to see Jesus as our best and truest friend.

### 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.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES NEWS AND EVENTS

### **RALLY DAY IS HERE AGAIN! CHURCH SCHOOL STARTS THIS SUNDAY.**

Welcome back to all our church babies! If you are new to the Hills Church, please let us know. We would love to hear how we can best serve your family. Pre K through 8th grade have Church School. All grades start in the Sanctuary then go to class during the Passing of the Peace. We look forward to welcoming your child to class.

### **GOT A KINDERGARTENER?**

Kindergarten orientation will be held **at 9:00 this Sunday morning**. Our goal is to make sure all of our new third floor friends are happy and comfortable and receive an age-appropriate Bible.

### **SECOND AND THIRD GRADE COMMUNION CLASS**

In preparation for World Communion Sunday, all second and third graders (and any children who missed this class in previous years) are invited to learn about why and how we take Communion, and what this sacrament means. This class is offered in three parts: during Church School **on September 17 and 24** – and after the Worship **Service on September 24**, when the children will join Matt in the Sanctuary for a walkthrough. (Parents are welcome!)

### **FIFTH GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION**

How cool is it to get your own Bible? Each September, we present all fifth graders (and any sixth graders who have not previously received one) with an age-appropriate Bible of their very own. This year's presentation is set for **September 17 during the Worship Service**, and we would dearly love your fifth grader to be there. Please contact Sally this week if they can attend.

### **VISIT OUR VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY TABLE THIS SUNDAY**

Come visit our information table **after this Sunday's Worship Service**. We will be outside on the front lawn during the Rally Day Ice Cream Social – and we would love to chat! We still need teachers and other helpers throughout the year, so please consider volunteering. We have fun!

### **CHILDREN'S CHOIR BEGINS MEETING AFTER WORSHIP ON SEPTEMBER 17**

Kirsten Oberoi, our new Music Coordinator for Children and Youth, is excited to meet everyone and get started. Join Kirsten after worship in the Third Floor Children's Chapel **next Sunday**. Children's Choir is for all grades who what to sing.

### **CLUBNIGHT3:6**

This is a fun evening gathering for children in grades 3-6 – and it is always a big hit with the kids. For this night to happen, we are looking for two helpers willing to form a team with Sally and Katherine. A young adult. A dad. A fun-loving older adult. We need you to share God's joy with this age group. We do games. We play sports. We get messy. But mostly, we build relationships. Can you help?

### **CHILDREN'S BELLS**

If you have a child in Grade 4 or above who is interested in ringing, please contact Martha Stowell - [cpbranwell@gmail.com](mailto:cpbranwell@gmail.com). Meeting times for Bells practices are flexible.