

Events at the Hills

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God Speaks From The Heart

A Lenten Sermon Series
by Rev. Matt Wooster

February 11 The Gift of Emotions
February 18 A Sense of Gratitude
February 26 A Sense of Incompleteness
March 4 A Sense of Awe

God speaks to us through our emotions. When we feel a sense of gratitude, a sense of incompleteness, or a sense of awe, these are movements of God's Spirit. Entering the season of Lent, we reflect on how we nurture and pay attention to these important emotions.

RUMMAGE SALE 2018: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The WHCC rummage sale is an annual event that will take place this year **on Saturday, April 7, 2018**, from 8:30 a.m. till noon. We need all kinds of help, at a range of times, including help with collection, sorting, and set up the week before sale day as well as take down and cleanup afterward. You don't need to commit to an entire day, and there are times that you can bring your kids.

If you haven't signed up yet, please contact carolacole@verizon.net to lend a hand. Thank you!

Carol Cole & Monica Garfield
2018 Rummage Chairs

NEW MEN'S GROUP FOR AGES 30'S, 40'S, 50'S – NEXT WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 7:30 P.M.

A new church men's group is beginning for members and friends of the church in their thirties, forties, and fifties. Facilitated by Rev. Matt Wooster, this group will focus on building friendships and growing together in faith.

The first meeting will be **Wednesday, February 28**, at the home of Raleigh Shoemaker. Meetings will continue on the fourth Wednesday of each month, rotating among the homes of those group members who are willing to host (no expectations).

To RSVP and join the email list, contact Rev. Matt Wooster at mattw@hillschurch.org.

THIS YEAR'S SUNDAY NIGHT LENTEN GROUP BEGINS MEETING THIS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

This year's Sunday Night Lenten Group will begin its Lenten journey **this Sunday, February 25, and continue on March 4, 11, and 18 from 7:30-9:00 p.m.** The first meeting will take place in the Reception Room at church. The remaining three meetings will be held at Nancy and Bob Anthony's home.

We will read *The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World* by His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu, exploring how we can live with joy in the face of life's inevitable sorrows. The authors reflect on how "they have been able to discover a level of peace, of courage, and of joy to which we can all aspire in our own lives."

Co-facilitators are Robin Swanberg and Kelly Ford. All are welcome to participate. Join us on our Lenten journey! Questions? Email Judy: judy@hillschurch.org or Kelly: tjfketos@rcn.com

CHILDREN'S BOOK COLLECTION

The church is collecting children's books throughout the month of February for the benefit of The Grow Clinic at Boston Medical Center.

www.bmc.org/pediatrics-growclinic.htm

The books are given to the children when they are receiving treatments or when waiting for a sibling. This picture was taken after our donation last year.

Collection bins will be inside the church entrances for your new and gently used children's books.

Questions? Contact Donna McCabe
dmccabe4@comcast.net



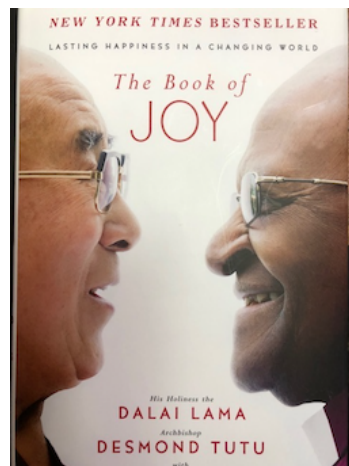
JOIN MARY HILL CANAVAN AND JUDY SWAHNBERG ON A CONTINUATION OF THE TUESDAY MORNING LENTEN GROUP'S LENTEN JOURNEY

The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World

By His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu

How can we live with joy in the face of life's inevitable sorrows? Through their personal stories, teachings and the science of joy, the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Tutu reflect on how "they have been able to discover a level of peace, of courage, and of joy to which we can all aspire in our own lives."

Please join us as we continue together on our Lenten Journey, **Tuesday mornings, now through March 20, from 9:30 to 11:00**, in the Church Library, co-facilitated by Rev. Judy Swahnberg and Mary Hill Canavan – in the church library.



We will put the teachings of the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Tutu to practice using their Spiritual “Joy” Practices for “developing mental immunity” as our framework. Each weekly session will encourage trying out different spiritual practices: lectio divina, tonglen, walking meditations, haiku walking, silent retreat, centering prayer, etc. We will encourage each other to carry over the practice into the rest of the week, and also to share our own experiences: what works, what’s hard, what’s healing, what insights we have. All are welcome to participate. Questions? Email Judy: judy@hillschurch.org or Mary: mhillcanavan@gmail.com

FAMILY PROMISE NEWS AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Please consider volunteering during **our next Family Promise Hosting week, which begins February 25 and runs through Sunday, March 4.**

- Provide Dinner (no training needed)
- Shop for food & supplies (no training needed)
- Host Dinner
- Overnight Host
- Make Breakfast on Saturday
- Do Laundry (no training needed)
- Help set up and break down bedrooms (no training needed)

Trained volunteers may sign up on line at <http://cerv.is/m?0002> You will need to set up a profile, if you have not already done so. (Anyone can set up a profile using the link above, but you can only sign up to volunteer for responsibilities requiring training if you have, in fact, been trained.) If you already have a profile, scroll to the bottom of the page and 'Sign In' – and if Cervis is not your thing, you can always contact Tricia Frank pdfrank@comcast.net or Neely Dodge nadodge@me.com, and they can sign you up.

Information about upcoming training sessions follows. All classes start at 7:00 p.m. and typically finish around 8:30. Please contact Tricia Frank at pdfrank@comcast.net or Neely Dodge at nadodge@me.com with any questions. They can also help you sign up for training classes.

Newton Highlands CC	54 Lincoln St., Newton	Thursday, February 22	
UU Area Church	11 Washington St., Sherborn	Tuesday, March 6	
TBD		Thursday, March 22	kkcanning@comcast.net
The Dover Church	17 Springdale Ave., Dover	Tuesday, April 3	
UU Wellesley Hills	309 Washington St, Wellesley	Thursday, April 19	

Also, please mark your calendars for future 2018 hostings:

- May 20-27
- September 9-16
- December 23-30 (We will have help from other congregations.)

SING WITH CHILDREN'S CHOIR ON PALM SUNDAY!

On Palm Sunday, March 25, the Children's Choir will be singing a fun and exciting number with the Chancel Choir. Come join us for only a few rehearsals and sing to celebrate this day! All grades K & up are welcome.

REHEARSALS: After church on Sundays until noon

March 4th, March 11th, and March 18th

Meet at 9:30am on Sunday, March 25!



E-mail Mrs. Oberoi for more info, **or just come on Sunday March 4 after church** and join us! Kirsten@hillschurch.org

BIBLE AND THE NEWS



A Weekly Study with Rev. Matt Wooster
Wednesdays, 10:00-11:00 a.m. in the Church Library
Discussion on how the scriptures relate to the news of the day and the news of our lives. Each week will be stand-alone discussion of the Biblical passages to be read in worship. Come every week or drop in when you can.

SHARE YOUR GIFT OF HOSPITALITY AND WELCOME

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. Call or e-mail Anne Leland for more information or to volunteer - 617-669-6512 or akoteen@gmail.com.

PLEASE CONSIDER TEACHING DURING THE WINTER OR SPRING MONTHS

We need church school teachers this spring. Please consider teaching our children about God. Each Sunday we need twelve volunteers to run the school, could you be one?

- Cuddle a new born
- Sing with the Under 5's
- Grow with a Kindergartner
- Discover with an elementary school age child
- Mentor a pre-teen

Sign up sheets are available on each Church School floor. For more information, please contact: Sally Tomasetti - sallyt@hillschurch.org or visit the church website.



EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

If you would like to give Easter lilies in memory of—or in honor of—a loved one, please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate or send it to the church office by **Monday, March 26**.

You may donate whatever amount you wish. Checks should be made payable to the *Wellesley Hills Congregational Church*. Please note *Easter Flowers* on the memo line of your check.

My donation for Easter Flowers is given (PLEASE PRINT)

In memory of: _____

or

In honor of: _____

Given by: _____

Mail your check to:
WHCC - 207 Washington Street
Wellesley Hills, MA 02481



HILLS CHURCH CALENDAR

THURSDAY, February 22

- 9:30 a.m. Clergy Meeting
- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. New Beginnings

FRIDAY, February 23

- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

SATURDAY, February 24

SUNDAY, February 25 – Family Promise Hosting Week begins

- 9:00 a.m. Lectionary Bible Study
- 9:15 a.m. The Hills Ringers Rehearsal
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. Community Hour
- 11:30 a.m. Children's Choir Practice
- 11:30 a.m. Confirmation Class
- 4:00 p.m. Hills Bells Rehearsal
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Group
- 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. Sunday Night Lenten Group

MONDAY, February 26

- 7:30 p.m. FCAP/Master Plan Meeting

TUESDAY, February 27

- 7:30 a.m. Technology Ministry Team
- 9:30 a.m. Lenten Group – The Book of Joy
- 7:30 p.m. Search Committee

WEDNESDAY, February 28

- 10:00 a.m. Bible and the News
- 11:00 a.m. North Hill Worship Service
- 7:30 p.m. Men's Group – at the home of Raleigh Shoemaker
- 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, March 1

- 9:30 a.m. Clergy Meeting
- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. New Beginnings

This Sunday's Scripture Readings
Isaiah 58:1-12
Romans 7:14-17

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

YOUTH MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

YOUTH GROUP: MAKE IT A HABIT: A LENTEN SERIES ON SPIRITUAL HABITS



If you're an adult, the idea of spiritual habits is probably pretty familiar to you. Spiritual disciplines, quiet time, devotions — whatever you call it, you've probably established at least a few rhythms that help you grow spiritually. (Or, at least, you're working on it.) The teenagers in your life, on the other hand, might need a little help from you to figure out how, exactly, to grow spiritually. So in this series, coinciding with the beginning of Lent, we'll help our

students discover four habits that can help them grow spiritually. The four habits we'll cover are **Spending Time with God, Spending Time with Others, Sharing Your Story, and Using Your Gifts**. By introducing these habits now, we hope to set them up for a lifetime of spiritual growth.

Make It a Habit: February 25 and March 4, 11, 18, and 25

SENIOR PROJECTS ARE COMING!

Wellesley High students, are you looking for a senior project partner? Hills Church is happy to work with you! Contact Rev. Katherine katherine@hillschurch.org to talk about how we can work together.

SAVE THE NEW DATE: SPRING RETREAT

May 4-6 @ Craigville Center, Cape Cod

Grades 7-12



Each Sunday in February grades Kindergarten through 4th grade will watch movies based on the Parables.

Before film, or even the written word, lessons of life, faith, and morality were passed from generation to generation through exciting, inspiring stories. They were, and still are, a universal teaching tool! Jesus Christ taught his followers through parables because He understood that storytelling can engage people of every walk of life, at every level of education, wealth, or age. Today, that same storytelling is accomplished through movies. Through film, complex ideas can be broken down into understandable messages that inspire as they relate the stories on screen to experiences in their own lives and connect to the Bible message. These Veggie Tales short films are modern-day parables that will make the Bible come alive. Join us as we **GO TO THE MOVIES!**



Prayers of healing and wholeness for:

Ron Alexander's brother, **Scott Alexander**, having health concerns in Michigan.
Ruth Andress' sister, **Marcia Jester**, receiving medical care in Springfield, MA
Sue Boller's mother, **Mary Boller**, having surgery in Portland, Oregon.
Carol Cole's brother, **David Hall**, who is scheduled for surgery on February 28.
Anne Coursey's nephew, **Trevor Moynihan**.
Ann Findeisen's husband, **Rob Sokolove**, in treatment.
Christoph Hoffmann, receiving medical treatment.
Donna Kent's granddaughter, **Tammy Paar**, in cancer treatment in Wisconsin.
Jack Morgan's sister-in-law, **Janet Sefczek**, and Jack's nephew, **Daniel Dawson** – both in cancer treatment.
Bill Sansone, recovering from surgery.
Gloria Schluntz, recovering at home after a recent hospitalization.
Martin Schultz, in cancer treatment.
Guil Spencer, at Lincoln Commons.
Sue Spencer's father, **Ed Potter**, at Lincoln Commons.
Beverly Stewart's daughter, **Susan McGee**.
Dan Sturtevant's mother, **Betty Sturtevant**, with health concerns in Washington, D.C.
Bob Tomasetti's sister, **Rita Colavito**, in North Carolina, with health concerns.
Rob Ann Tomlinson, at home with health concerns.
Gintas Vildzius' brother **Don Vildzius**, receiving medical care in Connecticut.
Becky Williams' cousin, **Tami Blais**, in treatment.
Betsy Wooster's mother, **Margaret Craft**, at home recovering in South Carolina.
Matt Wooster's mother, **Donice Wooster**, in cancer treatment in Ohio.

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 or call the church office (781.235.4424).