

Events at the Hills

WELLESLEY HILLS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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IT'S TIME TO "SPRING AHEAD"

Daylight Saving Time begins **this Sunday, March 11**. It officially starts at **2:00 a.m. local time**, so please remember to move your clocks ahead one hour before you turn in Saturday night so you don't miss this Sunday's Worship Service!

SPECIAL MUSIC SUNDAY – SUNDAY, MARCH 18!

Sunday morning (March 18), during our regular 10:00 a.m. worship service, our Chancel Choir and soloists will be accompanied by a chamber orchestra in presenting two beautiful works by the great Italian baroque composer, Antonio Vivaldi. Director of Music John Finney will conduct.

Vivaldi is well known for his many orchestral works (such as "The Four Seasons," and literally hundreds of other instrumental concertos); his most familiar choral work is his sprightly setting of the "Gloria," which our Chancel Choir has presented on several occasions over the past years.

On Sunday morning, March 18, the Chancel Choir will present two works by Vivaldi which are less well-known: his "Kyrie in G minor" and his "Credo in E minor." The "Kyrie" is remarkable for its surprising turns of harmony; the "Credo" features the kind of exciting orchestral accompaniment that makes Vivaldi's music so engaging and memorable.

You won't want to miss this very special musical offering! We hope you'll invite your friends and neighbors to come and be inspired by this beautiful and soulful music!



EASTER EGG HUNT

This year the hunt will take place **Saturday, March 24, from 9-11a.m.** Enjoy breakfast, a petting zoo, an appearance by the Easter Bunny, crafts, and of course the hunt (with prizes)! [Just click on this link](#) or e-mail egg hunt@hillschurch.org by Tuesday, March 15, with the number of adults and children, so we can provide food and prizes...then, HOP ON OVER! Rain or shine, the Hunt is indoors in the event of cold or inclement weather.

HELP OUT WITH THE EGG HUNT!

The Hunt will be Saturday, March 24 from 9-11a.m. We expect around 400 guests will have a great time with breakfast, games, and THE HUNT! This is an important community and outreach event for our church and a really fun time for all! To help out go to <http://tinyurl.com/whcchunt18> or e-mail Erin Johnson (emmetcalf@gmail.com).

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 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

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

PLEASE COME TO THE NEXT SENIORS MINISTRY TEA - MARCH 20, AT 1:30 P.M.



Poet, scholar, and writer, Meena Alexander writes that "... the task of poetry is in some way to reconcile us to our world and to allow us a measure of tenderness and grace with which to exist."

We're always looking for more tenderness and grace, right? So please join us for tea, cookies, and conversation – and if you have a favorite poem, bring it along.

We look forward to seeing you **in the Reception Room at 1:30 on Tuesday, March 20.**

THE SUNDAY NIGHT LENTEN GROUP'S MEETS AT 7:30 P.M. – ALL ARE WELCOME

This year's Sunday Night Lenten Group will continue its reading of *The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World* by His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu, **on Sunday evenings, March 11, and 18 from 7:30-9:00 p.m.** All three remaining meetings will be held at the home of Nancy and Bob Anthony.

In their book, His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond 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." Using the lessons shared by the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Tutu, this Study Group is focused on exploring how we can live with joy in the face of life's inevitable sorrows.

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: tjketos@rcn.com



THE HILLS BELLS – GETTING READY FOR EASTER!

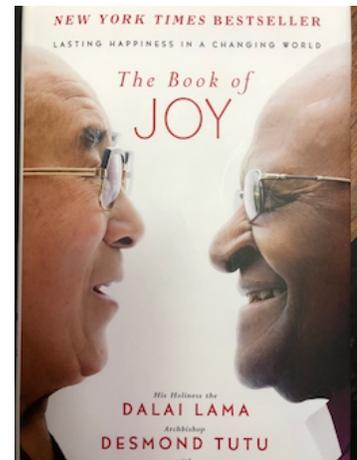
JOIN MARY HILL CANAVAN AND JUDY SWAHNBERG ON A CONTINUATION OF THE TUESDAY MORNING LENTEN GROUP' S LENTEN JOURNEY

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 TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

We are so grateful to all who helped during the latest Family Promise Hosting week. The two families who stayed with us were very appreciative, and loved the home cooked dinners after long days. One family of four was out the door every morning at 5:30 a.m. and didn't return until 7:30 each evening, having been to the babysitter, school, work, daycare, etc.

As Judy Mongiardo, the Network Coordinator for Family Promise, put it, "... the welcoming home you created for the two moms and the children we currently have could not have been more appreciated. Both have very full schedules: Sarah, especially as she travels long distances to work

and childcare. Having delicious meals waiting at the end of such a day, experiencing the care of each volunteer, settling into private, comfortable space each evening made their lives manageable. They could arrive knowing that they had several hours of rest and loving care before the daily routine began again. You created the vital support from which they could diligently pursue their goals.”

Our next hosting is May 20-27.

Some Family Promise volunteer opportunities require the completion of a two-hour training course.

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.

UU Area Church	11 Washington St., Sherborn	Tuesday, March 6	lmartinsen@verizon.net
Christ the King	600 Central St. Holliston	Thursday, March 22	Laurieotten50@gmail.com
WHCC	207 Washington St. Wellesley	Sunday, March 25	Laurieotten50@gmail.com
The Dover Church	17 Springdale Ave., Dover	Tuesday, April 3	kkcanning@comcast.net
UU Wellesley Hills	309 Washington St, Wellesley	Thursday, April 19	lmartinsen@verizon.net
WHCC	207 Washington St. Wellesley	Tuesday, May 1	Laurieotten50@gmail.com

Also, please mark your calendars for future 2018 hostings:

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

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.

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.

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?

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.

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, please contact Rich Sweeting - rich@sweeting.us.

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: March 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



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: _____

<p>Mail your check to: WHCC - 207 Washington Street Wellesley Hills, MA 02481</p>
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HILLS CHURCH CALENDAR

THURSDAY, March 8

- 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
Numbers 21:4-9
John 3:14-21

FRIDAY, March 9

- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. Connections (at the home of Judy Swahnberg, 29 Kenilworth Road in Wellesley)

SATURDAY, March 10

SUNDAY, March 11

- 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. Care Team Ministry Luncheon
- 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, March 12

TUESDAY, March 13

- 9:30 a.m. Lenten Group – The Book of Joy
- 4:30 p.m. Food Pantry Client Supper
- 7:30 p.m. Search Committee

WEDNESDAY, March 14

- 10:00 a.m. Bible and the News
- 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, March 15

- 9:30 a.m. Clergy Meeting
- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. New Beginnings
- 7:30 p.m. Christian Service Support Board

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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