

# Events at the Hills

WELLESLEY HILLS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Volume 3, Issue 70, March 22, 2018

[www.hillschurch.org](http://www.hillschurch.org)



## EASTER EGG HUNT

This year the hunt will take place **this 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 [egghunt@hillschurch.org](mailto:egghunt@hillschurch.org) to register, and provide us with information about the number of adults and children who will be coming, 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!

This year's Easter Egg Hunt is **this 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](mailto:emmetcalf@gmail.com)).

## HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES

**Maundy Thursday**, March 29, 8:00 p.m. service of Holy Communion and Tenebrae, the service of "shadows."

**Good Friday**, March 30, Noon worship, followed by silent vigil in the sanctuary  
and a liturgy for the end of the vigil at 2:45 p.m.

**Easter Sunday**, April 1, 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Matt Wooster will give the Easter sermon at both services.

Both services will also include the Hills Bells and the Chancel Choir, accompanied by organ, brass and timpani.

Holy Communion will be celebrated at 11:00.

## EASTER FLOWER DEDICATIONS

If you would like to give Easter lilies in memory of—or in honor of—a loved one, please let the church office know by **next 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.

**MEN'S GROUP 30'S - 50'S - MEETS NEXT WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 7:30 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. IN THE CHURCH RECEPTION ROOM**

The new church men's group for members and friends of the church ages 30's - 50's meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month. Facilitated by Rev. Matt Wooster, this group focuses on building friendships and growing together in faith. To RSVP and join the email list, contact Rev. Matt Wooster at [mattw@hillschurch.org](mailto:mattw@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](mailto:carolacole@verizon.net) to lend a hand. Thank you!

*Carol Cole & Monica Garfield, 2018 Rummage Chairs*

**AN UPDATE FROM THE SEARCH AND CALL COMMITTEE**

The search and call committee for the Associate Minister for Youth and Families continues its discernment. Beginning in the fall, we began receiving profiles and have done screening interviews with numerous candidates. We are now moving into the phase of the process where we are bringing select candidates to Wellesley for face to face interviews. These are scheduled for March and April. In the meantime, we are still receiving new candidate profiles to consider.



**THE HILLS BELLS - GETTING READY FOR EASTER!**

## DOES YOUR HEART YEARN TO REACH OUT? THEN JOIN THE CARE TEAM MINISTRY!



We welcome anyone with an empathetic heart who would like to reach out to members of the congregation who are experiencing health, bereavement or other challenges.

You will be assigned a team and then every fourth week the ministers will notify your team via email about individuals needing more care or celebration. Team members then respond as their heart guides them.

You are asked to serve at least a year, but may sign up or resign at any time. Our new calendar starts with Easter, so if you are interested, please email Rev. Judy Swahnberg: [judy@hillschurch.org](mailto:judy@hillschurch.org) or call Judy at the church.

### Rev. Judy Swahnberg's Sabbatical

We are pleased to announce that Rev. Judy Swahnberg will be taking a well-earned three-month sabbatical **beginning April 16 and continuing through July 15**. Sabbatical leave is a regular practice for clergy who serve in congregations, recognizing the benefit of this time for rest and restoration. Please join us in offering her our prayerful hope and trust for this time of refreshment and spiritual renewal.

At the Hills Church, a three-month sabbatical is typically scheduled after six years of ministry, and Rev. Swahnberg is in the middle of her seventh year as a called minister with us. The schedule for this sabbatical has been carefully planned in consultation with the Rev. Matt Wooster and the Board of Deacons. The last clergy sabbatical was taken by Rev. Pash Obeng in 2014.

We are also pleased to announce that Adam Isbitsky has agreed to serve as an interim part-time associate minister during Judy's time away. In this capacity, Adam will take on many of the weekly ministerial responsibilities, including worship leadership and pastoral care. Adam knows the congregation very well from his two years as a seminarian here, and he is now a licensed minister in the United Church of Christ. We look forward to welcoming Adam in this new role.

Look for more information about this sabbatical time in early April, right after Easter.

*Rev. Matt Wooster, Senior Minister  
Ruth Persson and Nancy Simons, Senior Deacons*

### JOHN FINNEY CONDUCTS AT SYMPHONY HALL

**On Saturday, April 7** at 1:00 p.m., our Director of Music, John Finney, will conduct the University Chorale of Boston College and the Boston College Symphony Orchestra in a concert at Symphony Hall in Boston ([301 Massachusetts Avenue](https://www.bostoncollege.edu/artsandsciences/symphonyhall)). This is in honor of John's 25th year as Conductor of the Boston College Chorale. The concert will feature selections from Mendelssohn's "Elijah" and Orff's "Carmina Burana," along with other choral and orchestral favorites. Tickets (extremely reasonably priced!) will be available through the Symphony Hall Box Office beginning soon. For up-to-date ticket information, visit the website of the University Chorale at <https://choralebc.com/>



### FAMILY PROMISE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

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](mailto:pdfrank@comcast.net) or Neely Dodge at [nadodge@me.com](mailto:nadodge@me.com) with any questions. They can also help you sign up for training classes.

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	<a href="mailto:kkcanning@comcast.net">kkcanning@comcast.net</a>
UU Wellesley Hills	309 Washington St. Wellesley	Thursday, April 19	<a href="mailto:lmartinsen@verizon.net">lmartinsen@verizon.net</a>
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.)

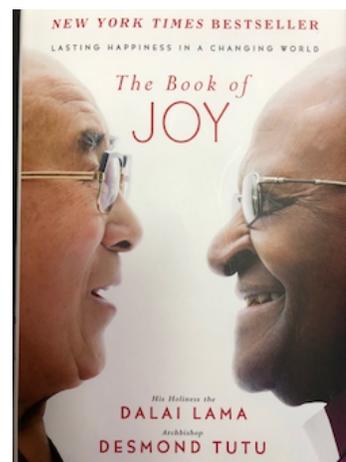
**JOIN MARY HILL CANAVAN AND JUDY SWAHNBERG ON A CONTINUATION OF THE TUESDAY MORNING LENTEN GROUP' S LENTEN JOURNEY**

***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, next **Tuesday morning, March 27, 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 are putting the teachings of the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Tutu into practice using their Spiritual "Joy" Practices for "developing mental immunity" as our framework. Each weekly session encourages trying out different spiritual practices: lectio divina, tonglen, walking meditations, haiku walking, silent retreat, centering prayer, etc. We 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](mailto:judy@hillschurch.org) or Mary: [mhillcanavan@gmail.com](mailto:mhillcanavan@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?

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

**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.

### **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](mailto:rich@sweeting.us).

### **MISSING USHERS' FLOWERS**

Flowers worn by our ushers were handmade many years ago by then church member Donna Kent. Unfortunately in recent months their number has dwindled so that there are no longer enough flowers for all the ushers. Apparently ushers have accidentally taken them home. These flowers are valuable, historical and important to the life of the church. It would be most appreciated if any former usher who has one at home would return it to the ushers' station at the church.

If the missing flowers cannot be found, is there anyone in the congregation with the skill and dedication to create more flowers?

### **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.**

### **WHCC Rummage Sale 2018**

**Saturday April 7**

**8:30-noon!**



207 WASHINGTON STREET, WELLESLEY HILLS, MA 02481

All proceeds from the sale are donated to local charities, with an emphasis on supporting organizations that help meet the needs of women and children. Known for its many bargains, the sale is one of the largest in the area.

This year, the sale will take place Saturday, April 7, but behind the scenes preparation will begin on Monday, April 2, and continue throughout the week.

Here's how you can help! (It's fun, and you get the first look at the items being donated for sale!)

- Donate items: Bring your rummage to the church during the week before the sale. Drop offs are from Monday, April 2 – Thursday, April 5 (typically from 8-2 but email [mgarfield@bentley.edu](mailto:mgarfield@bentley.edu) if you need alternative times)
- Help get the donated items ready for sale 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily. This includes:
  - Receive and sort donations
  - Stage articles for sale
  - Price items.
  - Even if you only work a couple of hours, your help can make a difference. Sign up below.
- Staff the sale itself on April 7, 8:30 to noon. Cashiers, sales assistants, clean-up, and food staff are all needed. Plan to arrive half an hour early to get your assignment and stay half an hour late to help clear any leftover items into trucks so they can be donated to other charities.
- Workers are also needed on **member's night, Friday, April 6, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.**

Please let Monica Garfield, [mgarfield@bentley.edu](mailto:mgarfield@bentley.edu), or Carol Cole [carolacole@verizon.net](mailto:carolacole@verizon.net), know if you would like to help – and please be sure to indicate which days you are willing to work, and what kind of assignment you would like to have.

Or use our

[Signup Genius](#)

Organized by: WHCC Women's Ministry

***Sorry we cannot accept: Cribs, car seats, computers, televisions, stained or ripped clothes, large pieces of exercise equipment.***

---

## 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: This Sunday, March 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](mailto: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



## HILLS CHURCH CALENDAR

### **THURSDAY, March 22**

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

### **FRIDAY, March 23**

- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

### **SATURDAY, March 24**

- 9:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

### **SUNDAY, March 25 – Palm and Passion Sunday**

- 9:00 a.m. Lectionary Bible Study
- 9:15 a.m. Hills Ringers Rehearsal
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. Community Hour
- 11:30 a.m. Children's Choir
- 11:30 a.m. Confirmation Class
- 11:30 a.m. Family Promise Volunteer Training
- 11:30 a.m. Inquirers' Gathering
- 4:00 p.m. Hills Bells Rehearsal
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Group
- 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

### **MONDAY, March 26**

### **TUESDAY, March 27**

- 9:30 a.m. Lenten Spirituality Group
- 7:30 p.m. Search Committee

### **WEDNESDAY, March 28**

- 10:00 a.m. Bible and the News
- 11:00 a.m. North Hill Worship
- 7:00 p.m. Rehearsal – Maundy Thursday Service
- 7:30 p.m. Men's Group
- 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

### **THURSDAY, March 29 – Maundy Thursday**

- 9:30 a.m. Clergy Meeting
- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 8:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship Service

This Sunday's Scripture Readings  
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29  
John 18:33-38