

Events at the Hills

WELLESLEY HILLS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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SPECIAL MUSIC SUNDAY – THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 18!

This 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.

This Sunday, 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 egghunt@hillschurch.org by next Tuesday, March 20, 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

The next rehearsal is this Sunday, March 18

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

E-mail Mrs. Oberoi for more info, or just come this Sunday 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 SENIORS MINISTRY TEA – NEXT TUESDAY, 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

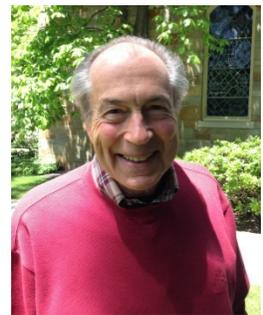
world and to allow us a measure of tenderness and grace with which to exist.”

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 next Tuesday, March 20.

THE NEXT LAY-LED WORSHIP SERVICE AND DINNER IS NEXT WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

The fourth century theologian Athanasius said the crucifixion is the climax of the incarnation: God becomes like us in Jesus that we may become like God. Martin Luther said the crucifixion is the Divine exchange: Jesus takes our life and lot that we may enjoy his righteousness and victory.



Next Wednesday evening, March 21, we will read the crucifixion narrative as it is found in the gospel of Mark, and we will let its words draw us into relationship with the One who made the ultimate sacrifice that we might enjoy his righteousness and victory. Join us for dinner at 6:00 and the worship service at 7:00.

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 SUNDAY NIGHT LENTEN GROUP 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 through this Sunday, March 18 from 7:30-9:00 p.m. 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: tjfketos@rcn.com



THE HILLS BELLS – GETTING READY FOR EASTER!

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.

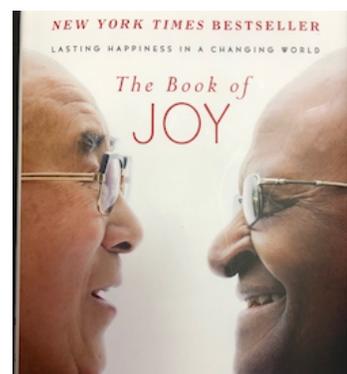
Christ the King	600 Central St. Holliston	Thursday, March 22	Laurieotten50@gmail.com
WHCC	207 Washington St. Wellesley	Sunday, March 25	Laurieotten50@gmail.com
The Dover Church	17 Springdale Ave., Dover	Tuesday, April 3	kkcanning@comcast.net
UU Wellesley Hills	309 Washington St, Wellesley	Thursday, April 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.)

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 through 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 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

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.

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?

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 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, or Carol Cole 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: March 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: _____

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

THURSDAY, March 15

9:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.
6:30 p.m. *New Beginnings*

*This Sunday's Scripture
Readings*

Jeremiah 31:31-34

7:30 p.m.	Christian Service Support Board
FRIDAY, March 16	
7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting
SATURDAY, March 17	
9:00 a.m.	NAMI Reunion
12:00 p.m.	NAMI – Family to Family
12:00 p.m.	Special Music Sunday Rehearsal
SUNDAY, March 18 – Special Music Sunday	
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
6:00 p.m.	By-laws Discussion Group
7:30 p.m.	AA Meeting
7:30 p.m.	Sunday Night Lenten Group
MONDAY, March 19	
5:00 p.m.	MBA Council Meeting
7:00 p.m.	Pastor Parish Relations
TUESDAY, March 20	
7:30 a.m.	Technology Ministry Team
9:30 a.m.	Lenten Group – The Book of Joy
1:30 p.m.	Tea with a Minister
6:30 p.m.	Caring for the Caregivers
7:00 p.m.	Property Maintenance Ministry Team
7:30 p.m.	Search Committee
WEDNESDAY, March 21	
10:00 a.m.	Bible and the News
6:00 p.m.	Lay-led Worship Service and Dinner
7:30 p.m.	NAMI Meeting
8:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir
THURSDAY, March 22	
9:30 a.m.	Clergy Meeting
10:00 a.m.	Rummage Sale Planning

10:30 a.m.

Staff Meeting

6:30 p.m.

New Beginnings