

# Events at the Hills

WELLESLEY HILLS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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## TEA WITH A MINISTER - - AND THERAPY DOG JACKSON! NEXT TUESDAY, MAY 15, AT 1:30



Everyone is invited for afternoon tea and the chance to meet Jackson and his owner, church member Lynette Banks. Jackson and Lynette visit hospitals and nursing homes, and recently they have also begun a ministry to hospice patients. Join us to learn what a therapy dog does -- and to receive your own special "dose" of love and comfort from a very special team.

So please come for tea and cookies and the chance to make a new (**and very furry**) friend.

**We will gather in the Reception Room at 1:30 next Tuesday, May 15.** Please call Cynthia in the church office at 781-235-4424 if you would like a ride to or from the church.

## MORNING MEDITATION DURING THE MONTH OF MAY

Sitting in yoga class awhile back, a comment by my instructor resonated with me – particularly given the stressful week I was having. She noted that we humans are “hard-wired for fight or flight,” anticipating the next moment often in a state of tension. This response that serves to protect us also prevents us from being fully present to the moment and to experiencing God’s grace in our lives.

So how do we step aside from anticipating these moments in the busyness of our days and stop? How do we learn to breathe, to open up space in our hearts and with that, space for God to enter in? Please join me on Tuesday mornings during the month of May when we will continue to explore the spiritual practice of meditation.

We meet **weekly – in the Reception Room – on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30.** Come as you are able – to one session – or all of them. Questions? Email Mary Canavan at [mhillcanavan@gmail.com](mailto:mhillcanavan@gmail.com).

## IN RECOGNITION OF 2018 HILLS CHURCH GRADUATES

**On Celebration Sunday, June 10,** we will acknowledge and honor all Hills Church graduates. If you know of any graduates from high school, college, or graduate school, please send their names to Cynthia at [cynthia@hillschurch.org](mailto:cynthia@hillschurch.org) **by Monday, June 4.** Please reflect the name of your graduate exactly as you would like it to appear in the Sunday Order of Worship and the church newsletter – and be sure to include the name of the institution from which they will be graduating. And finally, if you are the parent of a High School senior, please let us know whether your graduate will be in church on June 10 to receive their gift from the congregation!



### **CONFIRMATION SUNDAY IS MAY 20**

You are cordially invited to take part in this special celebration of welcoming our confirmands as they make their public commitment to this faith and the Church! Wear red, the festive color of both confirmation and Pentecost!

### **FEEDING THE HUNGRY**

There has been great interest in forming a new ministry to "Feed the Hungry". We will be having a meeting **on Sunday, May 20, in the Board Room following the Sunday worship service**. This ministry is still in the planning phase, so please join us to help shape how our congregation can serve the hungry and homeless in Boston and our local area.

### **PLAY GROUP AND STORY TIME WITH MRS. T.**



A time for our littlest disciples, for cuddlers and waddlers ages 5 and under, to share their time with each other and with God – through stories, playing and having fun. It is also a time for caregivers to gather and enjoy each other's company in a place bustling with an abundance of exuberant toddler energy. Don't think this is just a mom's group either. Dads, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and anyone with a little one is welcome. Together we nurture lasting friendships and develop a sense of home in our church family.

**Tuesday, May 15- from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.**

Church Nursery Room

[RSVP Sally](#)

### **THIS YEAR'S CHURCH PICNIC IS JUNE 10 – DON'T MISS IT!**

The Parish Life Committee and the Board of Deacons take pleasure in inviting you and your family to join us for our Annual All-Church Picnic immediately after worship on **Sunday, June 10** on front lawn. (In case of rain, we will gather, undaunted, in the Assembly Room.) Come and enjoy delectable results of our grill masters' skill at flipping burgers (including veggie burgers) and grilling hot dogs to perfection! Then, enjoy a delicious dessert provided by the Deacons. All are encouraged to dress casually, and to bring blankets or beach chairs. We will have tables and chairs on hand for our senior friends. Please plan to join in, have lunch, and help us all welcome summer! Admission is free.



### **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.

**FAMILY PROMISE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES**

**Our next hosting is May 20-27.** To help, sign up on Cervis or contact Tricia Frank at pdfrank@comcast.net. Also, 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. Contact Tricia or Neely Dodge at [nadodge@me.com](mailto:nadodge@me.com) with any questions.

TBD		Thursday, May 17	lmarthinsen@verizon.net
St. Andrews	3 Maple St. Framingham	Tuesday, June 5	lmarthinsen@verizon.net

**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).

**70,000 BOOKS FOR SALE**

Andover Newton is moving to Yale Divinity School - **BUT** 70,000 books will not be moving! These books – on topics ranging from theology, the Bible, religion, spirituality, pastoral care, art, literature, and more – will be available for sale for \$3, \$5, and \$10 each. Sale dates:

- Saturday, May 19** from 9:00AM–noon;
- Monday, May 21** from 8:30AM–8:30PM; and
- Tuesday, May 22–Friday, May 25** from 8:30AM–4:30PM.

No Early Birds please. Andover Newton School Library, [169 Herrick Rd, Newton Center, MA 02459](http://169HerrickRd.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.

In response to several requests, the Community Hour Team has recently introduced a “Self Serve” Table allowing you to choose between having your coffee poured for you, or pouring it yourself. Tea will continue to be served only at the Main Table.

We are always eager to hear your thoughts and comments and try new ideas.

**ECUMENICAL SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE  
SUMMER 2018**

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| August 5  | St. Andrew's Episcopal, 79 Denton Road, Wellesley<br>Preaching: Sara Butter, Village Church (UCC)           |
| August 12 | The Village Church (UCC), 2 Central Street, Wellesley<br>Preaching: Matt Wooster, Hills Church (UCC)        |
| August 19 | Hills Church (UCC), 207 Washington St., Wellesley<br>Preaching: Adrian Robbins-Cole, St. Andrew's Episcopal |
| August 26 | All churches resume normal schedules  |

**ALL SERVICES BEGIN AT 10:00 A.M.**

**HILLS CHURCH CALENDAR**

**THURSDAY, May 10**

- 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

**FRIDAY, May 11**

- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

**SATURDAY, May 12**

**SUNDAY, May 13**

- 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. Choir Practice – Children's Choir
- 11:30 a.m. Confirmation Class
- 4:00 p.m. Hills Bells Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

**MONDAY, May 14**

**TUESDAY, May 15**

- 9:30 a.m. Morning Meditation
- 10:00 a.m. Caring for the Caregivers
- 1:30 p.m. Tea with a Minister – and Therapy Dog Jackson!
- 7:30 p.m. Search Committee

**WEDNESDAY, May 16**

- 10:00 a.m. Bible and the News
- 7:30 p.m. NAMI Meeting
- 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

**THURSDAY, May 17**

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

This Sunday's Scripture Readings  
Acts 1:1-11  
Luke 24:36-53