

Events at the Hills

WELLESLEY HILLS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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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 the front lawn. (In case of rain, we will gather, undaunted, in the Assembly Room.) Come and enjoy the 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.



THIS SUNDAY, MAY 20, IS CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

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 **this 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.

MORNING MEDITATION DURING THE MONTH OF MAY

"I wish I could push the pause button but I just don't have time."

Growing up in a culture that sees time through the lens of such values as achievement, efficiency, and a Protestant work ethic makes taking the time to sit for 30 minutes and "do nothing" a challenging discipline to maintain. And yet, as noted by the editors of the publication "Mindful," the relaxation and focus that comes with the practice of meditation can help us "to listen better, pay more attention to the needs of others, and be present with loved ones with less distraction." Want to find out more? Please join us on Tuesday mornings in May from 9:30 – 10:30 where we will explore this practice together and notice what happens when we push that pause button....

Questions? Contact Mary Hill Canavan at 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 **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!

FAMILY PROMISE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Our next hosting week begins this Sunday, May 20, and we will be hosting four (4) adults and eight (8) children. If you would like to help make these families feel welcome and supported, please email Tricia or Neely (pdfrank@comcast.net or nadodge@me.com) and let them know – or hop onto Cervis to sign up. We still need volunteers to cover the following open slots:

- 1 Dinner Host – Sunday, 5/20/18
- 2 Overnight Hosts – Sunday, 5/20/18
- 2 Dinner Hosts – Wednesday, 5/23/18
- 1 Dinner Host – Thursday, 5/24/18
- 1 Dinner Host – Friday, 5/25/18
- 2 Overnight Hosts – Friday, 5/25/18
- 2 Dinner Hosts – Saturday, 5/26/18
- 2 Overnight Hosts – Saturday, 5/26/18
- People to take laundry home – Sunday, 5/27/18.

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 with any questions.

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

SUMMER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN THE WELLESLEY FOOD PANTRY!

The Wellesley Food Pantry is housed in the basement of our church, and helps over 250 families in Wellesley, and could use a little extra help **this summer**.

The Food Pantry needs two (2) volunteers **each Monday, beginning June 25**, to go to Roche Bros. at 8:30 a.m. and pick up all the donated food from the front of the store and deliver it to the Food Pantry. The volunteers then go through the food, looking at expiration dates and marking the bar codes.

The Pantry also needs two (2) volunteers **each Tuesday, beginning June 26**, to go to Roche Bros. at 8:15 a.m. and pick up bread, and deliver it to the Food Pantry. The volunteers will then help with deliveries, putting the final touches on the bags (produce, frozen items, bread), and then delivering the bags to our clients. There are usually 3–5 clients during any week, and each client gets an average of five (5) bags.

More details will be given when you sign up for a shift, and a coordinator will be present to direct you. Please email Tricia Frank pdfrank@comcast.net with any questions and with your availability. If you are coming with children, please give their ages. Many thanks.

2018 MISSION TRIP TO INDIA

COME TRAVEL TO THE VIBRANT VILLAGE OF MAINALLI

You're invited to join us on this year's mission trip to Mainalli, Karnataka, India, this summer (June/July) 2018. Come experience the life-changing stories you have been hearing about. You will see and meet the people in their daily environment, meet the women quilters, farmers, children, and AIA partner-on-site-staff. There's opportunity for all. Based on your interest and experiences, you can learn and participate in public health, education (English as a Second Language-ESL), quilting, tailoring classes, and micro financing.



Travelers must be at least 18 years old due to the international travel and living setting.

Questions about traveling please e-mail Katie McCabe (klm4192@yahoo.com) or Pash Obeng (pashingtono@gmail.com)

MEN'S GROUP 30'S - 50'S

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 7:30 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. - AT THE HOME OF DAN TIERNEY

The new-ish 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@hillchurch.org.

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)

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.

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**

August 5	St. Andrew’s Episcopal, 79 Denton Road, Wellesley Preaching: Sarah Butter, Village Church (UCC)
August 12	The Village Church (UCC), 2 Central Street, Wellesley Preaching: Matt Wooster, Hills Church (UCC)
August 19	Hills Church (UCC), 207 Washington St., Wellesley 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 17

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

FRIDAY, May 18

- 10:30 a.m. Memorial Service and Memorial Tea for Carol Maiden
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

SATURDAY, May 19

- 9:00 a.m. NAMI Reunion

SUNDAY, May 20 – Confirmation Sunday – Family Promise Hosting Week

- 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/Confirmation Celebration
- 11:30 a.m. Choir Practice – Children’s Choir
- 11:30 a.m. Confirmation Class
- 11:30 a.m. Feeding the Hungry Ministry Team Meeting
- 4:00 p.m. Hills Bells Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Confirmand Dinner
- 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

This Sunday’s Scripture Readings
Selected and Read by This Year’s
Confirmands

MONDAY, May 21

TUESDAY, May 22

- 9:30 a.m. Morning Meditation
- 10:00 a.m. Caring for the Caregivers
- 7:00 p.m. Women’s Ministry Team
- 7:30 p.m. Search Committee

WEDNESDAY, May 23

- 7:30 p.m. Men’s Group (at the home of Dan Tierney)
- 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, May 24

- 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