

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.



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!

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.

FAMILY PROMISE NEWS AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

We are currently hosting four families. If you would like to help, we still need volunteers to cover the following openings.

- 1 Overnight Host – Friday, 5/25/18
- 2 Overnight Hosts – Saturday, 5/26/18
- Break Down Bedrooms – Sunday 5/27/18, at 8:00 a.m.

Also, some Family Promise volunteer opportunities require the completion of a brief, but important, 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.

St. Andrews	3 Maple St. Framingham	Tuesday, June 5	lmarthinsen@verizon.net
Pilgrim Church	25 S. Main St. Sherborn	Thursday, June 21	hdragsbaek@gmail.com
St. Andrews		Tuesday, July 10	
First Parish, Framingham	24 Vernon St. Framingham	Thursday, July 26	laurieotten50@gmail.com

**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)



Would you like to become a member of the Hills Church?

Please join clergy and church members in the Reception Room for an evening Membership Class on **Wednesday, June 6, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.** Refreshments will be provided, and child care will be available on request.

This class will include information regarding Educational Programs, Service Opportunities, The United Church of Christ (UCC), Baptism, Communion and Confirmation at the Hills Church, and Community Life. We will also discuss the Order of Worship, Church Governance, the Membership Covenant and Stewardship.

If you would like to participate, please RSVP to the church office at 781-235-4424, ext 210 or via email to cynthia@hillschurch.org.

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.



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Spring “Giving Back” Concert Series

All proceeds to benefit The Boston Living Center of Victory Programs



Friday, June 8

7:30 pm

First Church in Boston
66 Marlborough St, Boston

Sunday, June 10

2:00 pm

Wellesley Village Church
2 Central St, Wellesley

**Tickets Available at
backbayringers.org**

\$20 Adults

\$15 Students and Seniors



ECUMENICAL SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE SUMMER 2018

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| 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 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

FRIDAY, May 25

- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

SATURDAY, May 26

SUNDAY, May 27

- 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
- 4:00 p.m. Hills Bells Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

This Sunday’s Scripture Readings
Isaiah 6:1-8
John 3:1-9

MONDAY, May 28 – Memorial Day – Legal Holiday – Church Office Closed

TUESDAY, May 29

- 9:30 a.m. Morning Meditation
- 7:30 p.m. Search Committee

WEDNESDAY, May 30

- 11:00 a.m. North Hill Worship
- 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, May 31

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