

# Events at the Hills

WELLESLEY HILLS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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## **PASH OBENG TO PREACH ON SUNDAY**

Pash Obeng, who serves as missionary of the Hills Church, will give the sermon during the worship service on Sunday, May 6. This marks his first return to the Hills Church pulpit since his retirement from congregational ministry here in October. Since then, Pash has continued to serve the mission of the African Indian Alliance, and was in India most recently between January and March.

## **TEA WITH A MINISTER - - AND THERAPY DOG JACKSON! 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 on 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. Come as you are able – to one session – or all of them.

We will meet **weekly – in the Reception Room – on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30.** 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!

### **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](https://www.andovernewton.org/169-Herrick-Rd-Newton-Center-MA-02459)

### **PLEASE CONSIDER TEACHING CHURCH SCHOOL IN MAY**

We need church school teachers. 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.

### **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](#)

### **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](mailto: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

**HILLS CHURCH PROGRESSIVE DINNER  
ANNUAL, ADULT EVENT  
SPONSORED BY PARISH LIFE  
THIS SATURDAY, MAY 5 - AT 6:00 P.M.**



*Progressive Dinner*

This year's dinner is scheduled for **Saturday, May 5**, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Assembly Room for wine, beer, soft drinks, and hors d'oeuvres. (Each guest is asked to bring an appetizer to the cocktail hour at the church.) Then, we will progress to various members' homes for dinner!

**What's on the menu?** Lasagna – homemade. Yes, we made lasagna four years ago. However, this year, the lasagna will be vegetarian.

The history of lasagna has been traced back to the ancient Greeks. When the Romans overthrew Greece and occupied the country around 146 BC, they set about adopting local knowledge, culture, language and food as their own. The Greek word laganon, used to describe flat dough sliced into strips, is believed to be the origin of the word lasagna. While the Greeks didn't invent the hearty pasta dish we know and love, they at least inspired one of the world's oldest pastas.

Modern day lasagna, the richly layered dish swimming in sumptuous tomato sauce, made its debut in Naples, Italy, during the Middle Ages. Laboriously crafted and fit for a crowd, lasagna was savored on special occasions. Italian immigrants brought their favorite variations to America beginning in the late 1800s

Parish Life will layer pasta, roasted vegetables, and cheeses in a savory tomato sauce. We serve it with a lovely salad and delicious bread to soak up any extra sauce.

The cost of the event is \$20.00 per person, payable at the door.

**The Progressive Dinner is a WONDERFUL way to get to know the members of our church family better!!**

For more information, please contact  
**David Otten** at [otten@mit.edu](mailto:otten@mit.edu)

**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.

### **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.

### **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).

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## **YOUTH MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES**

### **SIGN UP NOW! SPRING WEEKEND**

May 4-6 @ Craigville Center, Cape Cod

Grades 7-12

Email [katherine@hillschurch.org](mailto:katherine@hillschurch.org) for more information.



## HILLS CHURCH CALENDAR

### **THURSDAY, May 3**

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

### **FRIDAY, May 4**

- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

### **SATURDAY, May 5**

- 6:00 p.m. Progressive Dinner

### **SUNDAY, May 6**

- 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
- 11:30 a.m. Community Hour Planning
- 4:00 p.m. Hills Bells Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

### **MONDAY, May 7**

- 7:30 a.m. Board of Deacons

### **TUESDAY, May 8**

- 9:30 a.m. Morning Meditation
- 4:30 p.m. Food Pantry Client Supper
- 7:30 p.m. Search Committee

### **WEDNESDAY, May 9**

- 10:00 a.m. Bible and the News
- 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

### **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

This Sunday’s Scripture Readings  
Acts 10:44-48  
John 15:9-17