

# Events at the Hills

WELLESLEY HILLS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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**THIS YEAR'S CHURCH PICNIC IS THIS SUNDAY,  
JUNE 10**

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 this 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.



**TEA WITH A MINISTER – NEXT TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 1:30 PM**



Please join us to CELEBRATE SUMMER with an old fashioned ice-cream social! We will have iced tea, lemonade, cookies and a selection of your favorite ice creams. What do you like (or dislike) about summer? What are some of your favorite summer activities – past or present? Is there anything special on your calendar for the next few months?

Please come for some summertime treats and the chance to share plans and memories and just good conversation.

We will gather in the Reception Room at 1:30 next Tuesday, June 12. Please call Cynthia in the church office at 781-235-4424 if you would like a ride to or from the church.

**IN RECOGNITION OF 2018 HILLS CHURCH GRADUATES**

*This Sunday, June 10, is Celebration Sunday. During the Sunday morning worship service, we will acknowledge and honor all Hills Church graduates. This is an important Hills Church tradition. Please plan to join the celebration.*

#### **HABITAT IN THE SUMMER!**

*We will be having two Habitat for Humanity build days this summer. The first will be on July 21 and the second on August 25. This summer, we will be heading to Northborough, partnering with the Greater Worcester chapter of Habitat. There is a SignUpGenius available and you can sign up as early as you know your schedule. Not a SignUpGenius fan? Send Elaine Vildzius an email ([vildzius@gmail.com](mailto:vildzius@gmail.com)) or call the church office. Come join the Hills Church Habitat Team!*



**SIGN UP TO TEACH IN THE FALL...VISIT THE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TABLE THIS SUNDAY**

Parents, grandparents, members, caring adults we need your wisdom, experience, love, your caring support, your time and your grace. Please consider helping the Children's Ministry Team extend God's love to our youngest members. Consider teaching in the Church School this Fall. Contact [Sallyt@hillschurch.org](mailto:Sallyt@hillschurch.org) or visit the Children's Ministry Team table during this Sunday's Church Picnic!

**THANK YOU DEAR CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS**

No education program would be possible without the dedication of our Church School teachers. As the church school year draws to a close, we would like to thank all our dedicated volunteers.

Teachers please know- For every lesson you've prepared, the love of God has been shared. Through your time, given at church, you have changed many

**WALKING TOGETHER AS WE PRACTICE OUR FAITH**

*"The world cannot be discovered by a journey of miles, no matter how long, but only by a spiritual journey, a journey of one inch, very arduous and humbling and joyful, by which we arrive at the ground at our feet, and learn to be at home."*

This quote from Wendell Berry resonated with me as it describes the journey of those who gathered for morning meditation during the month of May. I have been so moved and enriched by those who walked through the door of the reception room to practice, whether it was for one session or all of them; we all walked together "inch by inch," practicing meditation in fits and starts, sometimes with ease, at other times with questions and doubt. And yet, we kept at it for as Matt observed, "Faith is a practice. No one is perfect at it. That's why we keep practicing....we will find that our spirits are strengthened by a well-practiced attention to God, good relationships with a community, and a depth of compassion for ourselves and for others."

And so we will!

Watch for news about opportunities to gather over the summer months to keep practicing our faith through meditation and soulful conversation, in joy and in prayer.

Questions? Please contact Mary Hill Canavan at [mhillcanavan@gmail.com](mailto:mhillcanavan@gmail.com).

Mary Hill Canavan

### 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).

### FAMILY PROMISE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

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](mailto:nadodge@me.com) with any questions.



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](mailto:klm4192@yahoo.com)) or Pash Obeng ([pashingtono@gmail.com](mailto:pashingtono@gmail.com))

### **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](mailto:pdfrank@comcast.net) with any questions and with your availability. If you are coming with children, please give their ages. Many thanks.

#### 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](mailto: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](http://backbayringers.org)**

\$20 Adults

\$15 Students and Seniors



**HILLS CHURCH CALENDAR**

**THURSDAY, June 7**

- 9:30 a.m. Clergy Meeting
- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. New Beginnings
- 7:30 p.m. Church Council

**FRIDAY, June 8**

- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

**SATURDAY, June 9**

**SUNDAY, June 10 – Celebration Sunday – Church Picnic**

- 9:00 a.m. Lectionary Bible Study

*This Sunday's Scripture  
Readings*

*Jeremiah 18:1-6*

9:15 a.m. Hills Ringers Rehearsal  
 10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
 11:00 a.m. Church Picnic  
 4:00 p.m. Hills Bells Rehearsal  
 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

MONDAY, June 11

TUESDAY, June 12

1:30 p.m. Tea (and Ice Cream!) with a Minister  
 4:30 p.m. Food Pantry Client Supper  
 6:30 p.m. Stewards Support Board  
 7:30 p.m. Search Committee

WEDNESDAY, June 13

THURSDAY, June 14

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  
 7:30 p.m. Christian Service Support Board

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