



June 13, 2018

THE LARGEST TABLE

The communion table is the largest table in the world, because the gifts of God are for everyone. In the gospels, meals were always a sign of the wideness of God's love, and Jesus made a point of including everyone at the table—especially those who were left out by others. After the resurrection, Jesus said to Peter, "Feed my sheep."

This congregation joins in the long Christian practice of sharing food with others. For years, we have hosted the Wellesley Food Pantry in our church building, and many of you volunteer there regularly. Sharing meals is also a significant part of the Family Promise Ministry.

In recent weeks, a group of people has been meeting to discuss more opportunities in the ministry of feeding the hungry. One outcome has been a desire to re-engage with the ministry of Common Cathedral, providing a free lunch to a congregation of homeless and homed people who worship every Sunday outside on the Boston Common. Our church's youth and children's ministry groups have prepared and shared lunch at Common Cathedral in recent years, and we are planning to continue this ministry with volunteers of all generations, providing lunch on a few Sundays during the coming program year. Before that, we're planning a visit to worship.

On Sunday, June 24, a group of us from the Hills Church will attend worship at Common Cathedral at 1:00 p.m. Please let me know if you are interested in joining in this special worship service, and we will coordinate our plans. We also want to let them know the size of our group, mindful that too many visitors may disrupt the planned worship service.

We will continue to look for ways to be in service to others, setting large tables where God's goodness is shared, and following the example of Christ.

One last note: my focus here has been the ministry of feeding, but I also celebrate this church's partnership with Habitat for Humanity. We have two Saturday work days scheduled this summer, on July 21 and August 25. Anyone age 16 and over can sign up by contacting Elaine Vildzius or just [sign up here](#). The houses that we helped to build last summer are now family homes.

I'll see you in church!

Peace,

Rev. Dr. Matthew Wooster
Senior Minister