

# Events at the Hills

WELLESLEY HILLS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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## RALLY DAY IS THIS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

**COME FOR WORSHIP!  
STAY FOR ICE CREAM!**



The Hills Church celebrates the beginning of a new year of program ministries **this Sunday, September 9**. Children and Youth in new grades will be welcomed to their new classrooms and ministries. The Chancel Choir will return to lead worship, and the Parish Life Ministry Team will host the annual Ice Cream Social on the front lawn after worship!

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| <b>9:00 a.m.</b>  | Orientation for Kindergarten students and parents and anyone new to Children's Ministry at the Hills Church.                        |
| <b>10:00 a.m.</b> | Worship Service - with the Chancel Choir and Rev. Matt Wooster's sermon "Lift Your Voice," based on the text found in Mark 7:31-37. |
| <b>10:15 a.m.</b> | Pre-Kindergarten - 8 <sup>th</sup> grade students are invited to Church School after the Children's Message.                        |
| <b>11:00 a.m.</b> | Ice Cream Social on the front lawn.   |
| <b>4:30 p.m.</b>  | Open House for Jr. High families (students in grades 6 through 8 and their families) in the Assembly Room.                          |
| <b>7:00 p.m.</b>  | Open House for Sr. High families (students in grades 9 through 12 and their families) in the Youth Room.                            |

### WELCOME, ANNE MARIE HOLLOWAY

At a joyful Special Congregational Meeting held on Sunday, August 26, Anne Marie Holloway was called to be our settled Associate Minister for Youth and Families.

Anne Marie brings years of experience to her new position here – in both youth ministry and faith formation for all ages - and as a worship leader, educator, and child development specialist. Having served previously as a church leader and licensed minister, Anne Marie will be ordained to this position. Her service of ordination is scheduled for **Sunday, September 30 at 3:00 p.m. at her home church, Old South Union Church in South Weymouth, Massachusetts.** All are invited.

### **HELLO, THANK YOU, AND AN INVITATION – FROM ANNE MARIE**



Dearest Hills Church Family,

On Sunday, August 26, I had the best seat in the “house.” From where I was sitting, I could see the entire sanctuary. I could see each of the wonderful stained glass windows as they poured in light through a blending of glorious colors. I could see the choir, the pastors, and most importantly – I could see each and every one of you.

I drank in the gift of your music as you sang and prayed together. I was washed in joy as I observed the ways in which you made great efforts to gather together before God in support of your faith-filled community. I was able to watch your faces shine as four beautiful little ones were welcomed into our faith and into our church family through the sacrament of baptism. I was deeply moved by your honest and personal petitions as you prayed together for those you love and for those in need of comfort and care in the Hills community.

I was overwhelmed by a feeling of gratitude as I was able to share with you a sacred moment of my own journey in ministry. I was humbled by your presence (an almost full church in August!!) as you gathered to affirm the choice of the Search Committee and to extend the call for me to serve as the Associate Minister for Youth and Families of the Hills Church. My family and I rejoice in being able to join the Hills Church family. I am eager and excited to meet all of you, as we enter into this new season.

As we journey together through September, I look forward to meeting many more of you!

**On September 30**, I whole-heartedly invite all of you to attend my Ordination. I will be ordained at my childhood/hometown church -- Old South Union Church, 25 Columbian Street in South Weymouth. I was baptized, confirmed and married in this church. All of my own children were baptized there, by the same Pastor who baptized me into the Christian Faith. This is a sacred and holy ceremony that officially authorizes me in the role of Pastor. Ordination is the culmination of many years of discernment, seminary, chaplaincy and field education. As an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ, I am called to preach and teach the gospel, administer the sacraments and rites of the church, and provide pastoral care and leadership.

I hope and pray that you, my new church family, will be my guests on this very special day of Ordination.

I celebrate being called to serve among you as your Associate Minister!

I am looking forward to our years in ministry together!

Peace and Joy,  
*Anne Marie Holloway*

**BIBLE AND THE NEWS – FALL SESSION I – SEPTEMBER 12 – OCTOBER 10**



A Weekly Study with Rev. Matt Wooster

**Wednesdays, 10:00-11:00 a.m.** in the Church Library.

Discussion on how the scriptures relate with the news of the day and the news of our lives. Each week will be focused on a stand-alone discussion of the Biblical passages to be read in worship the following Sunday. Come every week or drop in when you can.

**FAMILY PROMISE NEWS AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES**

Our next hosting week begins **this Sunday, September 9!** We are expecting at least two families and would love your volunteer support! Our greatest need is for overnight hosts - and you will be able to sleep on our new queen, double height, blow up mattresses! We also need a breakfast provider on September 15, dinner providers (no training needed), dinner hosts on various nights, and people to take laundry home.



You can sign up online - or email Tricia or Neely (contact info just below) if you would like to help.

The schedule for upcoming training sessions is listed below. All classes start at 7:00 p.m. and typically finish around 8:30. Please contact Tricia Frank at [pdfrank@comcast.net](mailto:pdfrank@comcast.net) or Neely Dodge at [nadodge@me.com](mailto:nadodge@me.com) with any questions. They can also help you sign up for training classes.

Also, please mark your calendars for our 2018 CHRISTMAS WEEK HOSTING 2018 – December 23 through December 30. (We will have help from other congregations.)

Tuesday, Sept. 11	Wellesley Village Church	<u>2 Central Street, Wellesley</u>	<u><a href="mailto:diana.carroll4@gmail.com">diana.carroll4@gmail.com</a></u>
Thursday, Sept. 20	Most Precious Blood	<u>30 Centre Street, Dover</u>	<u><a href="mailto:laurieotten50@gmail.com">laurieotten50@gmail.com</a></u>
Tuesday, October 2	UU Area Church	<u>11 Washington Street, Sherborn</u>	<u><a href="mailto:laurieotten50@gmail.com">laurieotten50@gmail.com</a></u>
Thursday, October 18	Temple Shir Tikva	<u>141 Boston Post Road, Wayland</u>	
Tuesday, Nov. 6	Wellesley Hills Cong. Church	<u>207 Washington Street, Wellesley</u>	<u><a href="mailto:laurieotten50@gmail.com">laurieotten50@gmail.com</a></u>
Thursday, Nov. 29	Christ the King	<u>600 Central Street, Holliston</u>	
Tuesday, Dec. 11	FPM Day Center	<u>6 Mulligan Street, Natick</u>	

## TEA AT HILLS CHURCH

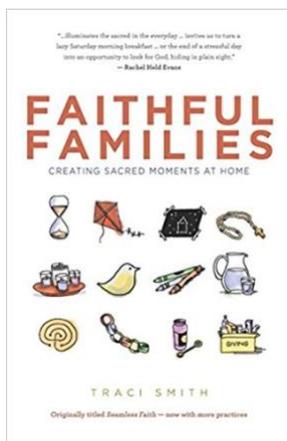
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 – AT 1:30 P.M.

“Welcome Back” to all of us, and to Rev. Judy who recently returned from her sabbatical. We invite all to gather in the **Reception Room at 1:30 on Tuesday afternoon, September 18**, to hear about all our summer adventures – and about what Judy did during her time away. Not to mention, to enjoy afternoon refreshments and each other!



Please take a break from your “back at it” September and join in on the first Tea of the year. And if you need a ride to and or from the church, please call Cynthia in the Church Office, 781-235-4424.

## CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRIES PRESENTS A FOUR WEEK BOOK GROUP



### *Faithful Families* by Traci Smith

Traci Smith, a pastor and mother of three, offers ways to discover and develop new spiritual practices as a family, whether you're a new seeker or a lifelong follower. *Faithful Families* is brimming with easy, do-it-yourself ideas for transforming your family's everyday moments into sacred moments!

As one reviewer put it, “*Faithful Families* helps you: connect faith to your family's everyday life; add family faith moments into your daily routine; learn new spiritual practices alongside your children; teach your children to appreciate religious diversity with time-tested non-Christian and Christian spiritual practices; respond to life's everyday challenges and opportunities with meaningful practices.”

A limited amount of books will be available for purchase through the Church Office at a price of \$15.00. You may also order the book online through any of the major book retailers.

*Faithful Families* is not a book that lends itself to traditional study because it's a book of practices that are meant to be, well, *practiced*. This four week study identifies four values that are woven through *Faithful Families* and uses them as a framework for discussion. Each lesson features an online article as well as a Bible passage. Suggested practices from *Faithful Families* are outlined each week and also used in each week's closing prayer practice.

The four sessions are:

- Faithful Families Value #1: Embrace the Messiness and Imperfection of Life. Attend either time slot: Friday, September 21, at 9:30 a.m. or Sunday, September 23, at 11:30 a.m.
- Faithful Families Value #2: Fight Against Consumerism and Materialism. Attend either time slot: Friday, September 28, at 9:30 a.m. or Sunday, September 30, at 12:30 p.m.
- Faithful Families Value #3: Prioritize Time Together. Attend either time slot: Friday, October 5, at 9:30 a.m. or Sunday, October 7, at 12:30 p.m.
- Faithful Families Value #4: Value Mystery and Accept Doubt. Attend either time slot: Friday, October 12, at 9:30 a.m. or Sunday, October 14, at 11:30 a.m.

All four sessions are designed to run about an hour each and will be facilitated by Anne Marie Holloway and Sally Tomasetti. All sessions will be held in the Third Floor Youth Room – and each session is being offered at two different times for your convenience. But whether you decide to come to a particular session on a Friday morning or the following Sunday, the same content will be discussed – and you are welcome to attend either time slot for that subject session.

Children are welcome. Toys, snacks, and coloring materials will be available. If there is preference for child care, it can be arranged.

Please RSVP to Anne Marie Holloway, [annemarie@hillschurch.org](mailto:annemarie@hillschurch.org) by September 20. Open to all parents, grandparents and caregivers.

## **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS AND EVENTS**

### **RALLY DAY IS HERE AGAIN! Church School starts THIS SUNDAY!**

Welcome back to all our church babies! If you are new to the Hills Church, please let us know. We would love to hear how we can best serve your family. Pre-K through 8th grade begin Church School this Sunday. All grades start in the sanctuary and then move to their classrooms during the Passing of the Peace. We look forward to welcoming your child to class.

#### **GOT A KINDERGARTNER?**

Kindergarten orientation was this held morning, so if you missed it, please see Sally Tomasetti today, and we can organize a repeat tour next Sunday at 9:00 a.m. Our goal is to make sure all of our new third floor friends are happy and comfortable and receive an age-appropriate Bible.

#### **SECOND AND THIRD GRADE COMMUNION CLASS**

In preparation for World Communion Sunday, all second and third graders (and any children who missed this class in previous years) are invited to learn about why and how we take Communion, and what this sacrament means. This class is offered in three parts: during Church School on September 16 and 23 – and then after the Worship Service on September 30, when the children will join Matt in the Sanctuary for a walk-through. (Parents are welcome!) Please let Sally know if you would like your older child to join this class.

#### **FIFTH GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION**

How cool is it to get your own Bible? Each September, we present all fifth graders (and any sixth graders who have not previously received one) with an age-appropriate Bible of their very own. This year's presentation is set for September 16 during the Worship Service. We would dearly love your fifth grader to be there. Please contact Sally this week if they can attend this special service.

#### **VISIT OUR VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY TABLE THIS MORNING!**

Come visit our information table after today's Worship Service. We will be outside on the front lawn during the Rally Day Ice Cream Social – and we would love to chat! We still need teachers and other helpers throughout the year, so please consider volunteering. We have fun!

#### **CLUBNIGHT (KIDS EVENT) SEPTEMBER 21 - 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM**

This is a fun evening gathering for children in grades 3-5 – and it is always a big hit with the kids. For this night to happen, we are looking for two helpers willing to form a team with Sally and Anne Marie. A young adult. A dad. A fun-loving older adult. We need you to share God's joy with this age group. We do games. We play sports. We get messy. But mostly, we build relationships. Can you help? Please RSVP to Sally – [sallyt@hillschurch.org](mailto:sallyt@hillschurch.org).

#### **CHILDREN'S CHOIR BEGINS MEETING AFTER WORSHIP ON SEPTEMBER 16**

Director of Children's Music Ms. Kirsten is excited to reconnect with everyone and get started. Join her after worship in the Third Floor Children's Chapel **on Sunday, September 16**. Children's Choir is for young people in all grades who want to sing. Try something new. It is a fun time.

#### **CHILDREN'S BELLS**

If you have a child in grade 4 or above who is interested in ringing, please contact Martha Stowell - [cpbranwell@gmail.com](mailto:cpbranwell@gmail.com). Meeting times for Bells practices are flexible but mostly held before worship on the third floor.

**AN OPEN CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEAM MEETING – SEPTEMBER 10, AT 7:30 P.M.**

Children's Ministry team meetings take place throughout the year – to plan events and organize Church School. This team is a vital part of our church's mission. Would you be interested in joining the team or finding out where Children's Ministry needs help? If so, you are invited to attend our next meeting on Monday evening, September 10, at 7:30.

## **YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS AND EVENTS**

**WHAT IS THE SCOOP ON YOUTH GROUP THIS YEAR?**

If you did not get your fill of ice cream from Sunday morning, if you think you might be curious to know more about how to play games such as “Human Jenga” or “Ninja Tag” – then this Sunday's Youth Group Open House is for you!

Join us this Sunday evening for a fun-filled “get to know you” adventure in fellowship, food, and fun!

- Middle School (6<sup>th</sup> grade-8<sup>th</sup> grade) Youth Group meets from 4:30-6:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room!
- High School (9<sup>th</sup> grade-12<sup>th</sup> grade) Youth Group meets from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Third Floor Youth Room!

See you there!

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES**

Confirmation Classes will be open to youth in both grades 9 and 10. A special “Confirmation Information and Registration Evening” will be held on **Wednesday, September 19, at 7:30 in the Reception Room**. Dinner will be served.

**YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM MEETING – PLEASE JOIN ANNE MARIE ON MONDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 17 – AT 7:00**

Please join Anne Marie for this year's first Youth Ministry Team meeting of the season on **Monday September 17, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room**. All who are interested in planning programming for the church's youth are invited to attend.

## HILLS CHURCH CALENDAR

### **THURSDAY, September 6**

- 9:30 a.m. Clergy Meeting
- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 3:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee
- 6:30 p.m. New Beginnings
- 7:30 p.m. Church Council
- 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

This Sunday's Scripture Readings

Isaiah 6:1-6

Mark 7:31-37

### **FRIDAY, September 7**

- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. Connections (at the home of Judy Swahnberg, 29 Kenilworth Road, Wellesley)

### **SATURDAY, September 8**

#### **SUNDAY, September 9 – Rally Day, Ice Cream Social, Family Promise Hosting Week**

- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. Community Hour (Ice Cream Social, on the front lawn, weather permitting)
- 4:30 p.m. Youth Group Open House – Grades 7 and 8
- 7:00 p.m. Youth Group Open House – Grades 9 through 12.
- 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

### **MONDAY, September 10**

- 7:15 p.m. Board of Deacons
- 7:30 p.m. Children's Ministry Team

### **TUESDAY, September 11**

- 4:30 p.m. Food Pantry Client Supper

### **WEDNESDAY, September 12**

- 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

### **THURSDAY, September 13**

- 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

### **HILLS CHURCH PUBLICATION DEADLINES**

Need to spread the word about an activity or event?

Email your notice to Cynthia Gordan, Church Administrator,  
at [cynthia@hillschurch.org](mailto:cynthia@hillschurch.org), or call the Church Office at 781-235-4424.

Weekly Newsletters

Sunday Orders of Worship

Submissions are due **Fridays by 5:00 p.m.**

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