

# Events at the Hills

WELLESLEY HILLS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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**LIFT YOUR VOICE**

September 16: Shaped by Awe Psalm 19  
September 23: Spoken and Unspoken Words Mark 9:30-37  
September 30: Esther's Time Esther 7:1-6

The central theme of this first series is one of good news: God gives voice to God's people. With a voice from God, people claim that which is true, teach goodness, describe wonder, and communicate love.

## CHURCH SCHOOL COLLECTING SWEATERS FOR SEPTEMBER MISSION

Children often want to help in a way that makes sense to them. Sometimes they don't understand what giving money will do. As a way to offer a more tangible way to help our friends and neighbors to be prepared for winter, our Church School is partnering with Cradles to Crayons to support their goal of supplying --- sweaters this WINTER. In fact, last year they received more than 50,000 requests for sweaters and sweatshirts.

Please consider GIVING at least one "like-new" outgrown sweater per child and allowing your child to bring it to church as an offering in church school. We will have a large collection box on the Third Floor. Visit [Cradlestocrayon.org](http://Cradlestocrayon.org) for a sweater wish list.



## TEA AT HILLS CHURCH

**NEXT 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 next 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.

## HOLY MOMENTS: WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR YOU?

*“Though we may not live a holy life, we live in a world with holy moments. We need only take the time to bring these moments into the light.”*

*Kent Nerburn, “Small Graces: The Quiet Gifts of Everyday Life”*

Holy moments are different for each of us. For some, it may occur while reflecting with others on a passage from a book. For others, it is in feeling one’s spirit rise in response to a beautiful piece of music. And for still others, it is in stocking the shelves at the Wellesley Food Pantry.

This past spring, Morning Meditation was an opportunity to experience such holy moments by just being; being present to God’s grace in our lives through stillness, meditation, and prayer.

Morning Meditation will continue to meet on Tuesday mornings this fall starting next Tuesday, September 18, from 9:30 - 10:30 in the Reception Room. Questions? Email Mary Hill Canavan [mhillcanavan@gmail.com](mailto:mhillcanavan@gmail.com).

Come as you are able ... whenever you can ... we’ll see you then.

## CALLING ALL YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES!!



The Pumpkins Are COMING! The Pumpkins are COMING!

Be sure to mark your calendars for **Wednesday October 17!**

Our youth and their families are invited to join in this AWESOME annual Fall fundraising tradition! We will need all hands on deck to help unload pumpkins this day!

Be sure to stay tuned for more 'Patch details!

## 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 TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

The schedule for upcoming Family Promise 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.)

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

## SOUP'S ON! – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, RIGHT AFTER THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Parish Life would like to invite all WHCC worshipers to enjoy fellowship – and soup! – on **Sunday, October 7, immediately following the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service.** This event is a continuation of the communion ritual and will include soup, bread and a chance for us all to enjoy each other's company over a simple meal. All are invited from the youngest to our most senior worshipers, vegetarians and non-vegetarians alike. (And don't worry. Those participating in the *Faithful Families* Book Group will have plenty of time to enjoy this wonderful Parish Life event – and still report in for the beginning of the 12:30 Book Group gathering with time to spare!

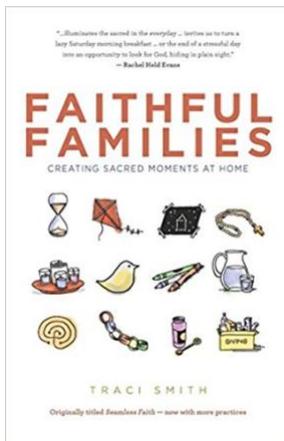


## BOY SCOUT TROOP 182 TO HOLD OPEN HOUSE ON SUNDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 23, FROM 7 TO 8:30

Troop 182 Wellesley, MA would like to invite all youth ages 11-17, along with their parents and friends to our annual Open House on Sunday evening, September 23, from 7-8:30 in the Assembly Room at the Wellesley Hills Congregational Church

Troop 182 was founded in 1913 and is one of the longest serving troops in the country. It serves youth from Wellesley and surrounding communities. Troop 182 is also a very welcoming boy-led troop that is proud of its more than 120 Eagle Scouts. Scout meetings are held at the Hills Church on Sunday nights. For more information, or to RSVP, please contact Committee Chair, Paul Hurney ([paulmhurney@gmail.com](mailto:paulmhurney@gmail.com)) or Assistant Scoutmaster Nicholas Hurney ([nick.hurney@gmail.com](mailto:nick.hurney@gmail.com)).

## 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.

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## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS AND EVENTS

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 6th grade have Church School this Sunday. All grades start in the sanctuary then go to class during the Passing of the Peace. We look forward to welcoming your child to class. The Nursery (ages 0-2.9) is on this floor down the hallway, please ask an Usher for directions.

### **THIS SUNDAY IS 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. Please join us as we celebrate this important milestone in the faith lives of our fifth graders.

### **ARE YOU A NEW FRIEND IN CHURCH?**

If your CHILD is nervous about coming to Church School, please come with them! Parents can stay in class as long as they would like to. You are welcome. Please see Sally Tomasetti if you or your child would like a tour of Church School. We strive to help all ages feel comfortable, loved and welcomed at church. We are so glad you are here.

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

In preparation for World Communion Sunday on October 7, 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 this Sunday and on the 23rd – then during and 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. We start this Sunday!

### **SIGN UP TO TEACH!**

Do you feel the call of service? What better way to live out that call than to welcome young hearts to Jesus' teaching. This ministry is fulfilling and fun. If you would like more information contact Sally Tomasetti.

### **CLUBNIGHT - NERF AND NACHOS! FRIDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 21 – FROM 6:00 – 7:30**

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.

### **LOVE TO SING? CHILDREN'S CHOIR BEGINS AFTER WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY**

Director of Children's Music Ms. Kirsten Oberoi is excited to reconnect with everyone and get this new program year started. Join her after worship in the Third Floor Children's Chapel. Children's Choir is for children in all grades who want to sing. Try something new. It is a fun time.

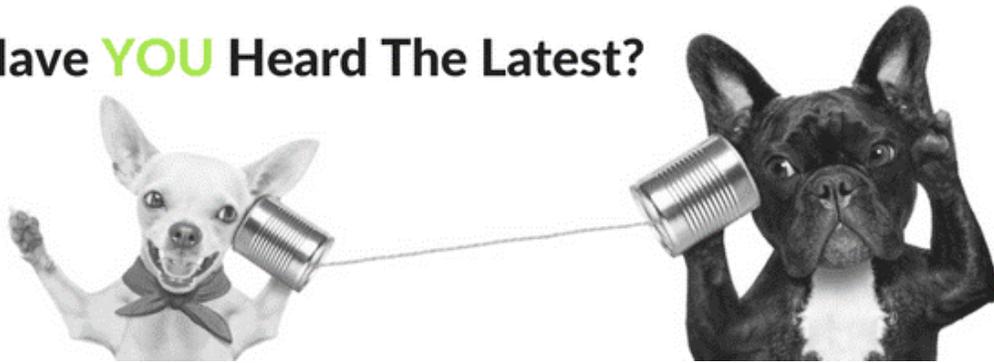
### **CHILDREN'S BELLS**

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 on the third floor – before each Sunday's Worship Service, beginning on Sunday, September 30.

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## YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS AND EVENTS

Have **YOU** Heard The Latest?



## What's **NEW** about Youth Ministry at the Hills Church?

(Youth in Grades 6-12 are invited to join us on Sundays to find out!)



### *Youth Ministry: September 2018!*

If you are interested in serving as youth group leaders, confirmation mentors, or 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School teachers, please contact Anne Marie Holloway - [annemarie@hillschurch.org](mailto:annemarie@hillschurch.org)

### *September at a Glance:*

**9/16 (Sunday morning) 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Church School (This class meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month.)**

**9/16 (Sunday afternoon/evening) Youth Groups meet at regular times (Middle School at 4:30 – Senior High School at 7:00) for program titled: “And Then Some...”**

**9/17 (Sunday evening) Youth Ministry Team Meeting**

**9/19 (Wednesday evening) Confirmation Class Open House and Registration for Grades 9 and 10. (Please note grade changes.) In the Reception Room – at 7:30.**

**9/21 (Friday morning) Parent Book Club begins**

**9/23 (Sunday afternoon/evening) Youth Groups meet at regular times (Middle School at 4:30 – Senior High School at 7:00) for program titled: “Saving the World”**

**9/30 (Sunday afternoon/evening) Youth Groups meet at regular times (Middle School at 4:30 – Senior High School at 7:00) for program titled: “Getting Along”**

*\*Please Note: Middle School Youth Group will meet in the Assembly Hall and Senior High Youth Group will meet in the Youth Room (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor). We hope you will join us!*

## HILLS CHURCH CALENDAR

### **THURSDAY, September 13**

- 10:00 a.m. Clergy Worship Planning
- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. North Hill Tea
- 6:30 p.m. New Beginnings

This Sunday's Scripture Readings  
Psalm 19  
Mark 8:34-37

### **FRIDAY, September 14**

- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

### **SATURDAY, September 15**

- 9:00 a.m. NAMI Reunion

### **SUNDAY, September 16 – Fifth Grade Bible Presentation**

- 9:00 a.m. Lectionary Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. Community Hour
- 11:30 a.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 11:30 a.m. Pastor Parish Relations
- 4:00 p.m. Hills Bells Rehearsal
- 4:30 p.m. Middle School Youth Group – Grades 6 through 8
- 7:00 p.m. Senior High Youth Group – Grades 9 through 12.
- 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

### **MONDAY, September 17**

- 1:00 p.m. Clergy Pastoral Care Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Youth Ministry Team

### **TUESDAY, September 18**

- 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Morning Meditation
- 1:30 p.m. Afternoon Tea at the Hills Church
- 6:30 p.m. Caring for the Caregivers
- 7:00 p.m. Master Plan Steering Group

### **WEDNESDAY, September 19**

- 10:00 a.m. Bible and the News
- 7:30 p.m. Confirmation Class Open House, Registration and Dinner
- 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

### **THURSDAY, September 20**

- 10:00 a.m. Clergy Worship Planning
- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 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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