

# Events at the Hills

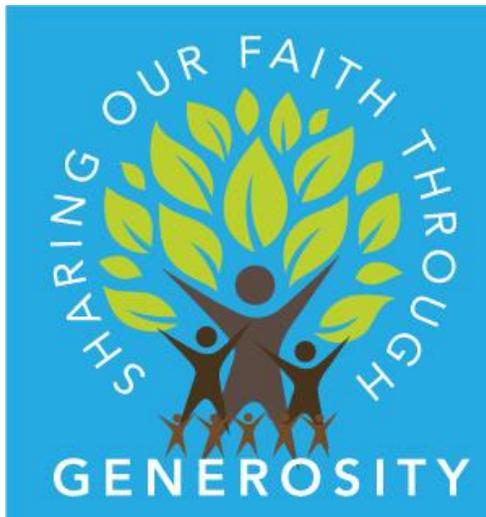
WELLESLEY HILLS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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## OPPORTUNITIES

### OCTOBER IS STEWARDSHIP MONTH



#### **Excerpts from Ann and David Ingram's September 30 "Witnessing Stewards" Remarks**

*We have been members of the Hills Church for 30 years. The life of the church and this community mean so much to us.*

*We will describe how we connect the dots between the importance of the church in our lives, the programs and support the church provides to its members and the wider community, and the obligation we feel to contribute a portion of our financial resources to sustain, nurture and grow what we all have here.*

*In general, the more engaged we've been with the church the happier we've been. Engagement is one way*

*we try to live out our faith.*

*While the church can rely to a small degree on what prior generations have left us, it is those of us in the pews today who are called on to support that which we value in a way proportionate to what we've each been given and in consideration of what the needs of the church are.*

*Our personal legacy is built on what we do today and every day with our time, talents, and in the sharing of our current financial resources.*

*Our financial support of the Hills Church is not just a transaction; it is part of our relationship with the church and with all of you.*

*We've decided that in terms of annual giving we want the church to sit each year among our top three recipients.*

*We believe that the church right now has a lot of positive momentum. As a result, we have resolved to increase our pledge this year by 15%.*

*We love the Hills Church. It's a privilege to be a part of the community. We are glad to be able to contribute to support its vital mission.*

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

Parish Life would like to invite all WHCC worshippers to enjoy fellowship – and soup! – **this 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 worshippers, 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!)



**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS – THIS SUNDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 7 – AT 4:00**



**This Sunday afternoon, October 7, at 4:00,** Rev. Judy Swahnberg invites all beloved pets and their “people” to gather outside in the church “garth” near Wallace Chapel for a simple service of Blessing of the Animals.

We’ll ask God to care for our animals’ health and well-being, and bless the relationship and bond we have with them as part of our common kinship, an aspect of the great glory of Creation.

Please consider what will work best for your animal-- bringing dogs on leashes and cats and other animals in comfortable travel containers. Stuffed animals and pandas eating bamboo also welcome! No rain date.

Questions? Contact Rev. Judy Swahnberg [judy@hillschurch.org](mailto:judy@hillschurch.org)

**AFTERNOON TEA AT THE HILLS CHURCH - “WELCOME ANNE MARIE HOLLOWAY”  
NEXT TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9 AT 1:30**

We will be welcoming Anne Marie Holloway, our new Associate Minister for Youth and Families at our monthly Tea in October. How lucky we are to have a chance to talk with her in a smaller group and learn more about Rev. Holloway. This will also give Anne Marie a chance to get to know us, too! Some different people from our youth families.



Please make it a point to mark your calendars for this special **Tea next Tuesday, October 9 at 1:30.** As usual, we will serve refreshments, our brew of Tea and of course enjoy the company of many wonderful long time parishioners. And further, if you have never attended, we hope all will feel welcome to come and enjoy our lovely afternoon Tea and say “Hello” to our new Associate Minister. Please call Cynthia, 781-235-4424, in the church office if you need a ride to and/or from the church. Hope to see you there.

## **A COMMUNITY CONVERSATION ON TRANSGENDER EQUALITY**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 7:00 PM – TEMPLE BETH ELOHIM, 10 BETHEL ROAD IN WELLESLEY**

A community conversation about the challenges of living in Massachusetts as a transgender person viewed from several different perspectives. What are the rights currently in place? What would be the threat to these rights if the current law is not upheld by a “Yes” vote for Question 3 on the November 6 ballot?

Gather at 6:30 for light refreshments. Program begins promptly at 7:00 pm.

Co-sponsored by World of Wellesley, League of Women Voters Wellesley, and a number of Wellesley faith communities.

## **WHAT MIGHT YOU TAKE AWAY FROM MORNING MEDITATION ON TUESDAY MORNINGS THIS FALL?**

Here’s a sampling of what those who have participated shared from their experiences:

- *Learning how to meditate was a totally new experience for me. I also learned that I can’t do it alone; too many distractions;*
- *Listening to others and also being listened to;*
- *...A welcome centering respite....*

Whether you are new to the spiritual practice of meditation or looking for others to share in this experience together, please join us **on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 - 10:30am in the reception room** at the church. Questions? Email Mary Hill Canavan at [mhillcanavan@gmail.com](mailto:mhillcanavan@gmail.com) or Rev. Judy Swahnberg at [judy@hillschurch.org](mailto:judy@hillschurch.org).

Come as you are able, whenever you can...we look forward to seeing you then.

## **CALLING ALL PUMPKIN PATCH LOVERS!!**



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!

And, of course, once this year’s pumpkins are gracing the front lawn, MANY MORE HANDS will be needed to sell them. So, if you would like to help, please let

Paul Bruchez ([pkbruchez@yahoo.com](mailto:pkbruchez@yahoo.com)) or David Thornton ([dthornton023@gmail.com](mailto:dthornton023@gmail.com)) know – or hop onto SignUpGenius NOW (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4ea4ac2ea3f58-pumpkin2>) to volunteer online!

## **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 – [sallyt@hillschurch.org](mailto:sallyt@hillschurch.org).

## **COMMON CATHEDRAL SERVICE – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2018**

### **SPECIAL PRESENTATION HERE ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28 – RIGHT AFTER WORSHIP**

The Hunger Outreach Ministry Team has accepted an invitation to serve lunch and worship at Common Cathedral on **Sunday, December 2**. Common Cathedral is an outdoor church which worships on Boston Common. The services are open to the public including homeless people.

The Hunger Outreach Ministry Team has invited Ms. Amanda Grant-Rose, the Executive Director of Common Cathedral to join us **for worship here on Sunday, October 28** and give us an overview about the organization. Amanda will be available during Community Hour to continue the discussion about Common Cathedral and answer any questions you may have. Please join us **in the Reception Room during Community Hour on Sunday, October 28**.

Amada Grant-Rose is a social worker and educator with years of experience in serving the needy in faith-based and secular settings in the United States and Africa. She holds degrees in social work and education from the University of Arizona (BA, Special Education), the University of Pennsylvania (MSW) and Harvard University (Master of Education in International Education Policy).

### **ANNUAL COAT DRIVE**

Coats for Boston's homeless shelters will be collected during November. As you clean your closets this fall, please set aside the warm clothes you don't need. Clean outerwear in good condition is accepted. All sizes are appreciated. Collection bins will be by the church doors **throughout the month of November**. Questions – contact Tina Andersson, TinaAndersson11@hotmail.com



### **ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**

**On Sunday, November 4**, we remember those who over the past year passed from this life to the larger life in the nearer presence of God, by reading their names aloud in our worship service. If you'd like the names of your loved ones included, call or email the church office by 5:00 p.m. **on Tuesday, October 30**.

### **THE CHRISTIAN SERVICE SUPPORT BOARD'S NEW BROCHURES**

The Christian Service Support Board would like to call everyone's attention to the new blue brochures in the pews. This brochure gives information about the charitable organizations to which our congregation distributed financial support last year. It also includes a calendar of Outreach events for the year. As described in the brochure, the CSSB is currently in the process of identifying the funding priorities for this year. Anyone who would like more information about this process or who would like to offer input should contact members of the CSSB -- whose names are listed in the brochure.

Also, the CSSB is currently looking for new members to join the Board next year. Anyone interested in joining the Board and helping to carry out this important function would certainly be welcome. Contact Harold Wilkinson (HrldAWlknsn@Verizon.net) or any member of the Board.

Come join us for a Habitat work day on Saturday, November 3rd. We will be working in Northborough renovating an old grocery store into two new residences. We will meet in the church parking lot at 7:30am and return by 5pm and lunch will be provided. Go to the link to sign up or email Elaine Vildzius ([vildzius@gmail.com](mailto:vildzius@gmail.com)) or the church office. You must be 16 years old to participate.

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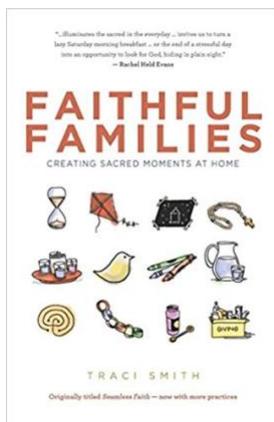
## BIBLE AND THE NEWS – FALL SESSION I – SEPTEMBER 12 – OCTOBER 10



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.

### JOIN THE CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRIES TEAM FOR A BOOK GROUP



#### **Faithful Families** by Traci Smith

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."

**This Book Group was designed to run over a four-week period – but each session is independent of the others –so, don't worry if you missed the first two. Just come – and enjoy – the last two:**

- 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 sessions run about an hour each and are facilitated by Anne Marie Holloway and Sally Tomasetti and are held in the Third Floor Youth Room. Each session is 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. For more information, please contact Anne Marie Holloway, [annemarie@hillschurch.org](mailto:annemarie@hillschurch.org).

### **FAMILY PROMISE NEWS AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES**

Thank you to all our wonderful WHCC volunteers (and others) for providing a warm and welcoming "home" to our guests in mid-September. Here are some comments from September's dinner and overnight hosts:

- *What a lovely group! B and I enjoyed dinner from Comella's with E, M, N, N and N. Everyone shared in putting out the food and cleaning up.*
- *All went well and enjoyed dinner. Dessert, which was angel food cake with frosting and strawberries, was delivered by Family Promise. K was thrilled to celebrate his 7th birthday.*



- *N and children arrived at 8PM, exhausted after a visit to Boston for school event and a ride to Wellesley on the commuter rail. What a joy to interface with such delightful and appreciative guest families.*
- *The three-year olds spent a lot of time in the nursery playing. What a nice room that is for them.*

From the Family Promise Director:

*I thank you for sharing your warmth and hospitality with our families. It is always valuable for us when volunteers relate experiences and pass on information as you have.*

*Thank you for being such considerate listeners. That is often what families need, just someone to be there for them. They carry a lot on their plate, even before a life change such as N has experienced. You personify the compassionate community which Family Promise fosters.*

**WHCC Family Promise NEEDS:** Six (6) or more queen sheet sets for our new queen mattresses for our hosts and guests – **AND** two (2) to four (4) long, rectangular tablecloths for our “dining” tables. Tables are approx. 36 x 96.

Please mark your calendars for our **2018 CHRISTMAS WEEK HOSTING** - December 23 through December 30. As of now, we are responsible for set up and breakdown. On December 23 we will need one dinner provider, two dinner hosts and two overnight hosts. Other congregations have taken a few of the other dates. Guests are often away on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

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.

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>	

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## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS AND EVENTS

### 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.

### THIS SUNDAY IS WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

As always, all are welcome to partake in communion this morning, however, we would like to provide special recognition today to our second and third grade class, who have just completed a month long Communion Study, and will be taking their first educated Communion this Sunday.

They join millions of children in taking Holy Communion on this special World Communion Sunday.

### PUMPKIN PAINTING! – WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17 - HOPEFULLY.



Children's Ministry invites families and children to help unload this year's pumpkin truck – and have fun together while serving together.

Children in attendance will be invited to choose a small pumpkin to decorate.

Join Mrs.T. for this fun event. Serve, play and decorate!

The exact time of the truck delivery is not yet known.

Time is TBA.

Stay tuned!

### LOVE TO SING? CHILDREN'S CHOIR MEETS AFTER WORSHIP ON SUNDAYS

Does your child love to sing???? Then encourage them to join Director of Children's Music Ms. Kirsten Oberoi – **in the Third Floor Children's Chapel – every Sunday, right after the Sunday Worship Service.** 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.



## YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS AND EVENTS

### YOUTH GROUP AND CONFIRMATION

@ The Hills Church

2018 Fall Season

Middle School YG meets: 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Senior High YG meets: 7:00-8:30 p.m.

\*YG Programs meet every Sunday evening unless otherwise indicated

Middle School YG meets in the Assembly Room. Senior High YG meets in the Youth Room!

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**Quotable Quote:** "Tell me what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?" ~ Mary Oliver

### OUR YOUTH MINISTRY SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

**10/3 Confirmation Classes begin.** Our class will meet together at 7:30pm in the Reception Room for a meal and conversation. Class ends at 8:45pm. If you were unable to make it to our open house, no worries! This is the first class to be held for Confirmation 2019! For more information email Rev. Anne Marie Holloway: [annemarie@hillschurch.org](mailto:annemarie@hillschurch.org).

**\*10/7** (Columbus Day Weekend) All Youth Group members are invited to bring your pets to church at 4:00, when Pastor Judy will officiate at this year's Blessing of the Animals. Light Refreshments will be served! **There will be no regular scheduled youth group meetings this day!**

**10/14** (Sunday afternoon/evening) Youth Groups meet for program titled: **"Getting Along."** We do not always see eye to eye with each other. How do we find ways to communicate with kindness and understanding?

**10/17** (WEDNESDAY afternoon/evening) **Pumpkins ARRIVE!** We will need **MANY** volunteers to help us unload the truck! There will be fun, and pumpkins, and FOOD!!! Details TBA!

**\*10/21 Youth** Group members in Middle School meet from 4:30-6:00pm. High School Youth Group will gather @ 6:30pm for a meal and the opportunity to learn how to be trained as hosts for Family Promise! This meeting will run until 8:30pm!

**10/28** Information Session about serving the homeless with Common Cathedral following Worship! The Hills Church will be serving with "Common Cathedral" on December 2. All are welcome to attend this informative session about this incredible ministry!

**10/28** Confirmation Youth to serve at **Outdoor Church**. We will gather at 12:30 to make sandwiches and will leave for the Outdoor Church by 1:15pm. We will return to the church by 6pm. There will be **no regular Youth Group Meetings** this week!

**11/2-11/3 Overnight Retreat** for High School Youth Group with CityReach Boston. Details TBA.

**11/4 Middle School Youth Group** Program titled **"Attitude of Gratitude"**. There will be **no Sr. High Youth Group** this day.

**11/11** (Sunday afternoon/evening) **"CAN-TUCKY DERBY!!"** A fun-filled canned food drive. Bring as many canned goods as you can hold and earn chances to WIN prizes!!!! (Fun and service go hand in hand tonight!) Both youth groups meet at regular times!

**11/18** (Sunday afternoon/evening) Youth Groups meet for program titled: **"Difference Makers."** How can we actively make a difference in the lives of those around us!

## HILLS CHURCH CALENDAR

### THURSDAY, October 4

- 10:00 a.m. Clergy Worship Planning
- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. New Beginnings
- 7:30 p.m. Church Council

This Sunday's Scripture Readings  
Psalm 126  
Matthew 6:25-34

### FRIDAY, October 5

- 9:30 a.m. Children and Families' Ministries *Faithful Families* Book Group
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

### SATURDAY, October 6

#### SUNDAY, October 7 – World Communion Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. Membership Class II
- 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 – All Church Soup Lunch
- 11:30 a.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 12:30 a.m. Children and Families' Ministries *Faithful Families* Book Group
- 4:00 p.m. Blessing of the Animals – in the Garth
- 4:00 p.m. Hills Bells Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

#### MONDAY, October 8 – Columbus Day – Legal Holiday – Church Office Closed

### TUESDAY, October 9

- 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Morning Meditation
- 1:30 p.m. Afternoon Tea at the Hills Church
- 4:30 p.m. Food Pantry Client Supper

### WEDNESDAY, October 10

- 7:30 a.m. Technology Ministry Team
- 10:00 a.m. Bible and the News
- 7:30 p.m. Confirmation Class and Dinner
- 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

### THURSDAY, October 11

- 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
- 7:00 p.m. Master Plan Steering Group
- 7:30 p.m. Christian Service Support Board

## PARISH REGISTER

Congratulations to **Rev. Anne Marie Holloway** on her ordination on September 30, 2018

Prayers of sympathy and comfort for:

**Anne Lysaght and family** on the death of her nephew, **Kevin Sullivan**, of Westfield, MA.

Prayers of hope and healing for:

**Donny Banks**, recovering at home after knee replacement surgery.

**Sophia Gauthier**, hospitalized.

**Carlos Marin, John David Ferrer's** close friend of 55 years, in treatment for ALS.

**Judy Swahnberg's** father, **Richard Swahnberg**, at Dartmouth Hitchcock in New Hampshire after a fall and hip replacement surgery.

**Alice Ward**, hospitalized for treatment.

Prayers for **Nancy Fraser's** sister, **Sally Hawthorne**, in hospice care.

Continuing prayers from our congregation for:

**Carol Cole's** brother and **Sarah Cole's** uncle, **John Shroyer**, in cancer treatment.

**Anne Coursey's** nephew, **Trevor Moynihan**.

**Jeremy "JJ" Demers**, in treatment.

**Ann Findeisen's** husband, **Rob Sokolove**, in treatment

**Kirby Green Grochal**, currently in treatment at Dana Farber.

**Gil Gunn**, continuing to recover.

**Susan Hoffmann**, recovering from foot surgery.

**Rob Jaczko**, receiving cancer treatment.

**Nancy Simons'** brother in law, **Harry Kahnhauser**, awaiting surgery.

**Jim Nicoletti's** friend, **Steve McGrory**, in treatment for ALS.

**Gerry Murphy**, in treatment.

**Matt Schuler**, son of **John and Dwin Schuler**, in Pennsylvania.

**Martin Schultz**, in cancer treatment.

**Martha Spencer, Bill Spencer's** sister.

**Rob Ann Tomlinson**, at home with health concerns.

**Becky Williams'** cousin, **Tami Blais**, in treatment.

**Betsy Wooster's** mother, **Margaret Craft**, hospitalized in South Carolina.

**Matt Wooster's** mother, **Donice Wooster**, in cancer treatment in Ohio.

To request a pastoral visit or to update information, please e-mail [judy@hillschurch.org](mailto:judy@hillschurch.org) or call the church office (781.235.4424).

### 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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