

Events at the Hills

WELLESLEY HILLS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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OPPORTUNITIES

OCTOBER IS STEWARDSHIP MONTH

Sunday, October 28, is Dedication Sunday

On Dedication Sunday, we will celebrate the Dedication of Pledges and Intentions to Give during the Sunday Worship Service.

By that time, we hope all members will have submitted their pledges.

“Generosity is a fundamental quality of God.
God’s love is generously given.”



The annual stewardship campaign is an important way for us to respond to God’s generosity with our own.

To pledge, please either:

- Complete and return your Pledge Card to the church – or
- Pledge online, by clicking on the “Donate” button in the upper left hand corner of the church website’s home page (hillschurch.org) – and taking it from there.

**Your Pledge Counts!
Thank you for pledging.**

DO HOLIDAY DECORATIONS LIFT YOUR SPIRITS?

Would you like to join a team working to prepare the church building for Christmas?

To learn more, contact Karen Gunn at kmgunn@comcast.net or 617-584-7829.

TUESDAY MORNING MEDITATION THE REST OF THE WEEK...

We welcome all to Morning Meditation on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 - 10:30 in the Reception Room whether you are new to meditation or practice daily. Can't make Tuesday mornings but want to give it a try? See what you think of the Centering Prayer App from the website Contemplative Outreach. You may find this app a helpful way to experience the practice of "resting in God" wherever your week takes you.

Questions? Email Mary Hill Canavan at mhillcanavan@gmail.com or Rev. Judy Swahnberg at 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 HERE!

And now that they are, we need MANY HANDS to sell them.

All members are invited to join in this AWESOME annual Fall fundraising tradition!

So, if you would like to help, please let David Thornton dthornton023@gmail.com know – or to volunteer online - hop onto SignUpGenius NOW: (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4ea4ac2ea3f58-pumpkin2>).

CONFIRMATION 2018/2019 NEWS

This Sunday, October 21, our "Confirmation Crew" will be receiving a blessing in worship as they begin their journeys together! We hope you will join us during this Sunday's 10:00 a.m. Worship Service as we prayerfully support and affirm our teens on their journey of faith and discovery!

For more information about our Confirmation Program, please contact Rev. Anne Marie Holloway - annemarie@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).

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR THIS YEAR'S LAY-LED WORSHIP SERVICES

Wednesday evenings

November 7

December 5

January 16

March 13

April 10

Dinner at 6:00. Service at 7:00

ECCLESIASTICAL COUNCIL – NENA RADTKE – TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, AT 7:00 P.M.

In the United Church of Christ, an Ecclesiastical Council is called to examine a candidate to determine her/his fitness to be ordained to the Christian ministry. Our Council is comprised of representatives from at least eight churches in the Metropolitan Boston Association of the Massachusetts Conference of the UCC. We are pleased to invite the members of the Hills Church to attend the Ecclesiastical Council of

Nena Davis Radtke
on **Tuesday, November 6, 2018**
at **7:00 p.m.** in the Reception Room

This Council represents one of the last steps on Nena’s faith journey toward ordination. We hope you will join the members of her Discernment and Formation Committee in supporting Nena at this important gathering.

*Kelly Ford, chair, Mary Ellen Dinwoodey, Steve Harris, Laurie Otten
Carol Roede, Deb Thornton, and Rev. Judy Swahnberg, Ministerial Advisor*

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



FAMILY PROMISE NEWS AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

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 or Neely Dodge at nadodge@me.com with any questions. They can also help you sign up for training classes.



Tuesday, Nov. 6	Wellesley Hills Cong. Church	<u>207 Washington Street, Wellesley</u>	<u>laurieotten50@gmail.com</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>	

OUR NEXT HABITAT BUILD IS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3



Come join us for a Habitat work day on Saturday, November 3rd. We will be working in Northborough converting an old grocery store into two new residences.

We will meet in the church parking lot at **7:30 Saturday morning** and return by 5pm. Lunch will be provided. Go to the link below to sign up or email Elaine Vildzius (vildzius@gmail.com) or the church office. You must be 16 years old to participate.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4EA4AC2EA3F58-habitat2>

A SPECIAL INVITATION FROM ANNE MARIE ...

October 2018

Dearest Church Family,

It has been delightful to be able to observe the ways in which the faith of our church school teachers, confirmation leaders, and youth group parents has been shared so easily with our children and youth. What a gift it is to walk alongside you as we serve together here at the Hills Church!

We welcome the input, creative feedback and planning of our volunteers. We are blessed with the talents of so many members of our church, how incredible would it be to hear from more of you as we continue to grow these beautiful ministries. How are you being called to serve the church? Are you interested in learning more about these important family ministries? Let us walk together as we determine the best ways to serve our families!

Therefore, we would like to extend an invitation to all of you to join us for one or both of the following meetings:

Our Children's Ministry Team Meeting Monday October 22 at 7:30pm in the Assembly Room

A combined meeting of our Children's and Youth Ministry Teams Monday November 19 at 7:30.

We invite our church school teachers, youth group leaders, and others to join us! Our meetings run approximately one hour.

We are mindful of how busy each of your lives are and we are grateful for the time that you generously give to these very important ministries of the church! It is our hope to continue to grow our faith formation classes for our children and youth in ways that explore how God is speaking to us all in our teaching, shepherding, leading, planning and growing of our faith formation classes and programs.

Please consider joining us on Monday evening! We look forward to seeing you!

Peace and Joy,



Rev. Anne Marie Holloway
Associate Minister for Youth and Families

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

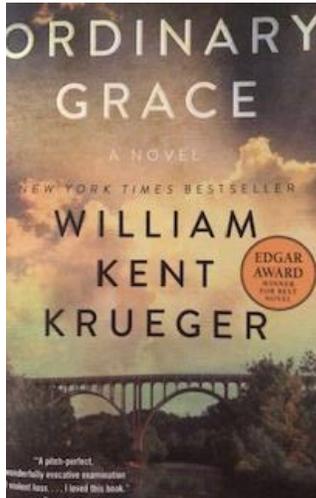
On Sunday, November 4, we remember those who over the past year passed from this life to the larger life in the nearer presence of God, by reading their names aloud in our worship service. If you'd like the names of your loved ones included, call or email the church office by 5:00 p.m. **on Tuesday,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

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.

ADVENT 2018 SPIRITUALITY GROUPS: *ORDINARY GRACE*

Advent Spirituality groups are convening a little early this year. By popular demand, it's "Advent in November."



This fall the Board of Deacons and clergy invite members of the Hills Church to read and reflect on: *Ordinary Grace*, by William Kent Krueger, (Simon and Schuster).

One reviewer called this book, " *Extraordinary...with authentic characters who grow in wisdom and grace and learn to accept what they cannot change.* Another wrote, " *A beautiful and engaging story...revealing in even the smallest ways how grace inters into brokenness and loss and grief and provides hope.*"

This year we will be hosting two groups for discussions of our reading, prayer, fellowship, and faith reflections.

- The **Sunday evening group** will meet 7:30 pm -9pm on **November 4** at the church in the reception room, and on **November 11 and November 18** at the home of Jim and JoAnna McKinney, 25 Pine Street, Wellesley. Kelly Ford will convene this group.
- The **Tuesday morning group** will meet from 10:30 to 11:30 in the Reception Room on three consecutive **Tuesday mornings, beginning November 6.** Mary Hill Canavan and Rev. Judy Swahnberg will lead this group.

Tuesday's "Morning Meditation" is continuing!

So many of us are appreciating our quiet time that we have decided to continue that practice. **From 9:30-10:30 a.m. on Tuesdays.**

So – **on Tuesday mornings this November, the Reception Room will be the place to be!** Come for Book Group. Come for Meditation. Or come for both! Participating in small groups is a wonderful way to meet people and enliven our faith.

Have Questions? Want to sign up? Email Rev. Judy Swahnberg at judy@hillschurch.org.

(A limited number of books will be available for purchase through the Church Office, or you may order your copy online or through your favorite bookstore.)

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.

THE PUMPKINS ARE HERE – AND THE PUMPKIN PATCH IS OPEN! JOIN IN THIS WONDERFUL ANNUAL FALL FUND-RAISING TRADITION



Children's Ministry invites all families and children to help with this AWESOME annual Fall fundraising tradition!

So, if you would like to lend a hand, please:

Let David Thornton dthornton023@gmail.com know, or To volunteer online - hop onto SignUpGenius NOW: (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4ea4ac2ea3f58-pumpkin2>).

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. 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 meets: 7:00-8:30 p.m.

*Programs meet every Sunday evening unless otherwise indicated

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

For more information email Rev. Anne Marie Holloway: annemarie@hillschurch.org.

Quotable Quote: "Many hands make light work!"

OUR YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE(S) AT A GLANCE

***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! Dinner will be served! 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 2nd. All are welcome to attend this informative session about this incredible ministry!

10/28 Confirmation Youth and interested Sr. High YG members are invited to join us in serving at the **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 not be regular Youth Group Meetings this week!

***11/4 (Note Change) Both Youth Groups meet at regular times** for our program titled "Attitude of Gratitude".

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!

11/25 Advent Dinner! Details TBA

HILLS CHURCH CALENDAR

THURSDAY, October 18

- 10:00 a.m. Clergy Worship Planning
- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 4:00 p.m. Flu Shots – at the Wellesley Health Dept.
- 6:30 p.m. New Beginnings
- 7:30 p.m. Christian Service Support Board

This Sunday's Scripture Readings
Psalm 104:13-24
Luke 6:37-38

FRIDAY, October 19

- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

SATURDAY, October 20

- 9:00 a.m. NAMI Reunion

SUNDAY, October 21

- 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
- 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
- 7:00 p.m. Senior High Youth Group
- 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

MONDAY, October 22

- 1:00 p.m. Clergy Pastoral Care
- 4:00 p.m. Nursery School Advisory Board
- 7:30 p.m. Children's Ministry Team

TUESDAY, October 23

- 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Morning Meditation
- 7:00 p.m. Property Maintenance Ministry Team

WEDNESDAY, October 24

- 7:30 p.m. Confirmation Class and Dinner
- 7:30 p.m. Men's Group
- 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, October 25

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

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, 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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