

# Events at the Hills

WELLESLEY HILLS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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## OPPORTUNITIES

### OCTOBER IS STEWARDSHIP MONTH



**THIS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28, IS**

**DEDICATION SUNDAY**

With great anticipation, we invite you to attend this Sunday's 10:00 a.m. Worship Service, at which time we will joyfully dedicate the congregation's Stewardship pledges for 2019.

- Matt's sermon will celebrate how generosity makes God's love real in our community.
- Many families have already made pledges and intentions known, and we thank you.
- The Hills Church programs that will put "Faith in Action" next year depend on financial support from all members of our church community.
- The Hills Church welcomes and honors pledges of all sizes - reflecting God's abundance in our lives.
- Pledges may continue to be made by mail, in the offering plate and online at [www.hillschurch.org/stewardship](http://www.hillschurch.org/stewardship).

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

• *Ann David* *Caitlin Jonathan*

**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](mailto: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](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 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](mailto:dthornton023@gmail.com) know – or to volunteer online - hop onto SignUpGenius NOW: (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4ea4ac2ea3f58-pumpkin2>).

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

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION HERE THIS 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 this 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 this 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

**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](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.

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](mailto: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:*

***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**

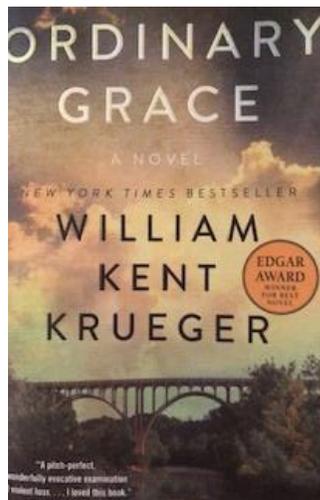
**On Sunday, November 4**, we remember those who over the past year passed from this life to the larger life in the nearer presence of God, by reading their names aloud in our worship service. If you'd like the names of your loved ones included, call or email the church office by 5:00 p.m. **on Tuesday,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

### **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*

### **JOHN FINNEY PRESENTS A PREVIEW OF SPECIAL MUSIC SUNDAY – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4**

Following the worship service **on Sunday, November 4**, John Finney will lead one of his always-popular periodic seminars focused on the music we will hear on special music Sunday this

December: Carols and Lullabies (Christmas in the Southwest) by Conrad Susa. And for those who **sign up by Thursday, November 1**, a light lunch will be available.

Brought to you by your Adult Education Ministry team. (P.S. Volunteers are needed for clean-up after the seminar.)

# Donate Blood in memory of

## Dan McCabe



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Celebrate life and make a difference by giving blood. Blood is needed for many different kinds of patients. It could be a young child with a rare blood disorder, a family member fighting cancer, or a friend involved in a car accident. Please schedule an appointment to donate at this special blood drive. You'll feel good knowing you've helped change the lives of patients in need.

### **A Day of Giving to Honor the Memory of Dan McCabe Wellesley Community Blood Drive**

Wellesley Hills Congregational Church  
207 Washington St (Rt 16)  
Wellesley, MA 02481

**Wednesday, November 21, 2018  
10:00 AM to 3:00 PM**

Sponsored by The Youth Fellowship of Wellesley Hills Congregational Church  
& Wellesley Boy Scout Troop 182

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: McCabe to schedule an appointment.

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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.

**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](mailto: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](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 PROGRAMS UPDATE

**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 and Senior High YG meets in the Youth Room!

Confirmation Class meets in the Reception room weekly.

For more information email Rev. Anne Marie Holloway: [annemarie@hillschurch.org](mailto:annemarie@hillschurch.org).

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Quotable Quote: "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." - Helen Keller"

### OUR YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE(S) AT A GLANCE:

**A HUGE THANK YOU** to our youth and to all of our WHCC family who were able to help unload the pumpkin truck last Wednesday!!!! We unloaded **over 2,000 pumpkins** in approximately 3 hours!!!! IT is AMAZING what a community can do when we work together towards a common goal!

\* **10/27 NEW:** (Note change) Our teens asked for a pumpkin carving night, and we want to make this happen! Sooooo, we invite you to join us on **Saturday 10/27 from 4:30-6:00 pm** where both our **Middle School and High School Youth Groups** will gather together for Pumpkin Carving! Pumpkins provided (of course!!) Details to follow!

**10/28** Information Session about serving the homeless with Common Cathedral following Worship @ 11am! The Hills Church will be serving with "**Common Cathedral**" on **December 2<sup>nd</sup>**. All are welcome to attend this informative session about this incredible ministry!

**10/28 RSVP REQUESTED!!!** **Confirmation Youth** and interested **Sr. High YG members** are invited to join us in serving at the **Outdoor Church**. (There are only 7 spots available!) 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. Please note that there are no additional YG meetings this day!

## HILLS CHURCH CALENDAR

### **THURSDAY, October 25**

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

This Sunday's Scripture Readings  
Psalm 34:1-8  
Mark 10:46-52

### **FRIDAY, October 26**

- 11:00 a.m. Memorial Service (Joan Smith)

### **SATURDAY, October 27**

- 4:30 p.m. Youth Group Pumpkin Carving

### **SUNDAY, October 28 - Dedication Sunday**

- 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. Common Cathedral Presentation
- 12:30 p.m. Outdoor Church Service Opportunity
- 4:00 p.m. Hills Bells Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

### **MONDAY, October 29**

- 1:00 p.m. Clergy Pastoral Care

### **TUESDAY, October 30**

- 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Morning Meditation

### **WEDNESDAY, October 31**

- 7:30 p.m. Confirmation Class and Dinner
- 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

### **THURSDAY, November 1**

- 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](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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## PARISH REGISTER

Congratulations to:

**Roger and Martha Sergel** on the October 16 birth of their grandson, **Austin Sergel**, son of **Peter and Meg Sergel**, in Minneapolis.

Prayers for:

**Barry Jacobson**, in treatment.

**Greta Sarginson**, recovering at Marist Hill in Waltham.

Prayers for those who are in hospice care and their families:

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

**Donna Kent**, in Wisconsin.

**Nancy Fraser's** sister, **Sally Hawthorne**, in Florida.

Prayers of sympathy for:

**Janet Howe** and her family on the death of her mother, **Joan Smith**, at age 93. A Memorial Service will be held this Friday, October 26, in Wallace Chapel.

**Carol Cole**, on the death of her former brother-in-law, **Bill Presley**, who died on September 30 in Dallas.

Continuing prayers from our congregation for:

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

**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.

**Sophia Gauthier**, recovering at home.

**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**, in treatment.

**John David Ferrer's** friend, **Carlos Marin**, 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.

**Judy Swahnberg's** father, **Richard Swahnberg**, recovering after surgery.

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

**Alice Ward**, hospitalized for treatment.

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

**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).