

Events at the Hills

WELLESLEY HILLS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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OPPORTUNITIES

HOEDOWN AT THE WHCC RANCH

Saturday, March 9

5:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Assembly Room

Put your hoe down and come to the Hoedown!

Have some good old fashioned fun

A progressive dinner alternative for all ages

Learn (or watch) line dancing with a local teacher

Enjoy great food prepared by Parish Life

Fun games for all ages, and photo props opportunities

\$15 per adult and \$5 per child, payable at the door

Children 3 and under free

Look for more information in the coming weeks!

TUESDAY

MORNING MEDITATION – 9:30 TO 10:30

“HE LEADS ME BESIDE STILL WATERS, HE RESTORES MY SOUL.” PSALM 23

Whether you are new to meditation or practice it daily...come, be still, and be restored during this time together, Tuesday mornings from 9:30 - 10:30 in the Reception Room.

Come as you are able, just as you are.

Questions? Email Mary Hill Canavan at mhillcanavan@gmail.com or Rev. Judy Swahnberg at judy@hillschurch.org.

CHILDREN'S BOOK COLLECTION

The church is collecting children's books throughout the month of February for the benefit of The Grow Clinic at Boston Medical Center.

www.bmc.org/pediatrics-growclinic.htm

The books are given to the children when they are receiving treatments or when waiting for a sibling.

Collection bins will be inside the church entrances for your new and gently used children's books. Questions? Contact Donna McCabe dmccabe4@comcast.net

YOUR PLEDGE DOLLARS AT WORK – HOUSING THE HOMELESS



The following thank you note was received recently from Friends of Boston's Homeless, one of the many area organizations which benefit from your generosity. Thank you, Hills Church.

*WHCC's support of our **Housing Start-up Fund** has helped get many of (our clients) safely and stably housed over all these years, and ... 2018 was (our) most successful year to date! WHCC's support helped make safe, dignified housing a reality for **241** people who struggled for years on our streets and in shelters (27% slept in places not meant for human habitation before being housed), and got them connected to the supports they needed to rebuild their lives. And the best news is, given the continued successes of Housing First strategies in Boston, over **90%** will remain housed and never spend another bitter cold night outside.*

I also wanted to share with you this note I received from one of the women WHCC helped house. Kathy was displaced from the Long Island Shelter when the bridge abruptly closed and was one of 7 women our Valentine Women's House immediately took in. Valentine's program coordinator worked with Kathy to enroll in UMASS College of Advancing & Professional Studies and our Housing Start-up Fund helped her secure permanent housing. Today, she is a licensed alcohol and drug counselor, has a great job with Brigham & Women's Hospital, and is maintaining housing on her own.

"You provided me a beautiful place to live after the [Boston's Long Island] bridge closed. Well, 4 years later and I'm a licensed alcohol and drug counselor. Thank you for motivating me and supporting me. Your kindness meant the world to me and always will."

As always, thank you for making this possible for Kathy and for so many others who tonight, and in future, are no longer struggling on the streets and in shelters, but living hopeful, peaceful and fulfilling lives in homes of their own.

*Mariann Bucina Roca, Executive Director
Friends of Boston's Homeless*

HAVEN'T PLEDGED YET?

If you have not yet submitted your 2019 pledge, please take a minute to complete your pledge card and mail it back to the church today or hop onto the church website, hillschurch.org, and click on the "Donate" button in the upper left hand corner of the home page. Thank you.

BIBLE AND THE NEWS



A Weekly Study with Rev. Matt Wooster
Wednesdays, 10:00-11:00 a.m. in the Church Library
Discussion on how the scriptures relate to the news of the day and the news of our lives. Each week will be stand-alone discussion of the Biblical passages to be read in worship. Come every week or drop in when you can.

FAMILY PROMISE NEWS AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Our next two weeks of hosting are **February 24 through March 3** – and **May 5 through May 12**. Both sign ups are live on CERVIS. Link for volunteers is: <http://cerv.is/m?0002>

Any questions, please contact: Tricia Frank pdfrank@comcast.net or Neely Dodge nadodge@me.com



Many Family Promise volunteer positions require training – but not all! The schedule for upcoming Family Promise training sessions follows. All classes start at 7:00 p.m. Please contact Tricia Frank at pdfrank@comcast.net or Neely Dodge at nadodge@me.com with any questions.

Tuesday, Feb. 5	Cong. Or Atid	<u>97 Concord Rd., Wayland</u>
Thursday, Feb. 21	TBD	
Tuesday, March 5	TBD	
Thursday, March 21	St. Paul's Church	<u>39 East Central, Wayland</u>

ESPECIALLY FOR YOUTH AND FAMILIES!

Below, you will find a tentative schedule of some monthly service opportunities for our teens to participate in together. Some are more geared to High School-aged teens, and others are open to both Middle School and High School youth!

If you are interested in serving with us for any of these local service opportunities, please reach out to Rev. Anne Marie Holloway – annemarei@hillschurch.org ! We encourage our teens to invite their friends!

As we approach each month, we will reach out to those who wish to participate and share additional details for each event!

March: (High School Youth)

Make and serve a meal at Rosie's Place on Sunday, March 10, leaving the church at 2:00 p.m.
<http://www.rosiesplace.org/volunteer/groups>

April: (Middle School and High School Youth)

Alongside the members of our Parish Life Ministry team, our youth will have the opportunity to make soup and cookies for our church family to enjoy following the April 7 Worship Service. Preparations and cooking to be done on Saturday April 6, at 9:30 a.m. Soup to be served following worship on Sunday, April 7.

May: (High School Youth)

Feed the homeless with the Outdoor Church. Details TBA.
<https://www.firstchurchcambridge.org/outdoor-church-0>

We are so very excited about the ways in which our teens wish to work together to serve as the hands and feet of Jesus in the world!!

Rev. Anne Marie Holloway

ALL CHURCH SERVICE DAY – FEBRUARY 3, 2019

COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING OUR SERVICE



Here is a brief summary of what we accomplished together for the benefit of others this past Sunday:

- Filled more than twenty “Housewarming Baskets” with new home essentials, plus many more bags of extra household necessities.
- Made 28 scarves for donation to Cradle to Crayons.
- Delivered the hats and mittens we collected earlier this winter to Cradles to Crayons.
- Put together eleven shopping bags of kid-friendly backpack food – and raised \$220 raised to buy more food.
- Assembled five tables and five bureaus for the New Life Furniture Bank
- Collected a large tub of towels for donation to the Norfolk Animal shelter – and a large tub of bedding material for donation to S. M. A. R. T. Recycling
- Collected a large number of like-new or new towels and bedding for donation to the New Life Furniture Bank.
- Prepared fifteen pasta meals for use by our own Care Team Ministry and the Wellesley Food Pantry.
- Filled a box with dried out markers to go to Crayola for recycling.
- Delivered twelve dozen cookies to our local Fire and Police stations.
- Sent many handwritten notes to local heroes, neighbors, and those in need to wish them well.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS AND EVENTS



YOUTH GROUP

At The Hills Church

2019 Winter Season (January- March)

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

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

*Both programs meet every Sunday evening in the Youth Room unless otherwise indicated
For more information email Rev. Anne Marie Holloway: annemarie@hillschurch.org .

Quotable Quote: "I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples." ~ Mother Teresa

UPCOMING YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE(S) AT A GLANCE

2/10/19 Tentative "road trip" to **Gunstock Mountain Resort** for Snow Tubing Fun! Details TBA!

2/17/19 Youth Groups meet at regular times for program titled, "If not you than who?"

2/24/19 Youth Groups meet at regular times for program titled, "And who do you say I am?"

3/3/19 Middle School Youth Group meets from 5-7 pm for a **Bowling Party** at Needham Bowlaway! There will be NO High School Youth Group on the 3rd.

3/10/19 Sr. High School Youth Group and Confirmation Class serve **at Rosie's Place**. Details TBD. There will be NO Middle School Youth Group on the 10th.

Our **Confirmation Class** meets every Wednesday evening at 7:30 pm in the Reception Room.

Our **Middle Schoolers** meet on the third floor for church school on the second and fourth Sundays of each month.

HILLS CHURCH CALENDAR

THURSDAY, February 7

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

This Sunday's Scripture Readings
Isaiah 6:1-8
Luke 5:1-11

FRIDAY, February 8

- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

SATURDAY, February 9

SUNDAY, February 10

- 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
- 4:00 p.m. Hills Bells Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

MONDAY, February 11

- 1:00 p.m. Clergy Pastoral Care Meeting

TUESDAY, February 12

- 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Morning Meditation
- 4:30 p.m. Food Pantry Client Supper
- 7:30 p.m. Church Council

WEDNESDAY, February 13

- 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, February 14

- 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

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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