

Events at the Hills

WELLESLEY HILLS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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OPPORTUNITIES

Kids, grab your favorite grown-ups and saddle up!
Come to the HOEDOWN at the WHCC Ranch
Saturday evening March 9 - From 5:00 to 7:30
\$15 per adult, \$5 per child, children 3 and under free
payable at the door



What is a hoedown? Clara says...

"It's a line dance party at church!"

Dinner, games, and a line dancing lesson for all ages

"You get to wear a costume and be fancy"

Cowgirl boots, bandanas, or other Western wear are encouraged (but not required)

"I can hardly wait!"

You won't want to miss out on all the fun, so be sure to let us know you're coming

Just RSVP to mimi8386@hotmail.com by **Sunday, March 3**

We need the number of adults and kids along with one fun fact about each party-goer for our "get to know you better" activity.

VOLUNTEER AT RESTORE - SATURDAY, MARCH 9

Would you like to serve others but aren't up for a full day of Habitat building? Come join us at ReStore on **Saturday, March 9**. ReStore is Habitat's discount building supply outlet. Volunteers are needed to straighten shelves, move donated items to the proper area and do general clean up duties. The proceeds from ReStore sales go to finance the building of Habitat houses in the area. We will meet at the church parking lot at 8:45 on Saturday morning, March 9, and return just after 2:00 p.m. (plenty of time to make it to the Hoe Down!). Email Elaine at vildzius@gmail.com if you want to come along. You must be at least 16 years old to participate.



The Wellesley Hills Congregational Church
and the Metropolitan Boston Association
of the Massachusetts Conference
of the United Church of Christ

joyfully invite you to celebrate

the installation of
Rev. Anne Marie Holloway

Sunday, March 17, 2019
Three Thirty p.m.

207 Washington Street
Wellesley Hills, Massachusetts

Clergy: red stoles *A reception to follow*

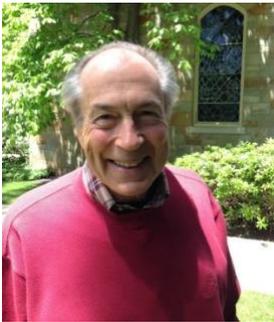
TUESDAY MORNING MEDITATION - 9:30 TO 10:30
CONNECTING IN COMMUNITY WITH EACH OTHER

In addition to the physical and spiritual benefits of meditation, there is another benefit, often unexpected yet just as vital to our health and well being. As noted by one member when asked why she came to Morning Meditation, she remarked, "I try not to let the busyness take over my day, and this time on Tuesday morning helps me to reconnect with others and meet new people I wouldn't meet otherwise. When I have felt disconnected, this time helps me to reconnect."

This time we spend in quiet stillness is also time spent connecting with each other, and what better place to experience this beloved community than at church, where we come as we are able, just as we are....

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

JOIN JIM MCKINNEY WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, FOR THE NEXT LAY-LED WORSHIP SERVICE



The recent controversy over the Virginia governor and his admission of wearing black face has caused this good old boy (who grew up in Oklahoma and was educated in Texas) to re-examine his own actions and his understanding of racism. **On Wednesday evening, March 13**, we will explore Jesus' command to "do unto others as you would have them do unto you" and the implications of that command for our conversation about racism, assessing the action we have taken in the past, and directing the action we will take in the future. Join us at 6:00 p.m. for dinner in the Reception Room and stay for the service at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel

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



MEN'S GROUP 30'S - 50'S

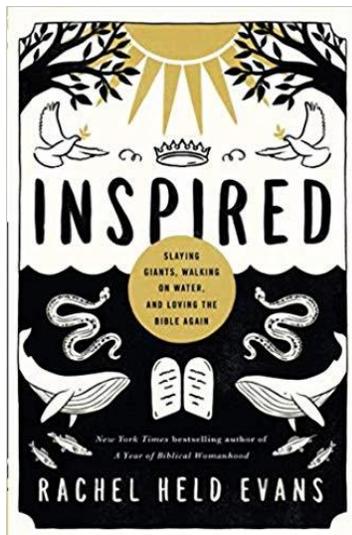
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, AT THE HOME OF RALEIGH SHOEMAKER

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, AT THE HOME OF MATT WOOSTER

The men's group for members and friends of the church ages 30's - 50's meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Facilitated by Rev. Matt Wooster, this group focuses on building friendships and growing together in faith.

To RSVP and join the email list, contact Rev. Matt Wooster at mattw@hillschurch.org.

BE INSPIRED BY THIS BOOK STUDY! MONDAY EVENINGS: MARCH 18 – APRIL 8



Join Rev. Anne Marie Holloway (annemarie@hillschurch.org) and Betsy Wooster (ecwooster@gmail.com) for a four-week study of *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water and Loving the Bible Again* by Rachel Held Evans

Anne Marie and Betsy invite you to journey with them through the pages of this thought-provoking work. As one reviewer said, “What do people mean when they say the Bible is *inspired*? Undaunted by the Bible's most difficult passages, Evans wrestles through the process of doubting, imagining, and debating Scripture's mysteries. The Bible, she discovers, is not a static work but is a living, breathing, captivating, and confounding book that is able to equip us to join God's loving and redemptive work in the world.” (<https://rachelheldevans.com/inspired>)

Come with us and discover a fascinating new perspective on a book you thought you already knew. Monday evenings, from 7:00 to 8:00, March 18-April 8 – in the Reception Room.

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.

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.

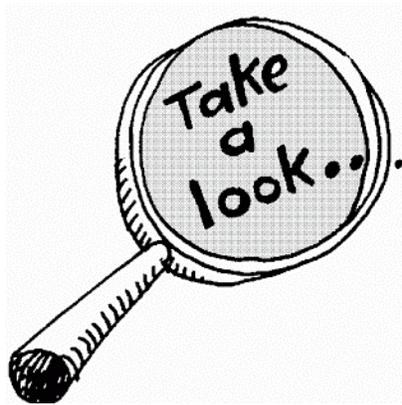
May: (High School Youth)

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

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: *"And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. The greatest of these is LOVE..."*
~1Corinthians 13:13

UPCOMING YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE(S) AT A GLANCE

02/24/19 Youth Groups meet at regular times for program titled, "And who do you say I am?"

03/08/19 (FRIDAY) Middle School Youth Group meets from 5-7 pm for a **Bowling Party** at Needham Bowlway! There will be NO Middle School Youth Group on Sunday, March 10.

03/09/19 (SATURDAY) A Saturday evening of food, fun, and line dancing at The Hills Church Hoedown! Details TBA.

03/10/19 (SUNDAY) 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.

3/17/19 All are invited at 3:30 pm to celebrate a Service of Installation for Rev. Anne Marie Holloway. We will be officially installing her as a minister of the the Hills Church! In the UCC, we host installations when a new minister is called to serve a new church community! Anne Marie would be honored if you would join her in celebrating her call to serve as our Associate Minister for Youth and Families! (And besides – cake will be served!!!)

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 21

- 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

This Sunday's Scripture Reading
Luke 6:27-38

FRIDAY, February 22

- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

SATURDAY, February 23

SUNDAY, February 24 – Family Promise Hosting Week begins

- 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. HVAC System – Open Forum
- 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, February 25

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

TUESDAY, February 26

- 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Morning Meditation
- 6:30 p.m. Caring for the Caregivers

WEDNESDAY, February 27

- 10:00 a.m. Bible and the News
- 7:30 p.m. Confirmation Class and Dinner
- 7:30 p.m. Men's Group (at the home of Raleigh Shoemaker)
- 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, February 28

- 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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