

# Events at the Hills

WELLESLEY HILLS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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## OPPORTUNITIES

**SAVE THE DATE:  
MOZART REQUIEM ON SPECIAL MUSIC SUNDAY (MARCH 24)**

On Sunday morning, March 24, during our regular 10:00 a.m. worship service, our Chancel Choir and soloists will be accompanied by a full orchestra in presenting one of the most beloved pieces in all the choral repertoire, the sublime "Requiem" by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Mark your calendars, and invite your friends and neighbors to be with us on March 24 to experience this moving and soulful masterpiece!

**DOES YOUR HEART YEARN TO REACH OUT?  
THEN JOIN THE CARE TEAM MINISTRY OF THE HILLS CHURCH!**



Would you like to reach out to members of the congregation who are experiencing life's joys, sorrows or other challenges?

If so, we invite you to join the Hills Church Care Team Ministry. There are four Care Teams, each responsible for kindnesses every fourth week. The ministers notify your team via email suggesting individuals who might benefit from more care or celebration, and team members respond as their heart guides them.

You are asked to serve at least a year, but may sign up or resign at any time. Our 2019-20 Care teams will be celebrated and blessed during worship on **Sunday, March 31, 2019**. If you are interested in joining, please email Rev. Judy Swahnberg: [judy@hillschurch.org](mailto:judy@hillschurch.org) or call Judy at the church.

**THIS SUNDAY'S MISSION MOMENT - THE GRACE HOUSE**

The Mission Moment this Sunday will be given by Allie Horton of **The Grace House** in Framingham. Since 2005, this small Evangelical Church has ministered to the needy and disenfranchised. Parishioners and volunteers feed and clothe food-challenged households of the greater Metrowest area, providing a hot meal on Saturday evenings and Sunday afternoons and regular access to both a food pantry and a used clothes closet. Volunteers help serve meals or assist in the food pantry or with clothing distribution. The Grace House accepts gifts of food, kitchen items, toiletries, and clothing. Through the Hills Church Christian Service Support Board, our church regularly assists them financially.

**TEA AT THE HILLS CHURCH - TUESDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 19, AT 1:30**

Please gather with other church friends to share tea and conversation after our “winter break.” How have you spent these last several months? Did you wish we had more snow — or did you escape to someplace warm? Any new babies in your family, or a sorrow to share? And what’s up with the plans to improve the church’s heating system?



We will have tea and assorted baked goods — and the opportunity to catch up on personal and church happenings and enjoy each other’s company. We will gather in the Reception Room at 1:30 **next Tuesday afternoon, March 19.** Please call Cynthia in the Church Office at 781-235-4424 if you would like a ride to or from the church.

  
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*

## VOLUNTEER AT THE EGG HUNT...

Saturday morning, April 13, 9:00 - 11:00

Check out the sign up genius for fun volunteer opportunities that include:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050a44a4ab2ba64-hills>

- Week leading up to the Egg Hunt: Purchase items, prepare food.
- Friday night, April 12, set up: 4:30-6:30 at the Church. Many hands make light work!
- **THE MORNING OF THE HUNT** - 8:30 to 11:00: Help monitor the egg hunt, bouncy house, face painting, animal care, Easter Bunny helper, serve food, play games with kids.
- **THE DAY OF THE HUNT** - 11 to Noon. Clean-up



Or visit our sign up table on **Sunday, March 24th** during fellowship.

The Easter Bunny will be hopping with Joy!

### **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

For many years our church's knitters have made prayer shawls to bring comfort for illness or loss. These symbolic tokens of our church's prayers and support have been intensely meaningful to their makers, presenters, and recipients. You can learn more about this important ministry at [www.shawlministry.com](http://www.shawlministry.com).

Now is the time to make more shawls, and the cabinet in the Church Library has been replenished with patterns, needles, and Homespun yarn.

Our crafters have also created baptismal blankets to be presented to babies at each baptism ceremony. Currently we have a good supply of those. Stay tuned for information about a Community Hour gathering in coming weeks to introduce more crafters to this important ministry. Questions? Contact Bev St. Clair [stclair@massmed.org](mailto:stclair@massmed.org)

### **TOWEL DRIVE TO BENEFIT NEW LIFE FURNITURE BANK IN MARCH**

A towel drive for New Life Furniture Bank of Massachusetts will take place throughout March at Hills Church. A charitable organization staffed by volunteers, New Life accepts donations of furniture and household items, and makes them available at no charge to those in need.

<https://www.newlifefb.org/>

The goal is to provide a new or gently used towel and washcloth for each member of the families New Life serves. Collection bins will be located by the choir room, at the front and back narthex, and at the east entrance by the nursery school.

For more information, contact Donna McCabe at [dmccabe4@comcast.net](mailto:dmccabe4@comcast.net).

### **MEN'S GROUP 30'S - 50'S**

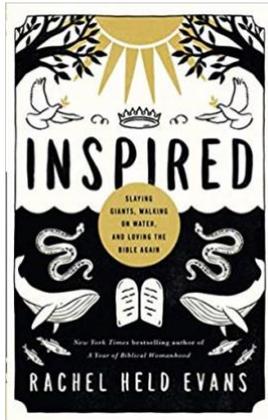
#### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, AT THE HOME OF MATT WOOSTER**

The men's group for members and friends of the church ages 30's - 50's meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:mattw@hillschurch.org).

## BE INSPIRED AND BECOME WISE THIS LENT

Just as the Spirit led Jesus into the wilderness for a period of reflection and prayer, we invite you to be led on a Lenten journey through the pages of these written works:



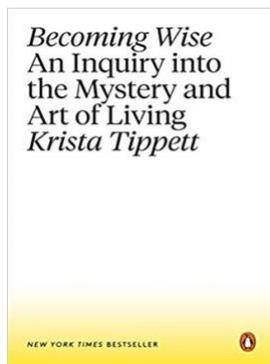
**INSPIRED**, by Rachel Held Evans, a New York Times best-selling author, who has been featured in *The Washington Post*, *The Guardian*, *Christianity Today*, *Slate*, *The Huffington Post*, *The CNN Belief Blog*, and on NPR. Evans served on President Obama's Advisory Council on Faith Based and Neighborhood Partnerships.

Evans asks the question, "What do people mean when they say the Bible is inspired?"

One reviewer wrote: "Evans wrestles through the process of doubting, imagining, and debating Scripture's mysteries. The Bible...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."

Led by Rev. Anne Marie Holloway and Betsy Wooster. **Monday evenings, from 7:00 to 8:00, March 18-April 8** – in the Third Floor Youth Room (March 18 and April 1) and the Reception Room (March 25 and April 8).

Led by Kelly Ford **at 7:30 on Sunday evenings:** March 17, March 24, March 31, and April 7 - in the Reception Room.



**BECOMING WISE**, by Krista Tippett, winner of the National Humanities medal for "thoughtfully delving into the mysteries of human existence" and host of the NPR program and podcast, *On Faith*.

In her book, Tippett reflects on what she calls the "breeding ground of wisdom: words, flesh, love, faith and hope." We'll wrestle with big questions: what does it mean to be human? What matters in life? How can we be of service to one another?"

Led by Rev. Judy Swahnberg and Mary Hill Canavan **at 10:45 on Tuesday mornings:** March 19, March 26, April 2, and April 9 - in the Reception Room.

**To get your copy of either book:** A limited number of both of these books will be available in the Church Office for \$12.00, or you may obtain your copy directly from the bookseller of your choice or read/hear the book on Kindle/Audible.

Contact Rev. Judy Swahnberg ([judy@hillschurch.org](mailto:judy@hillschurch.org)) or Rev. Anne Marie Holloway ([annemarie@hillschurch.org](mailto:annemarie@hillschurch.org)) or the Church Office ([cynthia@hillschurch.org](mailto:cynthia@hillschurch.org)) if you are interested in participating in either of these Lenten studies.

## 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.

## TUESDAY MORNING MEDITATION – 9:30 TO 10:30 – SMALL MIRACLES

*You have travelled fast over false ground;*

*Now your soul has come to take you back.*

*Take refuge in your senses, open up*

*To all the small miracles you rushed through.*

I came upon these lines while reading the Saturday morning online newsletter "The Pause" published by Krista Tippett and The On Being Project. The lines are from the poem "A Blessing For One Who is Exhausted" by the Irish poet and philosopher John O'Donohue.

What caught my attention was the invitation to use these lines during my day as "a mini meditation;" to print and post them nearby, to remind myself to slow down and notice the "small miracles I rush through." If this idea sparks your curiosity and you'd like to know more about this spiritual practice, please stop by the Reception Room on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 - 10:30am.

Come as you are able, just as you are....

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).

### **SPIRITUAL CONVERSATIONS FOR WOMEN – THURSDAY EVENING, MARCH 28 – AT 7:30**

We will meet in the Third Floor Youth Room on the **second Tuesday** and **fourth Thursday** of each month. Our next meeting will be **Thursday March 28**. Our current topic: Our Faith Stories. This is an ongoing, open group which embraces you *wherever you are in your faith journey*. Come and participate by sharing or just listening. Sponsored by: Patty Sibanda, Jessica Sturtevant, Elaine Vildzius, Becky Williams, Kristen Toffer, Ntonhle Kekana, and Judy Marth.



10th Annual Family Promise **Walk Away Homelessness** Walkathon  
SATURDAY, April 6, 2019 at the Natick High School  
15 West Street, Natick  
Registration opens at 8:00am

Join hundreds of walkers of all ages for fun, music, food, face painting, prizes and more!

**TOGETHER WE WILL WALK to END HOMELESSNESS!**

Help us celebrate our 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk to End Homelessness. This year Family Promise is hoping for 100% participation from all of its congregations as it marks this special 10<sup>th</sup> year anniversary.

All proceeds from the walk will help Family Promise Metrowest end the cycle of homelessness by providing families with shelter, meals and professional services.

<http://walkawayhomelessness.familypromisemetrowest.org> or call 508-318-4820.

**SERVING LUNCH AT ROSIE'S PLACE ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON – MARCH 9**



**"HOEING DOWN" AT THE HILLS CHURCH HOEDOWN ON SATURDAY NIGHT, MARCH 9**





## EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

If you would like to give Easter lilies in memory of—or in honor of—a loved one, please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate or send it to the church office by **Monday, April 15**.

You may donate whatever amount you wish. Checks should be made payable to the *Wellesley Hills Congregational Church*. Please note *Easter Flowers* on the memo line of your check.

My donation for Easter Flowers is given (PLEASE PRINT)

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

*or*

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail your check to:**  
Wellesley Hills Congregational  
Church  
207 Washington Street  
Wellesley Hills, MA 02481

## ***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 – [annemarie@hillschurch.org](mailto:annemarie@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!

### **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

## **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.**

Submissions are due **Monday by 5:00 p.m.**

## 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](mailto:annemarie@hillschurch.org) .

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**Quotable Quote:** *"Sometimes the fact that there is nothing about you that makes you the right person to do something is exactly what God is looking for."*

~ Nadia Bolz-Weber, *Accidental Saints: Finding God in All the Wrong People*

### **UPCOMING YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE(S) AT A GLANCE**

**3/17/19 (SUNDAY)** 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 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!!!)

**03/24/19 (SUNDAY)** Both youth groups meet at their regular times for a program titled, "Tacos and Truth."

**03/31/19 (SUNDAY)** Both youth groups meet at 3:00 p.m. for an "Around the Town" scavenger hunt!!! More TBA.

**04/07/19 (SUNDAY)** Both Youth Groups meet at regular times for "Tin Canny Voting" and the "Board Game Challenge".

**04/13/19 (SATURDAY)** Easter Egg Hunt help and fun from 8:30am-12:00pm!!! All youth are invited to volunteer as Bunny Helpers! Join the fun! (No Sunday Youth Group Meetings)

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, March 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
- 7:30 p.m. Music Ministry Team

This Sunday's Scripture Reading  
Psalm 27:1-5  
Luke 13:31-35

### **FRIDAY, March 15**

- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. Connections

### **SATURDAY, March 16**

- 9:00 a.m. NAMI Reunion

### **SUNDAY, March 17**

- 9:00 a.m. Lectionary Bible Study
- 9:15 a.m. The Hills Ringers Rehearsal
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. Community Hour
- 3:30 p.m. Installation Service and Reception – Rev. Anne Marie Holloway
- 4:00 p.m. Hills Bells Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. Sunday Night Lenten Book Group

### **MONDAY, March 18**

- 1:00 p.m. Clergy Pastoral Care Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Monday Night Lenten Book Group
- 7:00 p.m. Master Plan Steering Committee

### **TUESDAY, March 19**

- 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Morning Meditation
- 10:45 a.m. Tuesday Morning Lenten Book Group
- 1:30 p.m. Afternoon Tea at the Hills Church
- 6:30 p.m. Caring for the Caregivers

### **WEDNESDAY, March 20**

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

### **THURSDAY, March 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