



March 13, 2019

A WEEK IN THE LIFE

The Season of Lent began at the Hills Church on Ash Wednesday, when we gathered to pray, to reflect, and to receive ashes at two worship services in the Wallace Chapel.

On Saturday, the Assembly Room was filled with church members, friends, and visitors for dinner and dancing by all ages to the Hoedown theme. I celebrate the creative work of the Parish Life Ministry Team, as it brought all ages into deeper relationships that are formed by enjoying time together.

In worship on the first Sunday in Lent, the Hills Ringers presented an anthem, and it was moving to hear the bells played with such shared commitment by these children on the tune "Do Lord," which I remember from my own childhood. After church, church school families received special kits for devotional practice at home during Lent.

Following worship, members of the youth group prepared and served a meal at Rosie's Place, a sanctuary for women who experience homelessness and food insecurity.

As a congregation, we are called to embody important hallmarks of ministry, so that people may encounter God, deepen authentic relationships, raise children and youth together, invite and involve our neighbors, and serve God's children who are in need. This past week, I witnessed all of these ministries at the beginning of Lent.

But it's not because of Lent. These ministries are happening all the time.

I'll see you in church, and I hope you'll be able to join us for the special service of Rev. Anne Marie Holloway's installation this Sunday afternoon, March 17, at 3:30.

Peace,

Rev. Dr. Matthew Wooster
Senior Minister