

Events at the Hills

WELLESLEY HILLS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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OPPORTUNITIES

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES

Maundy Thursday, April 18, 8:00 p.m.

Service of Holy Communion and Tenebrae, the service of “shadows.”

Good Friday, April 19, Noon worship, followed by silent vigil in the sanctuary and a liturgy for the end of the vigil at 2:45 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 21, 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

We will celebrate Christ’s resurrection with the joyful music of choir, brass and timpani, handbells, and our magnificent pipe organ. Rev. Matt Wooster will preach the sermon, “The Life of Hope.” Communion will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m.

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.

PLANT FAITH THIS SPRING!

Working in children’s ministry is an awesome opportunity to make a difference. To plant a seed of goodness that grows.



Be a part of this ministry, and you will see what we’re talking about.

We have changed the schedule of church school team member needs a little:

- **K-4 Sundays – April 28, and May 12 and 19** – Three Sundays of rotation class. Sign up to teach all three Sundays. NOTE THE DATES.
- Nursery and Pre K class – All Sundays in April and May.
- June helpers – June 2 assisting in Church School and June 9 in the Worship service.

See the updated sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050a44a4ab2ba64-spring> or see Sally.



IT WAS A LOVELY PALM SUNDAY AT THE HILLS CHURCH ...

**EMERGENCY!
HELP NEEDED RIGHT AWAY!
CALL ANIMAL CONTROL NOW!
GOATS AND A REALLY BIG BUNNY IN THE NORTH NARTEX!**



MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

The Membership Ministry Team invites you to attend our next joining series. We will be hosting an Inquirers Gathering **on Sunday April 28**, after the worship service in the Reception Room. Matt Wooster will lead the conversation which will last about 45 minutes. He will provide information about the Hills Church vision and the Hallmarks of our church as well as answer any questions.

We will also be holding our next Membership Class **on Wednesday evening May 8**, from 6:00 to 8:00 in the Reception Room. Food will be provided and childcare is available. This class will include information regarding The United Church of Christ (UCC), Baptism, Communion and Confirmation at the Hills Church. We will also discuss the Order of Worship, Church Governance, Children and Adult Educational Programs, Service Opportunities and Community Life.

The next scheduled joining is **on Sunday morning May 19, during the worship service.**

If you are interested in joining us for any of the above, please contact Donna Maley at maley15@aol.com so we are able to arrange materials (and childcare, if needed).

TUESDAY MORNING MEDITATION – 9:30 TO 10:30 –

We welcome all to Morning Meditation on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 - 10:30 in the Reception Room at the church – whether you are new to meditation or practice daily.

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

Come as you are able, whenever you can...we look forward to seeing you then.

SPIRITUAL CONVERSATIONS FOR WOMEN (SCW)

NEXT THURSDAY EVENING, APRIL 25 – AT 7:30 – IN THE THIRD FLOOR YOUTH ROOM

By popular demand and because we are growing and hearing new stories each week, we will continue with Our Faith Stories through the end of April. We meet every **second Tuesday** and **fourth Thursday** of each month, 7:30-9:00 p.m. We are a diverse, open group who 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.

THIS YEAR'S EASTER OFFERING

This year our Easter Offering will be divided between two recipients.

One half will be given to Family Promise's Capital Fund, which Family Promise will use to purchase and refurbish a new Day Center. We have, of course, participated for years in their core program of furnishing temporary shelter for families with children here at WHCC. At their home-like Day Center, they provide showers, lunch, child care, and play areas for the children when they are not in school. Those parents who are not already employed benefit from a number of training programs offered by Family Promise, as well as various other services intended to help them maximize their earning potential. After families leave the shelter, they also receive up to one year of case management support and financial subsidies.

The other half of the offering will go to the Wellesley Food Pantry in memory of Mike Kamio, a much loved and extremely active member of the WHCC congregation. Mike's life was closely associated with food -- both professionally and in his many years of dedicated support for our "Super Sub" program. His family suggested the Wellesley Food Pantry be a recipient of this year's Easter offering. Since 1989 The Wellesley Food Pantry has provided supplemental and emergency food to approximately 200 Wellesley households in need, encompassing more than 420 individuals; about one-third of whom are children and another third are seniors.

WE NEED YOUR HELP FOR OUR MAY HOSTING!



Our next hosting week is May 5 - 12. Sign ups are live on CERVIS. Link for volunteers is: <http://cerv.is/m?0002>

Our next and final hosting for this year will be October 27 – November 3.

Many Family Promise volunteer positions require training - but not all! The schedule for upcoming Family Promise training sessions is below. All training classes begin at 7:00 p.m. and last about an hour and a half.

Please contact Tricia Frank at pdfrank@comcast.net or Neely Dodge at nadodge@me.com with any questions.

Thursday, April 18,	FPM Day Center	6 Mulligan Street, Natick	Laraine	lmarthinsen@verizon.net
Tuesday, May 7,	Wellesley Village Church	2 Central Street, Wellesley	Diana	diana.carroll4@gmail.com
Saturday, May 11	Christ the King Church	600 Central Street, Holliston	Linda	lkandtk@verizon.net
Thursday, May 23	FPM Day Center	6 Mulligan Street, Natick	Laurie	laurieotten50@gmail.com
Tuesday, June 4	Needham Congregational Church	1154 Great Plain Ave, Needham		

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.**

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

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS AND EVENTS



YOUTH GROUPS

At The Hills Church

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: "You are the source of all life, and because of your light we see the light."

~Psalm 36:9

UPCOMING YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE(S) AT A GLANCE

04/21/19 (EASTER SUNDAY) – No Sunday Youth Group Meetings. Alleluia! Jesus has risen!

04/28/19 (SUNDAY) – No regular Youth Group meetings. Grace Knight Babson Event at 4:00 p.m. Details TBA.

05/05/19 (SUNDAY) – Confirmation Sunday! Join us for our worship service at 10:00 a.m. as we confirm and celebrate alongside our 2019 Confirmation Class! Youth Groups meet at regular times for program titled, "Dear Future Self ..."

05/12/19 (SUNDAY) – Mothers' Day. No Youth Group meetings! (Be sure to celebrate and be good to those awesome "motherly humans" in your lives!!)

05/19/19 (SUNDAY) – Both Youth Groups meet Sunday afternoon from 4:00 to 5:15 for a Shaving Cream Wiffle Ball Tournament.

05/26/19 (SUNDAY) – Memorial Day Weekend! No 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, April 18 – Maundy Thursday

- 10:00 a.m. Clergy Worship Planning
- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. Confirmation Class
- 8:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship Service

This Sunday's Scripture Reading
1 Corinthians 15:20-36
Luke 24:1-12

FRIDAY, April 19 – Good Friday

- 12:00 p.m. Good Friday Worship Service and Vigil
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

SATURDAY, April 20

- 9:00 a.m. NAMI Reunion

SUNDAY, April 21 – Easter Sunday

- 9:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

MONDAY, April 22

- 10:30 a.m. Memorial Service and Reception (John "Jack" Clarke Lovewell)

TUESDAY, April 23

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

WEDNESDAY, April 24

- 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, April 25

- 10:00 a.m. Clergy Worship Planning Meeting
- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. New Beginnings
- 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Conversations for Women

PARISH REGISTER

Prayers of sympathy for:

The family of **Donna Kent**, who died on April 11 in Baldwin, Wisconsin. A Memorial Service is planned in Wisconsin this week, and a celebration of Donna's life will be held at the Wellesley Hills Congregational Church later on in the spring.

The family of **John "Jack" Lovewell**, who died on April 6. A Memorial Service celebrating his life will be held at the Wellesley Hills Congregational Church on Monday morning, April 22 at 10:30.

Prayers of health and healing for:

Roland Andersson's father, **Vilhelm Andersson**, in Gothenburg, Sweden.

Bob Anthony, recovering from knee replacement surgery.

Pam Botts' son, Stephen, following a ski accident in Vail, Colorado.

Emily Gauthier's daughter, **Sophia Gauthier**.

Susan Hoffman, for continued healing.

Mary Hays' sister, Marnie Lawlor, in rehab after being hospitalized.

Susan Hoffmann, for continued healing.

Bill Kehlenbeck, friend of **Doug Eisenhart**, in treatment.

Lorraine Liebenberg's mother, **Sandy Gardinier**, undergoing rehabilitation in Connecticut.

Bob O'Mara, recovering from surgery.

Lynn Perry, recovering at home from surgery.

Chris Stowell, recovering from hip replacement surgery.

Brad Tomlinson, recovering following knee replacement surgery.

Mariela Vargas' sister, Cristina, coping with complications of lupus, and her father, **Carlos Vargas**, hospitalized near his home in Cali, Colombia.

David Wimberly, recovering from a fall.

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

Susan Hoffmann's mother, **Marge Magnuson**, in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Continuing prayers from our congregation for:

Angie Hemmerle's mother, **Jane Spencer**, in medical care.

Greta Sarginson, at Hebrew Rehabilitation Center, Dedham.

Matt Schuler, son of **John and Dwin Schuler**, in Pennsylvania.

Martha Spencer, Bill Spencer's sister.

Rob Ann Tomlinson, at home with health concerns.

Prayers for those continuing in treatment:

Carol Cole's brother and **Sarah Cole's** uncle, **John Shroyer**

Anne Coursey's nephew, **Trevor Moynihan**

Jeremy "JJ" Demers

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

Kirby Green Grochal

Barry Jacobson

Rob Jaczko

Nancy Simons' brother in law, Harry Kahnhauser

Becky Williams' cousin, Tami Blais

Matt Wooster's mother, Donice Wooster.