

Events at the Hills

WELLESLEY HILLS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

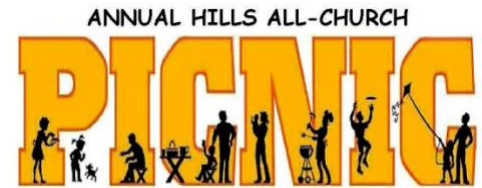
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OPPORTUNITIES

THIS YEAR'S CHURCH PICNIC IS JUNE 9 – DON'T MISS IT!

The Parish Life Committee and the Board of Deacons take pleasure in inviting you and your family to join us for our Annual All-Church Picnic immediately after worship on **Sunday, June 9** on the front lawn. (In case of rain, we will gather, undaunted, in the Assembly Room.) Come and enjoy the delectable results of our grill masters' skill at flipping burgers (including veggie burgers) and grilling hot dogs to perfection! Then, enjoy a delicious dessert provided by the Deacons. All are encouraged to dress casually, and to bring blankets or beach chairs. We will have tables and chairs on hand for our senior friends. Please plan to join in, have lunch, and help us all welcome summer! Admission is free.



TUESDAY MORNING MEDITATION...THE VALUE OF SILENCE

In his daily meditation, author and pastor Henri Nouwen wrote, *"Silence means rest, rest of body and mind in which we become available for him whose heart is greater than ours...Silence is that moment in which we not only stop the discussion with others but also the inner discussions with ourselves, in which we can breathe in freely and accept our identity as a gift."*

The silence of those gathered to meditate on Tuesday mornings is about resting body and mind - and in that hour, finding a peace in just being ourselves, just as we are.

Please join us for Tuesday Morning Meditation from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. in the Reception Room at the church and find out how the silence of this ancient practice can lead to a sense of healing and wholeness on your faith journey.

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

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

IN RECOGNITION OF 2019 HILLS CHURCH GRADUATES

On Celebration Sunday, June 9, we will acknowledge and honor all Hills Church graduates. If you know of any graduates from high school, college, or graduate school, please send their names to Cynthia at cynthia@hillschurch.org. **by Monday, June 3**. Please reflect the name of your graduate exactly as you would like it to appear in the Sunday Order of Worship and the church newsletter - and be sure to include the name of the institution from which they will be graduating. And finally, if you are the parent of a High School senior, please let us know whether they will be in church on June 9 to receive their gift from the congregation!



**SPIRITUAL CONVERSATIONS FOR WOMEN (SCW)
MEETS TWICE MONTHLY – IN THE THIRD FLOOR YOUTH ROOM**

In May and June we'll begin a new line of spiritual conversations centered around short readings from Scripture. We meet on the **second Tuesday** and **fourth Thursday** of each month, from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. **The next meeting is next Thursday, May 23.** No Bible or religious background needed. 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.

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 –May 19** – “Rotation class” Sundays.
- Nursery and Pre K class – All Sundays in 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.

SUMMER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN THE WELLESLEY FOOD PANTRY!



The Wellesley Food Pantry is housed in the basement of our church, helps over 250 families in Wellesley – and could use a little extra help from us **this summer**. The Pantry likes to give WHCC the first chance at filling volunteer spots.

They need two (2) volunteers **each Monday, beginning June 24**, to go to Roche Bros. at 8:30 a.m. and pick up all the donated food from the front of the store and deliver it to the Food Pantry. These volunteers will then go through the food, looking at expiration dates and marking the bar codes.

The Pantry also needs two (2) volunteers **each Tuesday, beginning June 25**, to go to Roche Bros. at 8:15 a.m. and pick up bread, and deliver it to the Food Pantry. The volunteers will then help with deliveries, putting the final touches on the bags (produce, frozen items, bread), and then delivering the bags to the Pantry's clients. There are usually 3–5 clients during any week, and each client gets an average of five (5) bags.

More details will be given when you sign up for a shift, and a coordinator will be present to direct you. Please email Janet Horelick horelick@comcast.net, with any questions and with your availability. If you are coming with children, please give their ages. Many thanks.

LOOKING AHEAD TO THE NEXT PROGRAM YEAR CONFIRMATION PROGRAM - 2019/2020 SPRING OPEN HOUSE

Join Rev. Anne Marie Holloway for a Confirmation Program Open House on Wednesday June ,5 from 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.



Families with youth in Grades 9 and up who are interested in learning more about Confirmation Class at the Hills Church are invited to join us for a light meal and conversation.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY 2019



This year's Hills Church Confirmation Class
(from left to right)

John Broderick, Austin Herlihy, Ryan Douglas, Kate Bossert and Zoe Dodge

**THE BACK BAY RINGERS WILL PRESENT A SPECIAL CONCERT AT THE CHURCH
SUNDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 9 - AT 4:00**

The Back Bay Ringers will be presenting a concert at the Hills Church on June 9 at 4:00 p.m. and our kids have been invited to ring at the concert! Let's see if that can happen!

BBR is working this season in collaboration with Beacon Press and Brian Clements, the editor of the anthology *Bullets into Bells*. All proceeds from this concert will benefit the important work of "Stop Handgun Violence," a non-profit based in Beverly.



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 Ordination of
Nena Davis Radtke*

Sunday, June 2, 2019

THREE O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON

207 Washington Street
Wellesley Hills, Massachusetts

*Clergy invited to gather at 2:30 pm
to robe and process: red stoles*

A reception to follow

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

At The Hills Church



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

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

*Programs meet every Sunday evening unless otherwise indicated

Middle School and Senior High Youth Groups meet in the Youth Room!

For more information email Rev. Anne Marie Holloway:

annemarie@hillschurch.org .

Quotable Quote:

“World peace begins with inner peace ...” ~ Dalai Lama

UPCOMING YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE(S) AT A GLANCE

PLEASE NOTE SCHEDULE CHANGES REFLECTED HERE. AT THE SUGGESTION OF OUR FAMILIES, THE FIFTH GRADE OPEN HOUSE WAS MOVED TO JUNE 2 – TO AVOID A CONFLICT WITH WELLESLEY’S WONDERFUL WEEKEND ACTIVITIES.

5/19/19 Wellesley’s Wonderful Weekend. No Youth Group meetings! (PLEASE NOTE THIS CHANGE.)

5/26/19 Memorial Day Weekend, No Youth Group Meetings! Enjoy time with your families.

6/1/19 (Sat.) Sr. High Youth to serve at the New Life Furniture Bank. Please e-mail Rev. Anne Marie for more information.

6/2/19 Celebration Sunday Rehearsal immediately following Worship. Details TBA.

6/2/19 Want to join our Youth Group? Families with youth in grade five are invited to join us at 3:15 p.m. for an information session! If you have never attended Youth Group but wish to find out more, please join us as well! Fifth grade students are invited to stay following the info session and enjoy our fun youth group gathering!

Middle School YG will meet on this Sunday afternoon from 4:00 to 5:15 for a Shaving Cream Wiffle Ball Tournament. This will surely be a fun afternoon of silly and messy competition! This is our last YG meeting for this program year (although we will have opportunities to serve together over the summer)!

KINDNESS OPPORTUNITIES: SENIOR HIGH YOUTH Volunteer and Serve

Saturday June 1: All youth in grades 9 and up are invited to meet us at the church at 12:30 p.m. to travel with us to serve at the New Life Furniture Bank. Please RSVP by email or text if you would like to serve with us. (Email: annemarie@hillschurch.org or text 508-404-0287)

Saturday, June 29: Four to five high school aged teens are needed to make sandwiches and serve them to the homeless. Serve those in need through the Outdoor Church in Cambridge. Details TBD. (Email: annemarie@hillschurch.org or text 508-404-0287)

HILLS CHURCH CALENDAR

THURSDAY, May 16

- 10:00 a.m. Clergy Worship Planning Meeting
- 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
 Psalm 148
 John 13:31-35

FRIDAY, May 17

- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

SATURDAY, May 18

- 9:00 a.m. NAMI Reunion

SUNDAY, May 19 – Joining Sunday – Wonderful World of Wellesley Weekend

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

MONDAY, May 20

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

TUESDAY, May 21

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

WEDNESDAY, May 22

- 7:30 p.m. Men's Group
- 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, May 23

- 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

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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PARISH REGISTER

Congratulations to:

Our 2019 Confirmands: **Kaitlin Woolston Bossert, John Kendall Broderick, Zoe Caroline Dodge, Ryan Richard Douglas, and Austin Mark Herlihy!**
Lucy and Steve Sur on the birth of their grandson, **Harrison William Sur**, born May 9 to parents **Matthew and Betsy Sur**.

Prayers of sympathy for:

Roland and Tina, Linnea and Julia Andersson on the death of **Vilhelm Andersson**, father and grandfather, in Sweden on May 11, 2019.
Doug Eisenhart, on the death of his friend, **Bill Kehlenbeck**.
Kirsten Oberoi and her family of the recent death of her mother, **Rachel Hallenbeck**.

Prayers of health and healing for:

Ellen Bossert's father, **Walter Bossert**.
Pam Botts' son, **Stephen**, following a ski accident in Vail, Colorado.
Emily Gauthier's daughter, **Sophia Gauthier**.
Mary Hays' sister, **Marnie Lawlor**, in rehab after being hospitalized.
Susan Hoffman, for continued healing.
Lori Janiuk's niece, **Julie Tiber**.
Lorraine Liebenberg's mother, **Sandy Gardinier**, undergoing rehabilitation in Connecticut.
Bob O'Mara, recovering from surgery.
Lynn Perry, recovering at home from surgery.
Mariela Vargas' sister, **Cristina**, coping with complications of lupus, and her father, **Carlos Vargas**, hospitalized near his home in Cali, Colombia.
Gintas Vildzius' mother, **Irene Vildzius**.
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.

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**.