

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.



JOIN US FOR AN ICE CREAM SOCIAL ON TUESDAY, JUNE 11, AT 1:30



An Afternoon at the Hills! Please join us for an old-fashioned Ice Cream Social on **Tuesday afternoon, June 11, at 1:30** in the Reception Room. Welcome summer after our rainy spring and share your plans for the months ahead. We will also mark the 75th anniversary of D-Day by sharing any memories or reflections you might have.

As always, we promise good conversation and fellowship in addition to our June ice cream, cookies, and iced tea! Please call Cynthia Gordan in the church office at 781-235-4424 if you would like a ride to or from the church.

TUESDAY MORNING MEDITATION...IN THE RECEPTION ROOM FROM 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 at mhillcanavan@gmail.com or Rev. Judy Swahnberg at judy@hillschurch.org.

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

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 next 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 June we'll continue our 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. 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.

LACE UP YOUR WORK BOOTS – AND GET READY FOR A HABITAT WORK DAY – JULY 13

Lace up your work boots and grab your hammers for a Habitat Work Day! We will be going to Holliston on Saturday, July 13th. The project is renovating a 110-year-old home located at 172 Concord Street. This two-story, 3-bedroom, single family home with 1.5 baths is located on a half acre parcel and will provide an affordable home in a safe community for a local family.



We will meet in the church parking lot at 7:15 Saturday morning (note the earlier start time!) and return by 5:00. You must be 16 years old or older to participate. To sign up follow the Sign Up Genius link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4EA4AC2EA3F58-habitat4> or contact the church office.

THE CHRISTIAN SERVICE SUPPORT BOARD WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU ...

In June, the Christian Service Support Board (CSSB) begins the process of determining which organizations our Church should support through financial outreach. CSSB manages distribution of funds, but also has an obligation to discern and represent the wishes of the congregation regarding which organizations to support. The list of organizations which we currently support (which is detailed in the brochures in the pews) is not static, and over the years many other organizations have benefitted from your generosity. We assume that again this year the congregation would like to continue making financial contributions to most, if not all, of the same recipients. The CSSB budget is limited, but we would like to hear from the congregation if there are recipients which we should consider not funding this year or new organizations which should be considered. Please contact a member of CSSB if you would like to suggest alternative or supplemental recipients. Unfortunately, adding new recipients might necessitate eliminating one or more of the current ones. If you are suggesting a new organization let us know the name of the group, why you think they should be supported, how to contact them and whether you feel this organization should replace or reduce funding to a specific organization currently on our list.

Harold Wilkinson, CSSB Chair

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:

- 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!



**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 **next Wednesday evening June 5 from 7:30 - 8:30**.

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.

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:

“If I make you light-bearers, you don’t think I’m going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I’m putting you on a light stand. Now that I’ve put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you’ll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven.” Matthew 5: 15-16 The Message

UPCOMING YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE(S) AT A GLANCE

- 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)!
- 6/9/19** Celebration Sunday and the Annual Whole Church Picnic on Pentecost Sunday. Join us for Sunday morning worship at 10:00 and be sure to dress in RED! (Many of you may have roles in this service!! If you do not, and wish to, be sure to email or text Rev. Anne Marie!) What an amazing year it has been! Let us sing our praises and celebrate through worship and a picnic lunch!

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 30

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This Sunday’s Scripture Reading
Acts 9:1-6
John 21:15-17

10:00 a.m. Clergy Worship Planning Meeting

6:30 p.m. New Beginnings

FRIDAY, May 31

7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

SATURDAY, June 1

SUNDAY, June 2

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

3:00 p.m. Ordination Service – Nena Davis Radtke

3:15 p.m. Middle School Youth Group Information Session

4:00 p.m. Hills Bells Rehearsal

4:30 p.m. Middle School Youth Group

7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

MONDAY, June 3

1:00 p.m. Clergy Pastoral Care Meeting

7:15 p.m. Board of Deacons

TUESDAY, June 4

9:30 a.m. Tuesday Morning Meditation

WEDNESDAY, June 5

5:30 p.m. MBA Council

THURSDAY, June 6

10:00 a.m. Clergy Worship Planning Meeting

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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