



- The church's printing and copying equipment will still be available, but with more limited use. During the summer, worship leaders will be inviting the congregation to experiment with a different (and smaller) printed order of worship on Sundays.
- Chapel Place, the roadway which circles the church, will remain open at all times.
- The construction entrance will be on the east side of the building. The church community and guests may continue to enter from the large parking lot on the west side at all times, and by the north and south entrances to the Sanctuary, as needed.
- The organ pipes and equipment will be covered to protect them from dust or debris. Worship will feature the piano as our primary instrument. Otherwise, the Sanctuary will not be affected.
- Wallace Chapel will be used to store some of the special pieces of furniture from the Parish House. Other items from the Parish House will be stored in temporary storage units situated in the west parking lot.

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



An Afternoon at the Hills! Please join us for an old-fashioned Ice Cream Social **next 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 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day by sharing memories and reflections.

As always, we promise good conversation and fellowship in addition to 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.

**REV. PASH OBENG TO PREACH ON SUNDAY JUNE 16**

Pash Obeng, who serves as missionary of the Hills Church, will give the sermon during the worship service **on Sunday, June 16**. Pash served as a minister of this church for over thirty years prior to his retirement from congregational ministry. He continues to serve as a missionary among the Siddi people of south India, supporting both the specific mission of the African Indian Alliance (AIA) and a broader relational mission to improve the lives of the Siddi people, as shaped by the hopes and concerns of the Siddi people themselves.

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

The Back Bay Ringers will be presenting a concert at the Hills Church **THIS SUNDAY, 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.

## HILLS CHURCH YOUTH WORKING TO SERVE OTHERS



### **LOOK AT THIS HILLS CHURCH TEAM – WITH THEIR SMILING FACES – AND SPORTING THEIR “HILLS CHURCH YOUTH” SHIRTS**

Back row, left to right: Charlie Liebenberg, Rev. Anne Marie Holloway, Evie Wells, Mary Kroupa Wells, Jessica Blackett, Faith Holloway, Lovisa Davidsson, and Ginger Gooch  
Front row, left to right: Sally Tomasetti, Mimi D'Angelo, and Rafe Tomasetti

Last Saturday, June 1, seven Hills Church Youth Group members left here around noon for an afternoon of service at the New Life Furniture Bank in Walpole. They put together bed frames, sorted and made towel sets, cleaned and wrapped rugs, and used other donated items to create “new home welcome baskets” – all for ultimate use by the individuals and families in need served by this wonderful not-for-profit. Our group also brought along donated items to help create nine additional “Housewarming Baskets,” filled with basic household goods, such as sponges, detergent, household cleaners, and basic kitchen items.)

Reflecting on last Saturday’s service experience, event organizers Rev. Anne Marie Holloway, Children’s Ministry Coordinator Sally Tomasetti, Mimi D’Angelo, and Mary Wells put it this way, “An afternoon well spent. An inspiring group of young people of whom we can all be proud!”

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For more information about the New Life Furniture Bank, visit their website at [newlifefb.org](http://newlifefb.org).

**PRAYER AT WORK**

Those of us who knew Rev. Ann Adams know she wrote beautiful, moving prayers. Often she received requests for copies of them after Sunday worship. When she left the Hills Church, she created an electronic subscription service for a weekly prayer, which many of us received at work. More than once a colleague of mine would appear in my "cube" after Ann's prayer had arrived and say, "How did she know?" That was the power of Ann's prayers: she, more often than not, just knew what you needed to hear in that moment.

With the encouragement of many, Ann published her prayers in a book called *Prayer at Work*. But don't be fooled by the title. These prayers are about much more than work. They're about healing and stress, thanksgiving and joy, loving, living and dying, celebrating and stillness.

Free copies of Ann's book will be available after church this Sunday. You will find them on a table in the Assembly Room. All are welcome to pick up a free copy either on your way out to the front lawn for the picnic – or on your way back to the parking lot after the picnic. I encourage you to take full advantage of this opportunity to become (re)acquainted with the beauty of the collection of Ann's prayers found in this book. Here is a small sample to whet your appetite:

I pray, O God,  
for the perspective of faith;  
for a grasp of your will in this situation,  
for an appreciation of what matters most  
in your scheme of things.  
Make me still enough,  
attentive enough  
to hear your voice  
and follow you,  
as Jesus did.  
Amen

**MORNING MEDITATION:  
WALKING TOGETHER AS WE PRACTICE OUR FAITH**

*"The world cannot be discovered by a journey of miles, no matter how long, but only by a spiritual journey, a journey of one inch, very arduous and humbling and joyful, by which we arrive at the ground at our feet, and learn to be at home."*

This quote from Wendell Berry resonates with me as it describes the journey of those who have gathered for Morning Meditation over this past year. I have been so moved and enriched by those who walked through the door of the Reception Room to practice; we all walked together "inch by inch," practicing meditation in fits and starts, sometimes with ease, at other times with questions and doubt. And yet, we kept at it, for as Matt has observed, "Faith is a practice. No one is perfect at it. That's why we keep practicing....we will find that our spirits are strengthened by a well-practiced attention to God, good relationships with a community, and a depth of compassion for ourselves and for others."

**Summertime Schedule for Morning Meditation**

Due to the upcoming renovation of the Parish House this summer, our last gathering in the Reception Room will be **next Tuesday morning, June 11, from 9:30 - 10:30.**

And mark your calendars for the following Tuesdays during the summer when we will gather in the Board Room from 9:30 - 10:30 to keep practicing our faith through meditation and soulful conversation, in joy and in prayer.

**Tuesday, July 16  
Tuesday, August 13**



We hope to see you - wherever you are on your faith journey.

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 – THIRD FLOOR YOUTH ROOM  
NEXT TUESDAY, JUNE 11, AND THURSDAY, JUNE 27 – FROM 7:30 TO 9:00 P.M.**

Whether you are a first-timer or a regular, come join us for our **last two meetings before the summer break**. We've talked about faith journeys, encounters with God, hard faith questions, interesting women in Scripture, and trusting God with the lives of our children. What would you like to talk about? We're a diverse, multi-cultural group that embraces you wherever you are on your faith journey. Come join the conversation or just listen. No Bible or religious background needed.

Sponsored by: Patty Sibanda, Jessica Sturtevant, Elaine Vildzius, Becky Williams, Kristen Toffer.

**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

**KINDNESS OPPORTUNITIES: SENIOR HIGH YOUTH  
Volunteer and Serve**

**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](mailto:annemarie@hillschurch.org) or text 508-404-0287.)

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**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*

### **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](mailto:horelick@comcast.net), with any questions and with your availability. If you are coming with children, please give their ages. Many thanks.

## HILLS CHURCH CALENDAR

### THURSDAY, June 6

- 10:00 a.m. Clergy Worship Planning Meeting
- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. New Beginnings

This Sunday's Scripture Reading  
Acts 2:122

### FRIDAY, June 7

- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

### SATURDAY, June 8

### SUNDAY, June 9 – Celebration Sunday – Church Picnic

- 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
- 2:00 p.m. Back Bay Ringers Concert
- 4:00 p.m. Hills Bells Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

### MONDAY, June 10

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

### TUESDAY, June 11

- 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Morning Meditation
- 1:30 p.m. Ice Cream Social and Tea at the Hills Church
- 4:30 p.m. Food Pantry Client Supper
- 7:00 p.m. Church Council
- 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Conversations for Women

### WEDNESDAY, June 12

### THURSDAY, June 13

- 10:00 a.m. Clergy Worship Planning Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. North Hill Tea
- 6:30 p.m. New Beginnings

### PUBLISHER'S NOTE

The last issue of the church newsletter for this program year will be published on **Thursday, June 13**. Publication of the newsletter will begin again after Rally Day (September 8) – with at least one Special Edition slated to go out during July and August.

### 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.**

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