

Events at the Hills

WELLESLEY HILLS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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OPPORTUNITIES

FALL MINISTRY SHOWCASE – AFTER WORSHIP, THIS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 (SPONSORED BY PARTICIPATION & INVOLVEMENT)

This Sunday September 15, come ready to explore the many opportunities our church offers for growing our faith, serving others, enjoying fellowship, and helping to lead and manage our church organization. There will be tables, posters, balloons, and invitations for people to discover God at work in and through the Hills Church.

Come with an open heart and mind, ready to ask questions and explore options where you can put your spiritual gifts to use and grow in your faith.

If you are a leader of a ministry team or board member, you have an opportunity to help explorers know more about opportunities to join your area of service, fellowship or study. We will be creating table posters at the church **this Saturday afternoon, September 14, from 1:00 to 4:00 in the Assembly Room**. We encourage you to join us. After the event, the posters will form a “Mural of Opportunities” to be displayed in the Assembly Room this fall.

Contact Bill Spencer, Laurie Otten, or Becky Williams for more details.

CALLING ALL PUMPKIN PATCH-LOVERS!!



The Pumpkins Are COMING! The Pumpkins are COMING!

Be sure to mark your calendars for **Friday, October 11!**

Everyone is invited to join in this AWESOME annual Fall fundraising tradition! We will need all hands on deck to help unload pumpkins this day!

Be sure to stay tuned for more Patch details!

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT CHURCH SCHOOL THIS FALL

Our Church School children and youth will be in a new space until the current renovation work on the second and third floor of the Parish House is complete. More specifically, throughout the month of September, all Sunday morning Church School classes and all Youth Group meetings will be held just across the ‘big’ parking lot at the Wellesley Community Center.

After worship, our volunteers and staff will bring our children and youth back to the Assembly Room, where families can pick up their children and then enjoy a time of fellowship.

**WHAT MIGHT YOU TAKE AWAY FROM
MORNING MEDITATION ON TUESDAY MORNINGS THIS FALL?**

...Being present to God's grace in our lives through stillness, meditation, and prayer... Time spent talking about our experiences with our spiritual practices ... The opportunity to talk a bit about whatever is on our hearts and minds....Peace.

Whether you are new to the spiritual practice of meditation or looking for others to share in this experience with you, please join us for Morning Meditation – in the Board Room on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 - 10:30 – **beginning this Tuesday morning, September 17**. 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.

**SPIRITUAL CONVERSATIONS FOR WOMEN
NOW MEETING ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH**

Matt likes to say that the sermon is the beginning point for a conversation. Next meeting we will talk about ideas, quotes, topics, which came up in one of his, Judy's or Anne Marie's recent sermons that intrigued or moved you. What would you like to talk about some more? We are a group of diverse women, from six different countries, Hills Church members and non-members from multiple faith backgrounds who join together to listen and share our traditions, ideas, questions about faith topics. Come and bring your unique voice or just listen. All women of the church (members and non-members) are welcome.

Next meeting: Monday, October 1 – 7:30-9PM in the home of Beth Ross, 20 Dale Street, in Newtonville.

TEA AND CONVERSATION AT THE HILLS – THIS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 - AT 1:30 PM



Please join church friends **this Tuesday afternoon, September 17, at 1:30** to catch up on your summer activities and any plans for the fall. Did you read a good book? Travel someplace fun or educational, or both? See family?

In addition, we will catch up with what has been happening around our church building – what renovation work has been done, what is still in process, and what happens next.

And because of the ongoing construction, we will gather in the Assembly Room, instead of the Reception Room. Please call Cynthia Gordan in the church office at 781-235-4424 if you would like a ride to or from the tea. We will be happy to pick you up – and get you back home again safely!

WOMEN IN THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES BIBLE STUDY

The resurrection of Jesus has come...and gone. Now the Holy Spirit has come as promised, abroad in the world bringing comfort and grace. The Apostles fan out, spreading The Word. Emerging from Jewish tradition and the patriarchal culture of the time, a new generation of women uses their hands, hearts, and voices to continue Jesus' ministry.

Join with others in the congregation to learn about these early believers: their failings, their effort, their bravery, and their faith. We will also have the opportunity to think about connections to our own times, our own challenges in working around imperfect and unfair systems.

In Wallace Chapel, on Monday evenings 9/23, 10/7, 10/21, 11/4, and 11/25 – from 7:00 to 8:30.

Please email Rev. Anne Marie Holloway annemarie@hillschurch.org if you are interested in attending.

CONSIDER BECOMING A NEW MEMBER AMBASSADOR

Do you enjoy meeting people and making others feel welcome? Please become a “New Member Ambassador” and help us extend warm hospitality to the newest members of our church family.



Together, we'll devise strategies to integrate new members into our congregation while enjoying their company and making new friends. New members, you are warmly invited to join us too!

For more information, please contact Sarah Howe (sarfair@gmail.com) or Sarah Pedersen (pedersenfamily6@verizon.net).

“MY NAME IS ‘ŌPŪKAHA‘IA”

SPECIAL PROGRAM SUNDAY OCTOBER 13, 11:30 A.M. IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOM



The Hawaiian Mission Houses Historic Site and Archives will present a cultural and theatrical program in association with the bicentennial of the departure of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions' (ABCFM) Pioneer Company from New England to the Sandwich Isles (Hawai'i) in 1819.

The story of ‘Ōpūkaha‘ia is instrumental in understanding the history of 19th century Hawai‘i and its connection to New England. Moses Goods, one of Hawai‘i’s finest actors, presents a theatrical performance which portrays the personal journey that Henry Obookiah experienced and the long-reaching influence this journey had on the history of Hawai‘i. His performance has reached wide audiences in Hawaii and will be touring throughout New England during the month of October 2019.

The Hills Church will host this production **on Sunday, October 13, following worship**. A light lunch will be provided, and there will be time for dialogue following the 30 minute performance by Moses Goods.

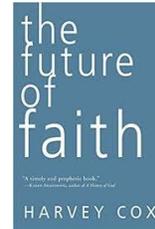
**COMING THIS FALL: FOCUS ON FAITH
A CLERGY-LED BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
CHOOSE EITHER MORNING OR EVENING SESSIONS – WHICHEVER WORKS BEST
FOR YOU**

This fall, Matt, Anne Marie, and Judy will focus on books that illuminate faithful living, whether through the study of theology, spirituality, or pastoral care.

Due to the renovation work currently underway, we are waiting until October to begin this series – allowing plenty of time for reading and reflecting on the selected texts in advance. So, here is a preview of the books we will be discussing.

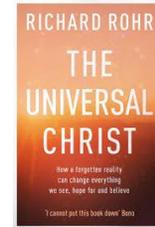
Monday, October 28

Morning: 10-11:15 am,
Evening: 7:30-8:45 pm
Text: *The Future of Faith* by Harvey Cox
Led by: Rev. Matt Wooster



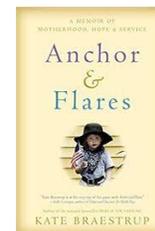
Monday, November 18

Morning: 10-11:15 am,
Evening: 7:30-8:45 pm
Text: *The Universal Christ* by Richard Rohr
Led by: Rev. Judy Swahnberg



Monday, January 27, 2020

Morning: 10-11:15 am,
Evening: 7:30-8:45 pm
Text: *Anchor and Flares* by Kate Braestrup
Led by: Rev. Anne Marie Holloway



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS AND EVENTS

EXPLORE. CREATE. WONDER. SERVE.

If you are new to the Hills Church, please let us know. We would love to hear how we can best serve your family.

NURSERY: Our temporary nursery – downstairs in the Assembly Room – is open for babies and children under three. Drop off starts at 9:45 a.m.

TODDLER/PRE-K: Our usual downstairs classroom is now open for three to five year olds. Children start in the sanctuary, then go to class during the *Passing of the Peace*. Pick up is in their classroom.

CHILDREN IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH EIGHTH GRADE will be attending Church School classes in their temporary classrooms at the Wellesley Community Center, which is just next door to the church. Additional information about the logistics of this temporary arrangement will be shared right before the Passing of the Peace. temporary place over at the Community Centre.

CHILDREN'S BELL CHOIR - WILL PRACTICE SUNDAY MORNINGS – BEFORE WORSHIP

The Hills Ringers will be meeting in Wallace Chapel until the renovation work is complete. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn a new skill and make music with friends! All ages grades 3+ are invited, beginners wanted. If interested in joining please contact Martha @ cpbranwell@gmail.com

If your child has a musical talent and would like to play during worship, we will honor them. Contact John Finney: Johnf@hillschurch.org to schedule.

SECOND AND THIRD GRADE COMMUNION CLASS

In preparation for World Communion Sunday on October 6, all children in Grades 2 and 3 are invited to learn about why and how we take Communion, and what this sacrament means. This class is offered in three parts: during Church School classes today and next Sunday, and again on Sunday, September 29, both during Church School and after the Worship Service, when they will join Matt in the Sanctuary for a walk through. If your child has missed this in previous years they are also invited to attend. Each Communion Sunday, children in Grades 2 through 8 are invited to join their families in Worship for Communion. We offer this class so our upcoming Second Grade class is able to recognize the significance of this sacrament. Third graders that took the class last year are invited to remember and revisit. In fact, we like the idea of children taking this class twice. (There is a lot to think about.) Parents are also invited to attend Pastor Matt's walkthrough on September 29 in the sanctuary, after Worship.

BIBLES

How cool is it to get your own Bible? This year we present all fourth and fifth grade students with an age-appropriate Bible of their very own. The presentation of these Bibles will take place during the October 20 Worship Service before the children leave the service for their Church School classes. We would dearly like your fourth or fifth grader to be there. Please contact Sally if they can attend.

CLUBNIGHT

This is a fun night time gathering for kids in Grades 3 through 5 – and it is always a big hit with the kids. For this night to happen this year, we are looking for two helpers willing to form a team with Sally. If you are a young adult, a dad, a mom, or a fun loving older adult, we hope you will volunteer to share God's joy with this age group. We do games, we play sports, and we get messy – but mostly we build relationships. Can you help? Our first gathering is on Friday, October 11, in conjunction with this year's Pumpkin unloading.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS AND EVENTS

JOIN US FOR THE FALL SEASON OF THE HILLS CHURCH MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP: KICK OFF 2019!



Our Middle School Youth Group, for young people in Grades 6 through 8, will be meeting in the Wellesley Community Center every Sunday afternoon, from 4:30 to 6:00, during September! We hope to see you there!

This evening, September 15, we will gather for a fun evening of games, getting to know one another and good eats! While you're there, don't forget to pick up a new program calendar to hang up on your fridge! And while we're talking about calendars, here are some Special Dates to remember:

- October 11 – This year's Pumpkins Arrive!
- October 13 – Feeding the Homeless with the Outdoor Church
- October 19 – Boda Borg Adventure Trip, at 6:30 p.m.

ATTENTION FAMILIES OF 9TH AND 10TH GRADERS OUR CONFIRMATION PROGRAM WILL BE STARTING SOON!

Our Hills Church Confirmation Class **orientation dinner will be held on Wednesday, September 25, at 7:30 pm in the Board Room!** For more information, please contact the Rev. Anne Marie Holloway annemarie@hillschurch.org.

All Confirmation Classes meet in the Board Room
on Wednesdays from 7:30 – 8:45pm – for dinner and discussions.

Copies of this year's complete Confirmation Class schedule will be shared on the 25th – and can be obtained from Anne Marie at any time.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

The WHCC Senior High Youth Group, for students in Grades 9 through 12 will gather Wednesday, October 16, in the Board Room for pizza and our first Conversation Circle!

Come gather together and see your Hills Church friends from 7:30-8:45 p.m! If you are interested in attending our June Service Trip, you won't want to miss this meeting! Our Senior High Group will meet once a month on Wednesdays with our new Confirmands for dinner and conversation circles! There are multiple local service opportunities and fun events scheduled each month! And here are some of those Special Dates now!



- October 11 – This year's Pumpkins Arrive!
- October 13 – Feeding the Homeless with the Outdoor Church
- October 20 – Serve at Rosie's Place – 3:00 p.m.
- November 2 – Blue Man Group

For more information about all Hills Church Youth and Family programs and events, please contact the Rev. Anne Marie Holloway annemarie@hillschurch.org.

HILLS CHURCH CALENDAR

THURSDAY, September 12

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

FRIDAY, September 13

- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

SATURDAY, September 14

- 1:00 p.m. Participation and Involvement Workshop – Ministry Team Posters

SUNDAY, September 15

- 9:00 a.m. Hills Ringers Practice (Children's Bell Choir)
- 9:00 a.m. Lectionary Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. Community Hour – Fall Ministry Showcase
- 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

MONDAY, September 16

- 7:30 p.m. Parish Life Ministry Team

TUESDAY, September 17

- 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Morning Meditation
- 1:00 p.m. Clergy Pastoral Care Meeting
- 1:30 p.m. Afternoon Tea at the Hills
- 7:15 p.m. Church Council

WEDNESDAY, September 18

- 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, September 19

- 10:00 a.m. Clergy Worship Planning Meeting
- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. New Beginnings
- 7:00 p.m. Personnel Committee Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. Christian Service Support Board Meeting

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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