

Events at the Hills

WELLESLEY HILLS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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OPPORTUNITIES

FAMILY PROMISE NEWS AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

We need your help! Our next hosting week begins this Sunday, February 2, and runs through Sunday, February 9. We will host again April 26 through May 3.

We have three (3) very busy families coming to stay with us; four (4) adults and seven (7) children! And a fourth family could join at any time! Sign-ups are now live on CERVIS for both hosting times. Link for volunteers is: <http://cerv.is/m20002>

Any questions, please contact: Tricia Frank at pdfrank@comcast.net or Neely Dodge at nadodge@me.com

Many Family Promise volunteer positions require training - but not all. The next Family Promise Training Sessions is next Tuesday, February 4, at the Family Promise Day Center, 6 Mulligan St. in Natick. Just E-mail lmarthinsen@verizon.net to sign up.

LIVE STREAMING THE HILLS CHURCH SERVICES?

EXPLORATORY MEETING THIS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2 – AFTER CHURCH!

Come join with us and share your expertise, questions, concerns, or just plain excitement about the idea of streaming our Worship Services live over the Internet, and offering on-line copies that could be replayed at other times of the week.

Many of us consider this as a way to make sure members and former members who live far away – or who are shut-in – or who are otherwise unable to get to Sunday morning services – are able to continue to participate in the life of the church they love.

We will be gathering after church **this Sunday, February 2, at 11:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary**, well before the Super Bowl.

For questions, contact Bill Spencer at not.billspencer@gmail.com.

CHILDREN'S BOOK COLLECTION

The church is collecting children's books throughout the month of February for the benefit of The Grow Clinic at Boston Medical Center.

www.bmc.org/pediatrics-growclinic.htm

The children's books you donate will be given to children receiving treatment at the Clinic – or to their siblings who are waiting there to lend moral support.



Collection bins will be inside the church entrances for your new and gently used children's books. Questions? Contact Donna McCabe dmccabe4@comcast.net

TUESDAY MORNING MEDITATION – TUESDAYS, AT 9:30 A.M. – IN THE RECEPTION ROOM

All are welcome to Morning Meditation on Tuesdays from 9:30 - 10:30 in the Reception Room at the church. Come 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.



**CHOCOLATE
BINGO!**

A Valentine family event

5:00 -7:00pm

Feb. 14th

Beginning with Pizza...

Eyes down at 5:30pm!

**There are chocolate prizes for a line
and full house plus a Valentine raffle
for your sweetheart.**

Cost of Bingo ticket:

**Donate a chocolate bar on the
night = one bingo ticket 😊**

MEET OUR NEW HILLS CHURCH TEACHING STAFF - NICK SLYE AND SANDY MADDEN!

With great joy we formally introduce our new Hills Church School Teaching Staff!

Being a faith formation teacher or volunteer is an important role. Sunday School teachers shine the light of Christ – showing every child God loves them just as they are. What a wonderful blessing it is to be a small part of that!

MEET NICK SLYE: OUR “CREATE” STATION ARTIST AND TEACHER



“Working at the Hills Church has been an incredible blessing to me! I am blessed to have this opportunity to teach God’s word in such a creative and fun way with all the wonderful kids at Hills.

Over the past few months, I have seen how creative each and every one of our children is, and it is so encouraging to see it used for God’s glory!

It is truly a gift to be able to teach God's word in such an applicable way. To serve as part of such a strong community and charity-driven church is a blessing and a half!

Thank you for inviting me into your loving church family, God bless”

-Nick Slye

MEET SANDY MADDEN! OUR *GODLY PLAY* STORY TELLER

AND “WONDER” TEACHER

“The primary thought that comes to mind when I think about what I love about teaching Sunday School is “WONDER”.

I’ve had the wonderful opportunity to re-visit stories of the Bible with the kids and share in their wonder.

Our children have such clarity and honesty in their questions and observations.

Watching as the children wonder about these ageless stories of our faith is such a gift -- thoroughly enjoyable!

Experiencing the joyful energy that the kids bring, has been a wonderful reminder to me that we all need to make time for joy and playfulness in our own lives!”

~Sandy Madden



YOUTH MINISTRY HAPPENINGS FOR FEBRUARY

(Middle School Youth Group, Confirmation, High School Conversation Circles, Service Opportunities and MORE...)



Sunday, February 2: Middle School Youth Group meets from 4:30 to 6:00 for “Cupcake Wars.”

Wednesday, February 5: Confirmation Class “Dinner and Discussions” from 6:45 to 8:00.

Sunday, February 9: On the second Sunday of every month, our teens and their families are invited to help us provide comfort and care to the homeless by supporting the Outdoor Church.

Wednesday, February 12: Confirmation Class 2020 and Confirmation Alumni meet from 6:45 to 8:00 p.m. for “Conversations around Decisions” and perhaps a zany game of “Hide and Seek”!

Friday February 14: Join us for a fun evening of Chocolate Bingo! The Cost of a Ticket to this event is simply one bar of chocolate! Details TBA! Stay Tuned!!

Wednesday, February 19: School Vacation. No Confirmation Class.

Sunday, February 23: Middle School Youth Group Meets from 4:30-6:00 for “Winter Olympics”!

Wednesday, February 26: Ash Wednesday Service (Details TBA). Confirmation Class will help lead this Special Service which marks the beginning of Lent.

***Please reach out to Rev. Anne Marie if you have any questions!
Email: annemarie@hillschurch.org or Cell: 508-404-0287***

HILLS CHURCH CALENDAR

THURSDAY, January 30

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

FRIDAY, January 31

- 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

SATURDAY, February 1

- 10:30 a.m. Memorial Service for Rob Ann Tomlinson
- 12:00 p.m. Memorial Tea for Rob Ann Tomlinson

SUNDAY, February 2

- 9:00 a.m. Hills Ringers Practice (Children's Bell Choir)
- 9:00 a.m. Lectionary Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Church School
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. Community Hour
- 4:30 p.m. Middle School Youth Group
- 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

MONDAY, February 3

- 7:15 p.m. Board of Deacons

TUESDAY, February 4

- 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Morning Meditation
- 1:00 p.m. Clergy Pastoral Care Meeting

WEDNESDAY, February 5

- 6:45 p.m. Confirmation Class
- 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, February 6

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

This Sunday's Scripture Readings
Micah 6:1-8
Psalm 15
Matthew 5:1-12

PUBLICATION DEADLINE - HILLS CHURCH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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.

Submissions are due Fridays, by 5:00 p.m.