

Events at the Hills

WELLESLEY HILLS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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OPPORTUNITIES

Second Annual HOEDOWN AT THE WHCC RANCH

Saturday, March 7

5:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Assembly Room

Put your hoe down and come to the Hoedown!
Have some good old fashioned fun
A progressive dinner alternative for all ages
Learn (or watch) line dancing with a local teacher
Enjoy great food prepared by Parish Life
Fun games for all ages, and photo props opportunities
\$15 per adult and \$5 per child, payable at the door
Children 3 and under free
Look for more information in the coming weeks!

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

SPIRITUAL CONVERSATIONS FOR WOMEN - STARTING A NEW SERIES: THE JOURNEY OF FAITH OF THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL: FROM ABRAHAM THROUGH JESUS

Tuesday, March 17 - 7:30-9:00 p.m. – in the Board Room

Have you ever wondered how the various Old Testament events and people fit together in the overall storyline? In March, we are starting a series that will put the pieces in place as we follow the Journey of

Faith of the people of Israel through the Old Testament, starting with Abraham (circa 1900 BCE) through the birth of Christ. The stories we read will move and inspire you, and connect with your own journey. Come explore this journey with us! We are a group of diverse women, Hills Church members and non-members, from multiple faith backgrounds and six different countries who join together to listen and share our traditions, ideas, and questions about faith topics. Come and bring your unique voice or just listen. All women of the church (members and non-members) are welcome.



TUESDAY MORNING MEDITATION

"Silence is sometimes how God sings..."

The practice of meditation involves paying attention; to slowing down our breathing and relaxing, to setting aside the many thoughts that distract us, and to welcoming the gift of silence - not only in the quality of the environment around us but in embracing an attitude of listening.

For it is in this silence as the Rev. Molly Baskette observes in her essay entitled “God-Watching,” that we may hear God sing: “God is present, throughout our frenetic busyness—but scarcely noticed until we start to actively pay attention, to tune in to God’s siren song amidst all the straight-up sirens of life.”

You can access Rev. Baskette’s essay by going to the archives of the UCC’s Daily Devotional website or better still, stop by the Reception Room on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 - 10:30 when we will practice this art of silence and of paying attention to God - God not just with us but God within us.

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.

LAST SUNDAY’S CHILDREN AND YOUTH BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER

Lots of Cookies!

All yummy!

And all baked by children and youth of the church (with a little help from their friends)

Chocolate Chip

Snickerdoodles

Gingersnaps

Oatmeal Raisin

Shortbread

Sugar Cookies

Butter

Thumbprint

Macaroons

You name it! They had it!

Proceeds from last Sunday’s Children and Youth Bake Sale came to over \$500 – all of which was donated by our Children and

Youth Ministries to the church’s

Generation to Generation: One in Spirit

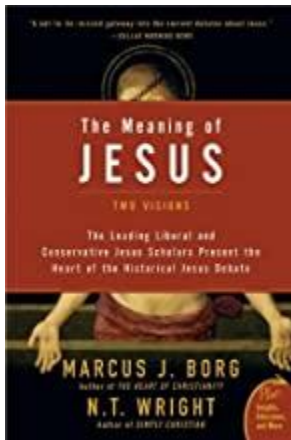
Capital Campaign.



Many thanks to both Bakers and Buyers!

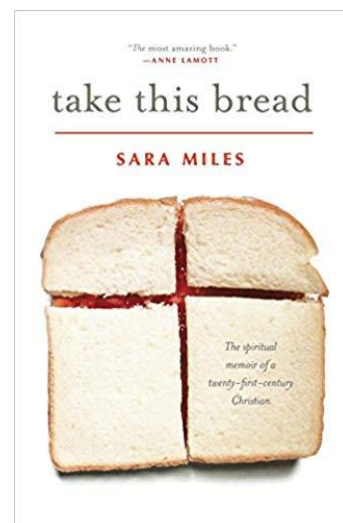
DON'T MISS THIS SPRING'S CLERGY-LED BOOK GROUP SERIES

Text: *Everything Happens For a Reason: And other Lies I've Loved*
Author: Kate Bowler.
Led by: Rev. Judy Swahnberg
Date: Monday, February 24 – at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
Chose the time that works best for you!
Location: TBA.



Text: *The Meaning of Jesus: Two Visions*
Author: Marcus J Borg & NT Wright.
Led by: Rev. Matt Wooster
Date: Monday, March 16 – at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
Chose the time that works best for you!
Location TBA.

Text: *take this bread*
Author: Sara Miles.
Led by: Rev. Anne Marie Holloway
Date: Monday, April 27 – at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
Chose the time that works best for you!
Location TBA.



YOUTH MINISTRY HAPPENINGS FOR FEBRUARY

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



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, February 6

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

FRIDAY, February 7

- 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

SATURDAY, February 8

SUNDAY, February 9

- 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
- 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

MONDAY, February 10

TUESDAY, February 11

- 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Morning Meditation
- 1:00 p.m. Clergy Pastoral Care Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Church Council

WEDNESDAY, February 12

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

THURSDAY, February 13

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

This Sunday's Scripture Readings

Isaiah 58:1-8
Matthew 5:13-16

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.