

Events at the Hills

WELLESLEY HILLS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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OPPORTUNITIES

TOMORROW NIGHT IS CHOCOLATE BINGO NIGHT AT THE HILLS CHURCH!



**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.**

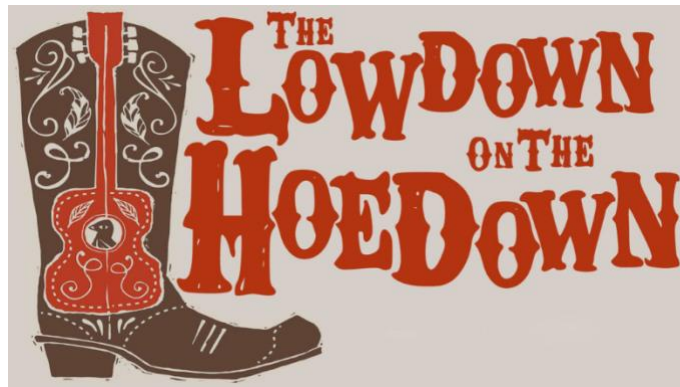
Cost of Bingo ticket:

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

SAVE THE DATE! THE RUMMAGE SALE IS BACK.

On Saturday May 2, Women's Ministry will once again host a Rummage Sale in the Assembly Room. Proceeds will benefit charities locally, nationally, and internationally. Now's the time to start

gathering items to donate. **Intake begins on April 27.** Questions? Want to Volunteer? Contact Laurie at laurieotten50@gmail.com.



Howdy, Pardner!
Ready for the Hoedown at the WHCC Ranch?
Saturday, March 7, 5:30 PM – 9:00 PM
\$15 per adult, \$5 per child, children 3 and under free
payable at the door

What's that? Wondering about the chow? How does this suit you?

pulled pork and rolls
vegan sloppy joes with sourdough bread
baked beans
cole slaw (vegan)
Texas caviar (vegan)
apple crumble with vanilla ice cream
and a special **Little Vittles** menu for the kids

Arrive at 5:30 for a fun game of "Guess Who I Am"
Dinner at 6
Dancing at 7
Dessert at 8

Just RSVP to Mimi D'Angelo - mimi8386@hotmail.com
by Sunday, March 1

YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS EITHER OF THESE TWO SPECIAL EVENTS!

On **Sunday, March 15**, after Worship, John Finney will present, "Experiencing the Sunrise Mass by Ola Gjeilo." In the Reception Room, with a light lunch sponsored by the Chancel Choir.

On **Sunday, March 22**, during Worship, enjoy Special Music Sunday, featuring the Chancel Choir and a string orchestra presenting Ola Gjeilo's incredibly beautiful "Sunrise Mass."

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.

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

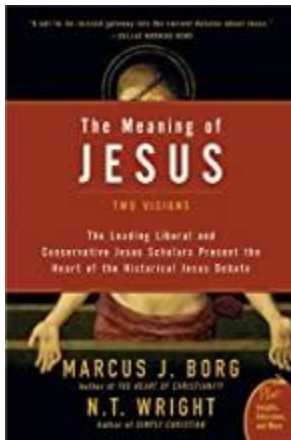
The children’s books you donate will be given to children receiving treatment at the Clinic – or to their siblings who are waiting there to lend moral support.



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

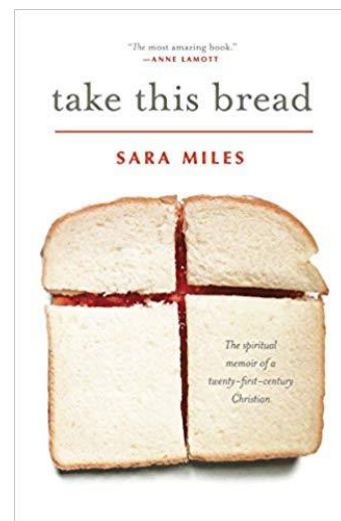
DON'T MISS THIS SPRING'S CLERGY-LED BOOK GROUP SERIES

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...)



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

Sunday, February 23: Middle School Youth Group Meets **from 4:00-5:30 (PLEASE NOTE EARLIER START TIME!)** for "Winter Olympics"!

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



JUNE 27 – JULY 3 SERVICE TRIP INFORMATIONAL GATHERING!

Join us on Sunday, February 23 for a "SOUPER SERVICE" INFO SESSION following Worship at 11:30 a.m. (Come enjoy a warm cup of soup and learn the details about our upcoming service trip!)

Parents with teens in Grades 7- 12 are invited to come and hear all about our exciting Service Trip to Colorado in June!

*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 13

10:00 a.m. Clergy Worship Planning Meeting
10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

This Sunday's Scripture Readings
Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Matthew 5:21-24

- 1:00 p.m. North Hill Tea
- 6:30 p.m. New Beginnings
- 7:00 p.m. Faith Formation Support Board

FRIDAY, February 14

- 5:00 p.m. Chocolate Bingo! (A Family Valentine's Day Event!)
- 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

SATURDAY, February 15

SUNDAY, February 16

- 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 17 – President's Day (Legal Holiday – Church Office Closed)

TUESDAY, February 18

- 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Morning Meditation
- 1:00 p.m. Clergy Pastoral Care Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Property Management Ministry Team

WEDNESDAY, February 19

- 6:30 p.m. NAMI Meeting
- 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, February 20

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

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.