

# Events at the Hills

WELLESLEY HILLS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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## OPPORTUNITIES



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| Wednesday, February 26 | <b>Ash Wednesday</b> Services at noon and 7:00pm                     |
| Sunday, March 22       | <b>Special Music Sunday</b>  |
| Saturday, April 4      | <b>Easter Egg Hunt</b> 9am - 11am                                    |
| Sunday, April 5        | <b>Palm/Passion</b> Sunday 10am service                              |
| Thursday, April 9      | <b>Maundy Thursday</b> 8:00pm service                                |
| Friday, April 10       | <b>Good Friday</b> Noon service. Followed by silent prayer until 3pm |
| Sunday, April 12       | <b>Easter Sunday</b> Services 9am and 11am                           |

### SAVE THE DATE! THE RUMMAGE SALE IS BACK.

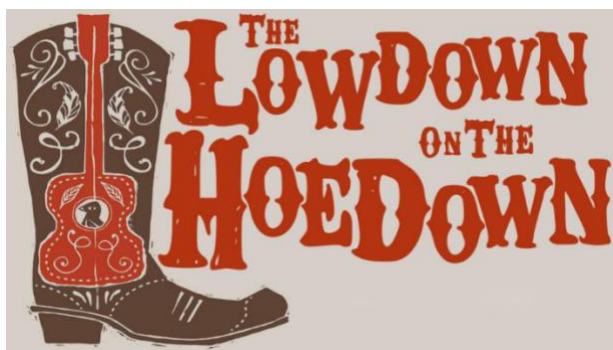
**On Saturday May 2**, Women's Ministry will once again host a Rummage Sale in the Assembly Room. Proceeds will benefit charities locally, nationally, and internationally. Now's the time to start gathering items to donate. **Intake begins on April 27**. Questions? Want to Volunteer? Contact Laurie at [laurieotten50@gmail.com](mailto:laurieotten50@gmail.com).

### COME LEARN, REFLECT, AND BE INSPIRED BY OLA GJEILO'S REMARKABLE SUNRISE MASS

**Sunday, March 15, from 11:30 to 1:00, in the Reception Room.** What you should know about Gjeilo's Sunrise Mass." Enjoy a light lunch sponsored by the Chancel Choir and be transported by John Finney's fascinating presentation. Ola Gjeilo is a gifted Norwegian composer and a 2006 graduate of the Julliard School. Gjeilo says, "I wanted the musical development of the Mass to go from the most transparent and spacey, to something completely earthy and grounded; from nebulous and pristine to more emotional and dramatic, and eventually warm and solid, as a metaphor for human development from child to adult, or as a spiritual journey." Find out how he succeeds in this goal!

**Sunday, March 22, at 10:00, Special Music Sunday.** The Hills Chancel Choir and John Finney are pleased to present Ola Gjeilo's remarkable Sunrise Mass (subtitled Symphonic Mass for SSAATTBB Chorus and String Orchestra). The familiar texts of the Ordinary of the Mass are set by Gjeilo in most unusual ways, the eight-part chorus often producing waves of beautiful sound which swell

and diminish; sections of the text are declaimed by the chorus over exuberantly active playing from the string orchestra. The final words of the Mass, *Dona nobis pacem* ("grant us peace") are sung by the chorus in long-held chords, creating an atmosphere of utter serenity.



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](mailto:mimi8386@hotmail.com)  
by Sunday, March 1

## **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...**

**PLEASE NOTE:** There will be no Tuesday Morning Meditation next Tuesday, February 25. Regular sessions will resume on Tuesday, March 3.

Come as you are able, whenever you can...we look forward to seeing you then.

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).

### **DID SOMEONE JUST SHOUT BINGO????**

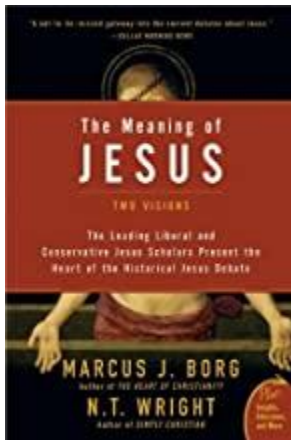
Was that **chocolate** smeared all over their face???????



Well then, I suspect they were celebrating Valentine's Day at the church last Friday night – and enjoying every minute of our first-ever Chocolate Bingo event. (Just look at those happy faces!)

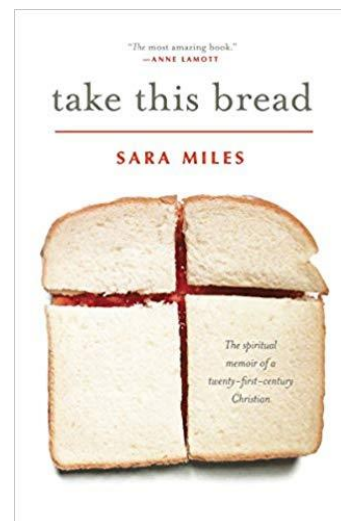
**DON'T MISS THIS SPRING'S CLERGY-LED BOOK GROUP SERIES**  
**THE FIRST SESSION IS NEXT MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24**

Text: *Everything Happens For a Reason: And other Lies I've Loved*  
 Author: Kate Bowler.  
 Led by: Rev. Judy Swahnberg  
 Date: Next 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  
 AND MARCH**

**(Middle School Youth Group, Confirmation, High School Conversation Circles,**



## Service Opportunities and MORE...)



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

**Also, June Service Trip meeting after Worship in the Youth Room. (Please see details below.)**

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

**Sunday, March 1:** Middle School Youth Group meets from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. for “Where the Wind Blows” – a program focused on dealing with change.

**Wednesday, March 4:** Confirmation gathers from 6:45 to 8:00 p.m. with our focus of discussion being on world religions. (Also, **dessert** sign-ups begin this week! Volunteer to bring in a treat for the class!)



### **JUNE 27 – JULY 3 SERVICE TRIP INFORMATIONAL GATHERING!**

Join us **THIS Sunday, February 23** for a “**SOUPER SERVICE**” **INFO SESSION** following Worship at **11:30 a.m.** in the Youth Room.

(Come enjoy a warm cup of soup and learn the details about our upcoming service trip!)

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

**HILLS CHURCH CALENDAR**

**THURSDAY, February 20**

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

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| This Sunday's Scripture Readings<br>Exodus 24:12-18<br>Matthew 17:1-9 |
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**FRIDAY, February 21**

- 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

**SATURDAY, February 22**

**SUNDAY, February 23**

- 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
- 4:00 p.m. Middle School Youth Group
- 6:00 p.m. Deacons' Dinner
- 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

**MONDAY, February 24**

- 10:00 a.m. Clergy Book Group (Swahnberg)
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- 7:00 p.m. Pastor Parish Relations

**TUESDAY, February 25**

- 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Morning Meditation
- 11:00 a.m. Memorial Service (Christina Dishman)
- 12:30 p.m. Memorial Tea (Christina Dishman)
- 3:30 p.m. Clergy Pastoral Care Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Caring for the Caregivers

**WEDNESDAY, February 26 - Ash Wednesday**

- 12:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship Service
- 6:45 p.m. Confirmation Class
- 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship Service
- 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

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- 10:00 a.m. Clergy Worship Planning
- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. New Beginnings
- 7:00 p.m. Teacher Training

**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](mailto:cynthia@hillschurch.org), or call the Church Office at 781-235-4424.

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