

# Events at the Hills

WELLESLEY HILLS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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## OPPORTUNITIES



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

### 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, IS 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.

**COME TO THE HOEDOWN AT THE WHCC RANCH  
SATURDAY EVENING MARCH 7 – FROM 5:30 TO 9:00**

5:30 Welcome and Get to Know You

6:00 Dinner

7:00 Dancing

8:00 Dessert

\$15 per adult, \$5 per child, children 3 and under free  
payable at the door



**WHAT IS A HOEDOWN? CLARA SAYS...**

**“IT’S A LINE DANCE PARTY AT CHURCH!”**

Dinner, games, and a line dancing lesson for all ages

**“YOU GET TO WEAR A COSTUME AND BE FANCY”**

Cowgirl boots, bandanas, or other Western wear are encouraged (but not required)

**“I CAN HARDLY WAIT!”**

You won’t want to miss out on all the fun, so be sure to let us know you’re coming

Just RSVP to [mimi8386@hotmail.com](mailto:mimi8386@hotmail.com) **BY THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 1** with the number of adults and kids

**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.

**WALLACE CHAPEL SEATING; WHAT’S YOUR CHOICE?**

As we begin the second phase of our construction project, we are faced with an important decision about seating in Wallace Chapel. In order to do the fire safety and HVAC work scheduled for completion this summer, the pews must be removed from the chapel, and the old flooring replaced. We are very fortunate that a donor has come forward who is willing to underwrite the additional cost of this new floor. As for the pews, now is a good time to consider whether we want to re-install the fixed pews or replace them with modular seating which can be configured in multiple ways, including as rows of pews.

The Deacons are curious about your desires for this important worship space. We would like to hear about your preferences and your concerns. Do you wish to retain the current pews? Why? Do you think modular seating would be better but you want more information?

We will be holding three listening sessions for you to see some pictures, talk about your desires and ask questions. **The first session will take place THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 1, on the north mezzanine during Community Hour.** The other two sessions will be held on **Monday, March 9, between 7:30 and 8:30 pm in Wallace Chapel,** and on **Sunday, March 15, on the north mezzanine before worship and during community hour.** These are all drop in sessions with no formal presentation. They are just a chance for you to come and become familiar with the options and offer your opinions.

If you are unable to stop by any of these sessions you can send your comments to either Mimi D'Angelo [mimi8386@hotmail.com](mailto:mimi8386@hotmail.com) or Elaine Vildzius [vildzius@gmail.com](mailto:vildzius@gmail.com) or to Chris Stowell, Mary Hill Canavan or Sarah Pedersen at [officeofthemoderator@hillschurch.org](mailto:officeofthemoderator@hillschurch.org)



**ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND REV. NENA RADTKE'S INSTALLATION SERVICE  
SUNDAY, MARCH 8 - AT 3:00**

All are invited to attend a service of installation for Rev. Nena Radtke on Sunday, March 8, at the Christian Union Church, 37 West Main Street, in Groton, MA.

Nena is a long-time Hills Church member. She was ordained here last June and is currently serving as the Pastor at Christian Union. Nena would love for as many of her Hills Church family members as possible to be there to celebrate this joyful occasion with her. We hope you can make it.

**"GENERATION-TO-GENERATION: ONE IN SPIRIT" CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: CREATIVE GIFTS**

We will hold a seminar on “creative gifts” to the Campaign on the evening of **Wednesday, March 4** at 7:30 in the Reception Room.

“Creative gifts” are ways to make your contribution to the Campaign go farther, including gifts of securities and other property and legacy giving.

Please let us know if you will be able to attend (CapitalCampaign@HillsChurch.org). We will have light refreshments and a good time.



### **LENTEN PRAYER SERVICES: BEFORE WORSHIP DURING LENT**



*“We need to find God, and God cannot be found in noises and restlessness. God is the friend of silence... We need silence to be able to touch souls. The essential thing is not what we say, but what God says to us and through us.” ~ Mother Theresa*

You are invited on Sunday Mornings throughout Lent to enter into the sacred space of the Wallace Chapel between 9:15-9:45 to prayerfully prepare your hearts, minds and spirits for the week ahead.

All prayer services take place before Sunday morning worship, and child care will be available. Come and be in prayer for as little or as long as you need. It is our hope that you will find renewal in simply spending some uninterrupted time with God in prayer throughout the

season of Lent.

### **LENTEN CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER SUNDAYS: MARCH 1, 15, 22, 29 AND APRIL 5**

**PLEASE NOTE:** A special Prayer Vigil is being held at **9:00 on Sunday morning, March 8**, to pray for the generous support of the Capital Campaign.

### **TUESDAY MORNING MEDITATION... THRIVING ON STILLNESS**

As our 20 minutes of meditation concludes, we recite the Lord’s Prayer and then whoever wishes to lift up a thought or reflection is welcome to do so. And in a hushed, almost reverent voice, one member said, “I just love the stillness. I thrive on it.”

We become refocused practicing the steps of mindfulness, comforted by scripture, renewed by centering prayer and poetry - and we are silent. And I am reminded how the silence of those gathered to meditate in that reception room is one of the most treasured aspects of this hour. How much of your day do you spend in silence? And how can it help you to thrive amidst the noise in your day?

Please join us for Morning Meditation on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 - 10:30 in the Reception room at the church and find out how pausing to learn this ancient practice can lead to a sense of peace and wholeness on your faith journey.

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).

### **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.

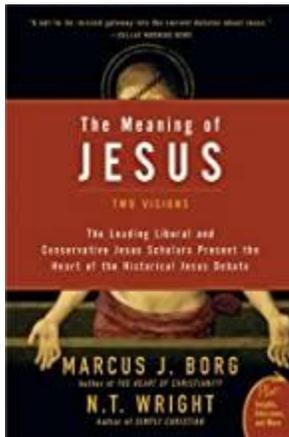
[www.bmc.org/pediatrics-growclinic.htm](http://www.bmc.org/pediatrics-growclinic.htm)

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.



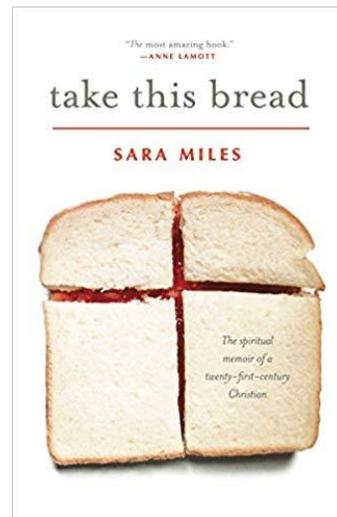
Collection bins will be inside the church entrances for your new and gently used children's books. Questions? Contact Donna McCabe [dmccabe4@comcast.net](mailto:dmccabe4@comcast.net)

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



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 MARCH

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



**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!)

**Sunday, March 8:** Serving food and distributing supplies to the homeless, with the Outdoor Church. Details TBA.



The Hills Church June 27-July 3 service trip to Colorado is going to be **AMAZING!!** We are **SOOO EXCITED!** Planning and registration is in **FULL SWING!** Please email or text Rev. Anne Marie if you wish to participate or if you need more information!!

***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 27**

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

This Sunday's Scripture Readings  
Galatians 5:1, 13-15  
Matthew 4:1-11

### **FRIDAY, February 28**

- 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

### **SATURDAY, February 29**

### **SUNDAY, March 1**

- 9:00 a.m. Hills Ringers Practice (Children's Bell Choir)
- 9:00 a.m. Lectionary Bible Study
- 9:15 a.m. Lenten Contemplative Prayer Vigil (Wallace Chapel)
- 10:00 a.m. Church School
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. Community Hour (Deacons' Listening Session – Pews or Modular Seating in the Chapel)
- 4:30 p.m. Middle School Youth Group
- 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

### **MONDAY, March 2**

- 7:15 p.m. Board of Deacons

### **TUESDAY, March 3**

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

### **WEDNESDAY, March 4**

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

### **THURSDAY, March 5**

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

### **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.**