



May 28, 2020

## STAYING CONNECTED TO YOUR CHURCH COMMUNITY

**A NEW WAY TO STAY CONNECTED!**

**GRAB A CUP OF COFFEE AND COME TO VIRTUAL COMMUNITY HOUR!**

**EVERY SUNDAY MORNING AT 9:30!**

Every Sunday morning, you are invited to visit with our clergy and other members and friends in a "Virtual Community Hour" from 9:30 Sunday morning until the virtual worship services begin to stream at 10:00.

Following a brief welcome, separate "breakout rooms" will be randomly generated to allow for conversations in small groups. The only agenda is to connect with familiar faces and meet new friends, so feel free to bring your coffee and stop in for a quick hello or stay for the full half hour. The dress code is casual. (PJs encouraged!)

Virtual Community Hour will be hosted as a Zoom conference, which can be joined using a computer, a smart phone, or a standard phone. If you're not already a Zoom veteran – don't worry. Zoom is very easy to use. To participate in this Sunday's Virtual Community Hour by computer, just click on the link you will see in the community hour notice that will be emailed to you at 6:45 on Sunday morning.

## A PRAYER FOR ALL



*Dearest Mother and Father of us all,*

*We pray to you with hearts open to the ways in which you are working in our world during this time...*

*Help us to keep our hearts and minds open to the needs of those around us and to our own needs.*

*Help us to be gentle with ourselves and with those we encounter during this time of high anxiety and great concern.*

*We ask you, O wise and wonderful One, to turn our fears into peace, our worries into hope and our frustration into wisdom. Point us towards love -- love of others, love of ourselves, love for you.*

*We are thankful for the moments of surprise that have found us on this journey. We pray that you help us to listen for your voice in the tender whispers of our children, in the texts sent from friends, and in the conversations we have on ZOOM.*

*We are thankful for those spaces where love and hope can be found.*

*May the sunshine continue to warm the hearts of those in need, those struggling, those feeling scared or lost.*

*We pray for the helpers of the world, we pray for the safety of the vulnerable among us. We pray for our families and our church community.*

*We know that you hold us close, and that you hear all our prayers. Help us to rest in this knowing.*

*We pray all this in the name of Jesus the Christ.*

*Amen.*

### **ALL WALLACE CHAPEL PEWS NEED NEW HOMES IF YOU WOULD LIKE ONE OF THESE BEAUTIFUL PEWS ....**

This summer's renovation work at the church is slated to begin next Monday. This work includes the installation of sprinklers in Wallace Chapel – and requires the removal of all of the wooden pews currently in the Chapel.

Back in March, Church Council, with input from the congregation and the Board of Deacons, decided to replace the Wallace Chapel pews with modular seating.

If you would like to have one of those beautiful pews please contact the church office ([office@hillschurch.org](mailto:office@hillschurch.org)) by the end of this month. Each pew is about ten to twelve feet long. Anyone wishing to have one must provide their own means for removing it from the church parking lot – and must mark the pew or pews they would like to have with their name and phone number by June 2.

Our construction team plans to remove the pews from the Chapel on June 4 and 5. To avoid double-handling and reduce costs, all pews that members of the congregation do not want will be disposed of by our construction team on the day the pews are removed from the Chapel. Those pews marked for pick up by members of the congregation will be set aside at that time – and must be picked up and moved offsite no later than June 10.

### **FAMILY PROMISE “FUN RUN” FUNDRAISER CANCELLED REPLACED WITH A VIRTUAL EVENT**



An important fund raising run for Family Promise has had to be cancelled and replaced with a virtual run.

This fundraising event will start this Friday, May 29.

To participate, just find a sponsor or sponsors – and click on the link below to register!

[https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/virtual-wonder-run-2020?fbclid=IwAR25piAQoPh8AUg9Hgs8SFTWkcJ5Jhd\\_KNFW6DUO\\_7skDdJggIVfQGen\\_Mc](https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/virtual-wonder-run-2020?fbclid=IwAR25piAQoPh8AUg9Hgs8SFTWkcJ5Jhd_KNFW6DUO_7skDdJggIVfQGen_Mc)

### **ATTEND WORSHIP BY VIDEO**

Worship services have moved online during the building closure, with worship leaders recording their parts from different locations.

Worship services will be available on the website ([hillschurch.org](http://hillschurch.org)) early Sunday mornings. The services will also premiere on Facebook beginning at 10:00 every Sunday morning, so that people can worship together at the usual time.

[CLICK HERE TO WATCH ON THE CHURCH WEBSITE](#)

[CLICK HERE TO GO TO THE CHURCH'S FACEBOOK PAGE](#)

Also, visiting the church website will allow you to access the Order of Worship for each Sunday morning's 10:00 a.m. Worship Service.

### **NOON PRAYERS FROM THE HILLS**

Did you know you can tune into the church Facebook page at noon on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays for a brief time (5-15 minutes) of reflection and prayer with one of the ministers. These prayers are accessible for viewing later as well.

Tuesdays: Anne Marie Holloway

Wednesdays: Matt Wooster

Thursdays: Judy Swahnberg

### **CONTACT YOUR MINISTERS**

Although we are not regularly in our offices at the church these days, you can still reach your ministers by phone and email. Please use the contact information below to be in touch with any of your ministers and know that they will be there for you if you want to:

- Share a prayer request,
- Have a conversation for pastoral care, or
- Simply share updates and receive a prayerful blessing by phone.

Rev. Anne Marie Holloway: [annemarie@hillschurch.org](mailto:annemarie@hillschurch.org)

Judy Swahnberg: [judy@hillschurch.org](mailto:judy@hillschurch.org)

Rev. Matt Wooster: [mattw@hillschurch.org](mailto:mattw@hillschurch.org)

### **TUESDAY MORNING MEDITATION – FROM 9:30 TO 10:30 CONNECTING TO THE SPIRIT OF GOD...**

As Matt has reflected in his sermon series Spirit Days, *"The good news is that there are spiritual practices to help us connect to the Spirit of God."*

One such place you can gather with others to learn to perceive God's Spirit is Tuesday Morning Meditation. Whether you are new to meditation or practice it daily, please join us via Zoom as we connect to the Spirit of God from our homes on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 - 10:30.

Zoom is a service that enables groups to connect either by video using your computer or by audio using your phone. And it is VERY easy to use. To participate, just e-mail Mary Hill Canavan (see below) and she will send you an official Zoom "invite" and tell you how to CLICK and Zoom in! (And if you have been meditating via Zoom for a while now, there is no need to e-mail Mary - as she will automatically send you a Zoom invite weekly).

Then at 9:30 next Tuesday morning, find a comfortable place to sit with your computer or phone and get ready to meditate with your friends - virtually!

Help us sustain a sense of community together in the midst of being apart.

Come as you are able, just as you are....

Peace to you all,

Mary and Judy

P.S. 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).

## THE WELLESLEY FOOD PANTRY HAS MOVED TO TEMPORARY QUARTERS DURING THIS SUMMER'S CONSTRUCTION WORK AT OUR CHURCH



Due to this summer's construction at the hills church, the Wellesley Food Pantry will be operating on a temporary basis out of the Unitarian Universalist church (309 Washington Street – across from Green's Hardware) but will be returning to the Hills Church once this summer's construction work is complete.

In the meantime, it is important for all of us to continue to support the vital work being done by The Food Pantry. The Pantry's website is updated weekly to reflect items in short supply, but they can always use your help with white and brown rice (preferably 2 pound bags), vegetable oil, dishwashing liquid, paper towels, Kleenex, toilet paper, diapers in sizes 5 and 6, shelf-stable almond and soy milks, and jars of jelly/jam.

For more information about how you could help the Food Pantry at this time, you can always go to their website. Here is the URL - (<http://www.wellesleyfoodpantry.org>).

It is no longer possible to bring your Food Pantry donations to the church, but please continue to drop them in the collection bins at Roche Bros or Whole Foods.

Anything you can do to help will be greatly appreciated.

### 2020 CONFIRMATION CLASS ZOOM GATHERINGS:

Our Confirmation Crew will continue to touch base on the second Wednesday of each month in June, July and August. We look forward to the Fall when we can celebrate their confirmation journey -- in person and in our sanctuary!

### CONTINUED PROGRAMMING FOR YOUTH/FAMILIES IN MAY:

6, 7, 8 Church School will continue to gather on ZOOM each Sunday at 11:15 a.m.

Middle School Youth Group will continue to meet via Zoom at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday afternoons!

Prayerful Parent Group meets weekly – via Zoom – on Thursday evenings, beginning at 7:30.

### HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH DISCUSSION GROUP – FAITH IN UNCERTAIN TIMES

This group will be continuing to meet each Wednesday evening at 7:00 – for the next two weeks.

At each of the Zoom-based gatherings, our youth will be invited to engage in conversations about fear, doubt, and hope – and Rev. Anne Marie Holloway and Mimi D'Angelo will explore ways in which our Faith can serve both as a compass and a guide as we continue to journey through this time of COVID-19 together.

Please be on the lookout for more information in a separate email.

## HILLS CHURCH CALENDAR

### THURSDAY, May 28

- 10:00 a.m. Clergy Worship Planning - Virtual
- 10:30 a.m. Church Staff Meeting - Virtual
- 12:00 p.m. Noon Prayers - Rev. Swahnberg\*\*\* - [On FB](#)

### FRIDAY, May 29

- 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

### SATURDAY, May 30

### SUNDAY, May 31

- 9:30 a.m. Virtual Community Hour - Zoom
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service\*\*\* - [Online](#)
- 11:00 a.m. Church School
- 11:15 a.m. 6, 7, 8 Church School
- 4:30 p.m. Middle School Youth Group
- 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

This Sunday's Scripture Readings Acts 2:1-21
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### MONDAY, June 1

- 7:00 p.m. Board of Deacons

### TUESDAY, June 2

- 12:00 p.m. Noon Prayers - Rev. Holloway\*\*\* - [On FB](#)
- 1:00 p.m. Clergy Pastoral Care Meeting - Virtual

### WEDNESDAY, June 3

- 12:00 p.m. Noon Prayers - Rev. Wooster\*\*\* - [On FB](#)
- 7:00 p.m. High School Youth Discussion Group – Faith in Uncertain Times - Virtual

### THURSDAY, June 4

- 10:00 a.m. Clergy Worship Planning - Virtual
- 10:30 a.m. Church Staff Meeting - Virtual
- 12:00 p.m. Noon Prayers - Rev. Swahnberg\*\*\* - [On FB](#)
- 7:30 p.m. Prayerful Parents Check-Ins