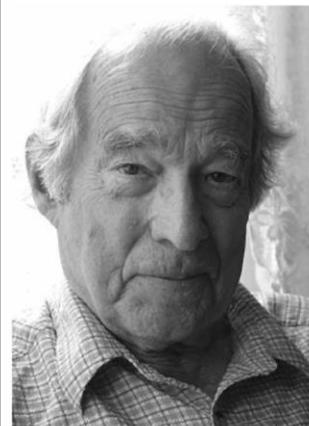


June 11, 2020

**STAYING CONNECTED TO YOUR CHURCH COMMUNITY**

**PREACHING VOICES  
A FOUR-WEEK DISCUSSION GROUP WITH REV. MATT WOOSTER.  
WEDNESDAYS AT 7:30 P.M.  
JUNE 24, JULY 1, JULY 8, JULY 15**



The tradition of Christian preaching is rich with a diversity of gifts. Each preacher seeks to listen to the voice of God at the point where the witness of scriptures meets the witness of our lives. In this initial four-week session, participants will have a chance to discuss the sermons of preachers, some well-known and some not, who have addressed American churches in the past fifty years. All participants will receive a link to an audio or video recording of the sermon to be discussed. Please register in advance, even if you cannot make all four sessions.

- Barbara Brown Taylor preached “Sacramental Sky” on February 28, 2010.
- Martin Luther King Jr. preached “The Drum Major Instinct” on February 4, 1968.
- William Sloane Coffin preached “Alex’s Death” on January 23, 1983.
- Rebekah Anderson preached on the Good Samaritan on March 16, 2019

**CONSIDER THESE  
TWO NEW PASTORAL CARE  
DISCUSSION GROUPS**

**MOURNING THE LOSS OF LOVED ONES  
DURING THE PANDEMIC**

**Facilitated by Rev. Judy Swahnberg  
Monday, June 15, from 7:00 to 8:15 p.m.  
VIA ZOOM**

In the past few months, many people have lost someone they love. Grieving is always hard work. Especially now, without the circles of family and friends and the traditional healing rituals of funerals and memorial services and shared meals, the loss can feel even more acute.

Anyone who has experienced loss is welcome to gather for support, comfort and prayer.

**LIVING ALONE DURING THE PANDEMIC**

**Facilitated by Rev. Judy Swahnberg and  
Co-Senior Deacon Mimi D'Angelo  
Monday, June 22, from 7:00 to 8:15 p.m.  
VIA ZOOM**

*You make known to me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy;  
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.  
Psalm 16:11*

- What is working for you on your path? What is not working?
- What gives you joy?
- Let's share insights about living alone, living faithfully and fruitfully during this time of uncertainty.

**THIS SUNDAY, JUNE 14, IS CELEBRATION SUNDAY!**

Our children and youth will be praying and singing and reading scripture this Sunday as we celebrate the end of our church program year! We hope you will join us for worship this Sunday!

Throughout the summer there will be additional at home and ZOOM/online Faith Formation opportunities for both our children and youth and their families!

Please be sure to look for more information on this in our weekly children and youth newsletters.

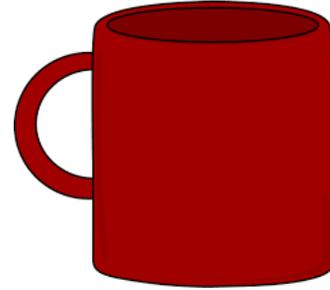
**2020 CONFIRMATION CLASS ZOOM GATHERINGS:**

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!

**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. 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.

**CUP OF MORNING PRAYER: MONDAY MORNINGS – AT 6:00 – ON ZOOM**



Starting this coming Monday June 15 and continuing weekly through Monday July 13, join Rev. Anne Marie Holloway for a cup of morning prayer – at 6:00 a.m. – on on ZOOM. Begin each week in the quiet presence of God.

Each session will be held in the sanctuary of nature in various outdoor locations (weather permitting). Hills Church friends and families are encouraged to find a quiet outdoor space where they can practice an ancient form of prayer known as breath prayer using a handheld device to access Zoom.

This spiritual practice will include a weekly Psalm to pray and participants are invited to share prayer requests.

Please e-mail your prayer requests – in advance – to Rev. Anne Marie ([annemarie@hillschurch.org](mailto:annemarie@hillschurch.org)) so that your personal prayers of celebration and concern can be lifted up each Monday morning and held in gentle care during this virtual small group gathering.

**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)

**NAVIGATING UNCERTAINTY DURING THE PANDEMIC**  
**And Think about Taking Advantage of**  
**These Other Sources of Support...**

**CARING FOR THE CAREGIVER**

Tomorrow morning, Friday, June 12: 10:30-11:45 am.

Meets once a month

A gathering for Caregivers to find support and comfort.

Our group focuses on supporting caregivers of spouses, adult children,  
 grandchildren, relatives, and family members.

VIA ZOOM

**CONNECTIONS**

Friday evening, June 19: 7:30 pm-9:30 pm

Meets once a month, usually.

We gather to talk, laugh, share opinions, recommend books and films, and  
 appreciate where we are in our lives.

All women in the Hills Church are welcome.

VIA ZOOM

**SENIOR TEA WITH JUDY**

Put the kettle on and take a break!

3 PM-4:00 pm or so...

Two Tuesday afternoons in June: June 16 AND June 30

Come to either or both!

VIA ZOOM

To participate in any – or all – of these Zoom gatherings, just e-mail either

**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.

### **GOD OF GLORY AND HONOR – A PRAYER**

*God of Glory and Honor,*

*When words are lost, and all but silence fills the air, help us to find comfort in knowing that you hear our prayers.*

*When our words do find us, O God, and make their way to our lips, may we speak with a love that unites us.*

*May we speak through your love, a love that lifts up those around us -- a love that calls forth your Spirit!*

*When words seem to struggle -- to be formed and spoken -- may we break out in song (even if it is through a mask -- safely distanced from others).*

*Above all things, help us to "seek ye first."*

*May we travel through these times with great awareness and careful consideration.*

*Hear the songs of our hearts, hear the words of our hearts spoken, whispered, and sung.*

*O Lord, hear our prayers this day.*

*Amen.*



### **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 which began last 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-](https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/virtual-wonder-run-2020?fbclid=IwAR25piAQoPh8AUg9Hgs8SFTWkcJ5Jhd_KNFW6DUO_7skDdJggIVfQGen_Mc)

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

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

*"The lone, wild bird in lofty flight is still with Thee,  
nor leaves Thy sight,  
And I am Thine! I rest in Thee.  
Great Spirit, come, and rest in me."*

From the American hymn, "The Lone, Wild Bird"

Whether you are new to meditation or practice it daily, please join us via Zoom as we find rest in the Spirit of God from our homes on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 - 10:30am.

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).

### **OUTREACH UPDATE – CITY MISSION SOCIETY AND HABITAT FOR HUMANITY FROM YOUR CHRISTIAN SERVICE SUPPORT BOARD**

The outreach activity of our church has continued despite the Covid-19 pandemic. The members of the Christian Service Support Board (CSSB) have remained in touch with the organizations which we have supported financially. Here are reports from two of those organizations.

**City Mission Society** continues its “A Lift Up” program which helps families remain in safe housing and provides counseling to women by running Zoom workshops and holding one-on-one sessions in specific cases. They locate computers if needed for home schooling and provide education about the eviction moratorium. They have served 438 families since April 2, including Spanish and Portuguese speakers. They are not able to provide child care. They provide grocery cards rather than a food pantry. They plan to add a summer social justice intern and they continue training seminarians using Zoom programs. They pointed out that Hills Church supported their effort during the Spanish flu epidemic of 1919 -- 101 years ago!

**Habitat for Humanity** had to cancel its scheduled June build, but have scheduled a build for us to participate in on September 26. They plan to begin with only one or two workers while they decide how to host volunteer groups, including distancing, handwashing, personal protection, etc. They expect to complete a house in Holliston in December and may begin a new one in Worcester.

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



**Wellesley  
Food Pantry**

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. OR, you can drop your donations off on Monday mornings – between 8:30 and 10:30 – on the WEST side of the Unitarian Church.

Anything you can do to help will be greatly appreciated.

**IF YOU HAVE EXTRA KITCHEN UTENSILS,  
DONNA MCCABE CAN HELP YOU FIND A GOOD HOME FOR THEM**

The Christian Service Support Board believes NOW would be a great time to clean out your kitchen drawers and take steps to ensure that any extra kitchen utensils you have make their way to the New Life Furniture Bank – and from there to a good home.

The New Life Furniture Bank provides furniture and household goods to individuals and families who are transitioning from a homeless environment, victims of fire, military veterans and refugees – and here are some things these individuals and families could use:.

Potholders	Serving Spoons
Kitchen Towels	Flatware
Can Openers	Measuring Cups & Spoons
Cutting Boards	Metal Flippers
Vegetable Peelers	Rubber Spatulas



Donna McCabe has volunteered to help you get your extra kitchen utensils into the hands of people who could really use them. Here is a picture of the bin she has put on her porch for this purpose. All you need to do is to stop by Donna and Gary’s house at 124 Washington Street in Wellesley and place your donations into this bin. Donna and Gary will take it from there – with much gratitude to you from them and from Christian Service for taking the time to extend a helping hand to those in need.

And you won’t even have to back your car out of the McCabe’s driveway. (They have a circular drive!)

Questions? Contact Donna McCabe [dmccabe4@comcast.net](mailto:dmccabe4@comcast.net)

## HILLS CHURCH CALENDAR

### THURSDAY, June 11

- 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, June 12

- 10:30 a.m. Caring for the Caregivers - Virtual
- 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

### SATURDAY, June 13

### SUNDAY, June 14

- 9:30 a.m. Virtual Community Hour - Zoom
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service\*\*\* - [Online](#)
- 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 Reading The Spark Bible: On Peace Isaiah 66:12
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### MONDAY, June 15

- 6:00 a.m. A Morning Cup of Prayer - Zoom
- 7:00 p.m. Mourning the Loss of Loved Ones during the Pandemic – (Rev. Swahnberg - Virtual)

### TUESDAY, June 16

- 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Morning Meditation - Zoom
- 12:00 p.m. Noon Prayers - Rev. Holloway\*\*\* - [On FB](#)
- 1:00 p.m. Clergy Pastoral Care Meeting – Virtual
- 3:00 p.m. Senior Tea with Judy

### WEDNESDAY, June 17

- 12:00 p.m. Noon Prayers - Rev. Wooster\*\*\* - [On FB](#)

### THURSDAY, June 18

- 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](#)