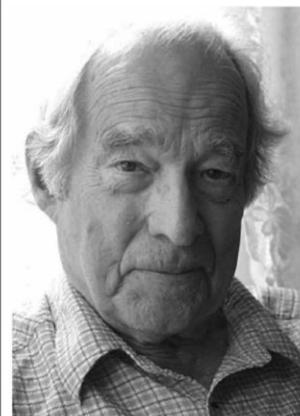


Events at the Hills

July 2, 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

PREACHING VOICES – SESSION THREE – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Next Wednesday evening, July 8, at 7:30, Hills Church Senior Minister Matt Wooster will be facilitating the third session of his Preaching Voices series – on Zoom.

To participate in Matt’s discussion group, please e-mail Matt (mattw@hillschurch.org) to request the Zoom link for this gathering.

ECUMENICAL WORSHIP POSTPONED, ONLINE WORSHIP TO CONTINUE

A wonderful tradition among Protestant churches in Wellesley has been the chance to worship together on Sundays in August. In consultation with the clergy of St. Andrews Episcopal Church and Wellesley Village Church, we have decided to suspend this tradition this year.

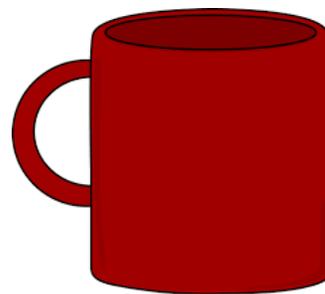
Each of our churches is conducting virtual worship during the summer, and we will continue to worship online every Sunday in August. One of the aspects of ecumenical worship services is the chance to be present together in the pews of each church on alternating Sundays. We look forward to resuming this tradition in future summers, when our church buildings are open for worship.

Here at the Hills Church, worship services will continue to be online every Sunday. The Reopening Task Force is developing a plan for in-person worship to resume in phases, as conditions allow, but no earlier than September.

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.

2020 CONFIRMATION CLASS ZOOM GATHERINGS:

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

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS – SUMMER 2020 – THE GOOD NEWS PROJECT!



Is your middle schooler or high schooler doing some good work that will serve to help others this summer? Are they looking for ways to spread the good news of hope and love with those in need?

Let Rev. Anne Marie Holloway know! She would love to share the good news of your young person's good works with our church community by interviewing our teens and their families on ZOOM and featuring these projects of good news, virtually!

Need some ideas? Anne Marie has those, too! There are organizations the Hills Church supports that could use face masks, weekly food donations, diaper and baby supplies, toiletry packs, homemade cookies and more! (All projects can be worked on safely from home!)

Be sure to reach out to Rev. Anne Marie at annemarie@hillschurch.org with your "Good News Project" ideas or questions!

CUP OF MORNING PRAYER: MONDAY MORNINGS – AT 7:00 – ON ZOOM



You are invited to join Rev. Anne Marie Holloway for a cup of morning prayer – at 7:00 a.m. – on ZOOM, every Monday morning – through July 13.

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) 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

Judy Swahnberg: judy@hillschurch.org

Rev. Matt Wooster: mattw@hillschurch.org

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) 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.

SUMMER PSALMS AND MORNING MEDITATION

Please mark your calendars for Tuesday Morning Meditation throughout this summer as we will be continuing to gather via Zoom every Tuesday morning - from 9:30 - 10:30. Each week, we will meditate using sacred readings from the Book of Psalms.

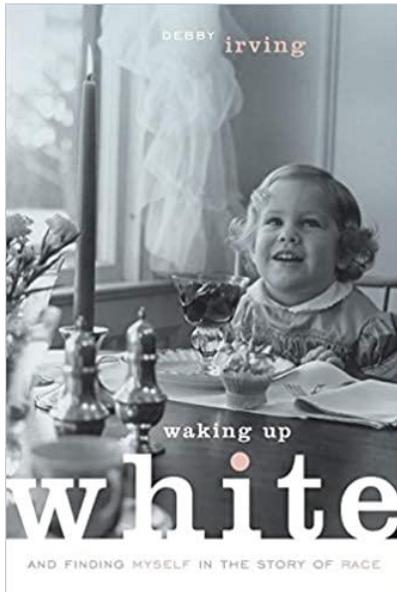
Zoom is a service that enables groups to connect either by video using your computer or by audio using your phone. To participate, just e-mail Mary Hill Canavan (see below) and she will send you an official Zoom "invite" and tell you how to CLICK and Zoom in. (And if you have been meditating via Zoom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

Whether you are new to meditation or practice it daily...please join us and be restored during this time together - from wherever your summer takes you.

Peace to you all,
Mary and Judy

Questions? Email Mary Hill Canavan at mhillcanavan@gmail.com or Rev. Judy Swahnberg at judy@hillschurch.org

A PARENT/TEEN BOOK STUDY: CONVERSATIONS ON RACE
SUNDAY EVENING, JULY 12, AT 7:00 – VIA ZOOM



Join Rev. Anne Marie Holloway and Co-Senior Deacon Mimi D'Angelo for a Parent/Teen ZOOM Book Study and prayerful conversations about racism and faith on Sunday evening, July 12, at 7:00.

Parents and their teen children (Grades 8-12) are invited to participate in this ZOOM discussion group focused on the book *Waking Up White* by Debby Irving.

A powerful read on race and personal identity.

Email Rev. Anne Marie for more information AND the Zoom link you will need to participate!

Check out the link to this resource here:

<https://www.amazon.com/Waking-White-Finding-Myself-Story/dp/0991331303>

LORD OF ALL, HEAR OUR PRAYERS THIS DAY.

Lord of all, hear our prayers this day.

Surround us in your love. Help us to be attentive to the ways you are working on us, in us, and through us.

We pray, O God, that you would make us bold in our faith.

God of wonder and might, hold this world close. Let our whole lives be a witness to your love. Help us to turn towards those who are crying out for your justice. Give us the courage to do the work you are calling us to do. Help us to be builders of your kin-dom in the here and the now.

We pray for those we love, we pray for our community, for the members of our church whose health is failing, for those who are struggling with chronic medical conditions, and for those facing complicated diagnoses.

We pray for our families who are struggling, for those facing difficult decisions, for those navigating this time of confusion and uncertainty. We pray for the lost, the grieving, and the heartbroken.

We pray for those who put their lives on the line for others again and again and again.

We lift these and all our prayers up to you, O God, in the name of the one who walked with us so we might know your enduring love.

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

Amen.



OUTREACH UPDATE – FRIENDS OF BOSTON’S HOMELESS AND NEW LIFE FURNITURE BANK 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 is the fifth in a series of CSSB reports, featuring two more of those organizations.

Honduras Hope is continuing to provide food for both Plan Grande and San Jose and are funded through August. The corn and bean seeds HH paid for have been planted. HH continues to support those university students for whom there are still classes, but public schools and universities are closed. The HH Boarding House is closed and the HH Girls Empowerment Program is cancelled. Both the Yoro Hospital and the Yoro Health Center are closed. In the city of Yoro there are seven (7) confirmed cases of COVID-19 and one death, but also an outbreak of Dengue Fever. Salaries are paid through the end of August for Mirtha Ponce, HH’s nurse in San Jose, and Cesar Rivas, the HH in-country coordinator. The Women’s Cooperative in Plan Grande shifted from basket making to sewing masks and were paid a fair wage.

SBP (St. Bernard Project) has maintained its preparedness [website](#) video that outlines simple steps you can take to get prepared in advance of a disaster. SBP has distributed over 10,000 masks, including critical N95 and surgical masks, to essential workers and has donated face shields to six (6) hospitals. They are developing updated volunteer safety policies and procedures in anticipation of opening some sites to volunteers in the coming weeks. In areas where cases continue to rise they are monitoring case levels to ensure the safety of clients, volunteers, and teams. They will be sending out a pre-registration link to sign up to help SBP respond in the event of a disaster this year.

SUMMER BIBLE STORY VIDEOS :)

Each month this summer, Mrs. T. and the church staff will be sending out a summer fun Bible story and suggested craft video. Look for them in your inbox on the following Sunday mornings: July 5, August 2, and September 6. (For all ages, like the one below :)

FAITH, RACE, AND CULTURE: FAMILY SUMMER PRACTICE

God made us to be diverse, from our skin color to the expressions of our cultures and families. This three session guided faith practice will help families continue teaching their children about empathy, culture, race, and prejudice. “Deep Blue Life: Faith and Culture—Anti-Racism” teaches about "Prejudice and Stereotypes," "Curiosity and Empathy," and "Colors and Cultures."

Designed to use at your own pace over the summer weeks. Basic household supplies needed such as markers, tape, glue, pencils, paper, poster board, yarn, paint and paper plates. All can be adapted.

These wonderful materials are FREE – and they are a great starting point for much needed conversations.! Just read them – and adapt them for your family’s needs.

Just click the following link to download the study guide:

<https://www.cokesburykids.com/files/uploads/DeepBlueLifeAntiRacism-1.pdf>

FLAT JESUS FOR EVERYONE!

“Flat Jesus” is based on a children’s book called *Flat Stanley*, by Jeff Brown. In the book, a boy named Stanley is accidentally “flattened” – allowing him to be mailed to lots of different places where he has all kinds of exciting adventures.

Because Church School does not meet during the summer, Sally Tomasetti believes now to be the perfect summer for “Flat Jesus” to help our church family stay connected. Flat Jesus also serves as an important reminder that Jesus is always with us and to remember his greatest commandment, which is to love God with all of your heart, your mind and your strength – and to love your neighbor.

Here’s how it works: Download a picture of Flat Jesus. Color it and cut it out. If you have a popsicle stick, you can tape your picture of Jesus to that to make it like a puppet. Then take him on your adventures this summer wherever they may take you: your backyard, a nearby sports field, family outings and vacations, day trips to the beach And take pictures of Flat Jesus everywhere you go!

Then ask your mom or dad to email your pictures to Sally (sallyt@hillschurch.org), so that they can be shared on the church’s Facebook page with our whole church community.

Just click on this link to download Flat Jesus.

http://ms.wearesparkhouse.org/downloads/SHC/FlatJesus_Spark.pdf?redirected=true

CONSIDER SILVER LAKE’S “SUMMER CAMP AT HOME” BOX FOR YOUR CHILD

Silver Lake Camp in Connecticut is our very own UCC summer camp. Ordering this box from Silver Lake will give you everything you need to participate in a Silver Lake “Summer Camp at Home” experience. The box will guide you through four weeks of camp programming! Designed to inspire the entire family, you can pick and choose how to engage with the material. Follow the prompts and instructions for a self-guided experience, join in a cabin group to share the experience (separate registration required: \$10), add on optional activities from Silver Lake’s website, come to the weekly Friday campfires. [Purchase a box from online store](#)*. Sally Tomasetti’s children went to Silver Lake and loved it – and Sally believes this would be a wonderful introduction to sleepaway camp.

Each box includes: a Silver Lake journal and pen, a Silver Lake water bottle, wood cookie necklace/mandala, a friendship bracelet kit, butcher paper, markers, a pollinator garden/mini greenhouse kit, recipe cards, journal prompts, activity instructions, and more. **Cost: \$30. For various ages.**

Just click here to register.

<https://www.silverlakect.org/silver-lake-at-home>

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.

**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=IwAR25piAQ0Ph8AUg9Hgs8SFTWkcJ5Jhd_KNFW6DUO_7skDdJggIVfQGen_Mc)

[2020?fbclid=IwAR25piAQ0Ph8AUg9Hgs8SFTWkcJ5Jhd_KNFW6DUO_7skDdJggIVfQGen_Mc](https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/virtual-wonder-run-2020?fbclid=IwAR25piAQ0Ph8AUg9Hgs8SFTWkcJ5Jhd_KNFW6DUO_7skDdJggIVfQGen_Mc)

**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

HILLS CHURCH CALENDAR

THURSDAY, July 2

- 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](#)
- ...3:00 p.m. Re-Opening Task Force

FRIDAY, July 3 – Legal Holiday (Church Office Closed)

- 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

SATURDAY, July 4

SUNDAY, July 5

- 9:30 a.m. Virtual Community Hour – VIA ZOOM
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service*** - [Online](#)
- 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

MONDAY, July 6

- 7:00 a.m. A Morning Cup of Prayer – VIA ZOOM
- ...7:00 p.m. Board of Deacons

TUESDAY, July 7

- 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Morning Meditation – VIA ZOOM
- 12:00 p.m. Noon Prayers - Rev. Holloway*** - [On FB](#)
- 1:00 p.m. Clergy Pastoral Care Meeting – Virtual

WEDNESDAY, July 8

- 12:00 p.m. Noon Prayers - Rev. Wooster*** - [On FB](#)
- 7:30 p.m. Preaching Voices – Rev. Wooster – VIA ZOOM

THURSDAY, July 9

- 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](#)

This Sunday's Scripture Reading Matthew 11:25-30
