



**In the
Spotlight**

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Family Promise

For our “hosting” week in October, we are collecting groceries for the Pantry at the Day Center Shelter Program, and families who are in the Case Management Program. Small boxes/quantities as their storage area is limited. Please drop off in the Brown Box at the North Entrance by noon on October 12. E-mail Patricia Frank at: pdfrank@comcast.net with any questions.

- Low-sugar cereal (no oatmeal needed)
- Rice/Millet/Barley
- Raisins
- Meals in a box (ex - Banquet)
- Taco kits
- Mac and Cheese
- Goya Sazon seasonings
- Goya yuca casava
- Vienna sausages
- Canned tomatoes

Watch for more exciting news on Family Promise! Families will be moving into more permanent housing (vs. hotel) in April 2022. Hills Church will resume some hosting roles (off-site) in July 2022, such as grocery shopping, dinner preparation (4 days a week), and dinner hosting (4 days a week).



WELCOME!

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“In Christ there is neither Jew nor Gentile, male nor female, slave nor free.”
We invite people of every age, race, marital status, sexual orientation, means, ability, and spiritual tradition to join with us in the love of God and neighbor: through worship, dedication to education and commitment to service.

Welcome! If you are new, allow us the opportunity to answer your questions and provide any needed information. Please identify yourself to one of our ministers, sign the **Fellowship Pads**, with your address, email, & phone number, so that we may send you our newsletter.

Welcome families with children! If your child requires special attention during worship, please make use of the Boardroom (located at rear of Sanctuary, adjacent to the north narthex). There is a rocking chair, a flood of natural light, and speakers so you can continue to listen to the service.

Childcare for children under three is available in the 3rd floor Nursery (Room 356). Children are invited to meet in Wallace Chapel at 10 am for worship followed by an outdoor church school experience. If you are new to us, an usher will gladly walk with you to Wallace Chapel.

The North Narthex into the Sanctuary is **fully accessible**. While our 1903 Meeting House and its many additions have many stairs, the building has been retrofitted with elevators and lifts. For example, if you exit the sanctuary through the door in the front to the left of the chancel, there is an elevator to access all floors.

Large-print bulletins and hearing devices are available from ushers.

CURRENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Pumpkins Are Coming – Next Saturday, a tractor trailer of pumpkins will be unloaded at 9 am. Please join us in the fun of unloading them! On Sunday, October 10 at 11 am, there will be pumpkin decorating for the children.

New Members – Please join us as we receive new members on October 17. If you would like to be among those joining, please contact one of the ministers.

Please wear your Nametag – Temporary and permanent nametags are in the North Narthex. If you need one made, please put your name on the list, and be patient as they are made in groups of 6.

Facebook – “Liking us” <https://www.facebook.com/wellesleyhillschurch> helps us to expand our reach. Even better, if an event or post excites you, causes you to smile, recalls a memory, or offers a glimpse of the Holy, please “share” it on *your* Facebook page.

Green Book Tour of Boston – The City Mission invites you to join us on a Green Book Tour of Boston on Saturday, October 23, 2021 from 10am to 1pm. Registration is required. Cost: \$45 (includes the tour, lunch, and speakers) Questions? Please contact Paul TonThat, nptonthat@citymissionboston.org. Complete details are in the Events newsletter.

To find out more about the
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WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

October 11, Monday, Columbus Day holiday (church closed)
Boston Marathon will have a Cheer Station on our front lawn.

October 11, Monday, 7:00 am Cup of Morning Prayer
Join Rev. Anne Marie each Monday at 7:00 am on a private Facebook page for the next 6 weeks. Please email Rev. Anne Marie and she will add you to the group! We are focusing on the beautiful written guidance of Joyce Rupp, "The Cup of Our Life: A Guide to Spiritual Growth."

October 12, Tuesday, 9:30 am Morning Meditation
Please join us on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30 am when we will turn our hearts and minds to this ancient spiritual practice. Email Judy or Mary to receive the Zoom link.

October 13, Wednesday, 10:00 am Sermon Shaping
Join the pastors in listening for God's Word on Wednesday mornings at 10 am in the Board Room. We will read the lessons for the upcoming Sunday as designated by the RCL and discuss them. Lessons for this Wednesday are: Job 38:1-7, (34-41); Psalm 104:1-9; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45.

October 13, Wednesday, 12:00 pm or 6:00 pm Reflection & Prayer
Join us on Wednesdays for 5-15 minutes of reflection & prayer.

October 13, Wednesday, 7:00 pm Nature as Cathedral
This hybrid small group will meet virtually at 7 pm on October 20, and we will then gather to experience an outdoor nature walk together on Saturday, October 23. We will discuss selections from the book "Renewal in the Wilderness: A Spiritual Guide to Connecting with God in the Natural World," as well as an essay from Annie Dillard.