



Faith Formation for Children, Youth & Adults

You are warmly invited to consider joining one of the most vibrant and foundational areas of congregational life at the Hills Church. The mission of this board is to help discern and bring to life a range of spiritual experiences, programs, and traditional Christian education classes. Specifically, we meet monthly (typically on Zoom) to imagine best ways to provide assistance to teachers, facilitators, and staff who lovingly help cultivate the spiritual journeys of our members. We are a diverse mix of thinkers and "do-ers," with a range of theological opinions and life experiences, some brand-new to Hills, while others are long-time veterans.

Additionally, the FFSB also helps discern and shepherd Ministry Teams in the area of faith formation. This includes Spiritual Conversations for Women, Morning Meditation, Backyard Ministry, and the Faith & Fun Ministry. We will actively incubate new Ministry Teams this year, so please let us know if you feel called to collaborate with us to start one!

The only prerequisite to serving on this support board is a hunger to help nurture a deepening of faith and connectedness, both within the congregation and extending outward to our local neighbors and world. If you feel passionate about learning in general or spiritual practices in particular, or if you feel that investing in children & youth is important, then we know you will find joy in participating on this board!

KC Kranker, Co-Chair, kckarlson@gmail.com

Suzanne Bossert, Co-Chair, swoolston@comcast.net



WELCOME!

207 Washington Street
Wellesley Hills, MA

02481

www.hillschurch.org

781-235-4424

"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.

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

All Saints' Day is on November 7. Please submit names of those you wish to be remembered to office@hillschurch.org.

Community Hour – Please join us following worship for refreshments and conversation on the South Lawn.

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 Hills Church (www.hillschurch.org) . . .



WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Tuesday, October 19, 2:00 pm: Zoom Tea Party

Come gather with church friends and learn the history and meaning behind the colors of the clergy stoles.

Wednesday, October 20, 11:00 am: Walk-around Landscape Tour

Join us on the front steps of the church to see what's happening and what's not happening, tree and plant wise, dependent only on the absence of pouring rain.

Wednesday, October 20, 10:00 am: Sermon Shaping

Join the pastors in the Board Room and listen for God's Word. We will read the lessons for the upcoming Sunday as designated by the RCL and discuss them.

Wednesday, October 20, 7:00 pm: Nature as Cathedral

This hybrid small group will meet virtually 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 . . . and an essay from Annie Dillard.

Sunday, October 24, 10:00 am: Guest Preacher

Rev. James D. Ross II, SNEUCC Minister of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, will preach at our church using the lectionary text: Mark 10:46-52, which is the story of Jesus healing blind Bartimaeus. Sermon title will be "Our Faith Can Make Us Well."

Sunday, October 24, 11:15 am: Pumpkin Everything Bake Sale

Following worship, Youth and Family Ministry will hold a "Pumpkin Everything" bake sale. All proceeds from the bake sale and pumpkin sales, will be donated to Global H.O.P.E.'s efforts to support Afghanistan refugees.