

# Wellesley Village Church

Congregational † United Church of Christ

Fall 2018



*Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing. Know that the Lord is God. It is God that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to God, bless his name. For the Lord is good; God's steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generation.*

~Psalm 100  
(NRSV)

# *Inspirational Worship*

## FALL SCHEDULE

**9am Worship** ~ Chapel / **10am Worship** ~ Sanctuary

**Children's Church** ~ Children through 5<sup>th</sup> grade begin in 10am worship with their families. Where noted in the bulletin, children will come to the chancel for "Children's Moment" and will then be escorted to their classroom on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor where they should be picked up at the conclusion of worship.

**Family Worship Room** *Located outside the Sanctuary (piano-side door). Drop-off Childcare / Stay & Play* ~ This room has a childcare provider on staff for our youngest members and those not quite ready for Children's Church.

## *Life Giving Mission & Service*

**Village Church Hosts Family Promise September 30 - October 7, 2018**

New volunteers! The last orientation is September 20, 7pm - 8:30pm at Most Precious Blood Church in Dover. If you've already been oriented, please sign up at: <http://cerv.is/m?0002>. Any questions, call Christina Oliver at 617-529-9246 or Diana Carroll: 617-435-5383.

**Rosie's Place Volunteers Needed** ~ Village Church will cook and serve the evening meal on the first Sunday of most months. Groups of up to 5 volunteers meet at Village Church to go to Rosie's Place from 3 - 5:30pm. Please sign up for this wonderful opportunity via the church website or contact Lisa Weinstock ([leweinstock@gmail.com](mailto:leweinstock@gmail.com)) or Jane Amara ([amarajf@yahoo.com](mailto:amarajf@yahoo.com)) for more information.

## *Family Life @ Village Church*

**High School Youth Group (Grds. 10-12)** meets weekly **Sunday evenings, 7 - 8:30pm**  
**Fall Retreat, Sept. 28 - 30**

**Confirmation (Gr. 9)** meets weekly **Wednesday evenings, 7 - 8:30pm**  
Begins Oct. 3 with informational meeting for Parents & Youth at 7pm in *Village Common*.

**Middle School Youth Group (Grds. 6-8)** meets weekly **Sunday mornings, 10 - 11:15am**.

**Children's Church Programming** begins September 16, 10am.

**Children's Church Family Pick-a-Picnic Potluck** ~ at Michaela's house!  
Sept. 20, or Sept. 22, 6:30pm - 8pm. RSVP to [michaela@wellesleyvillagechurch.org](mailto:michaela@wellesleyvillagechurch.org).

**Village Church Moms** ~ *New Date, September 25!* Tarah Hirschev hosts at her home, 7:30pm. To RSVP contact Kerry Evans (kegevans@gmail.com). All moms welcome!

**Village Church Dads** ~ Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month. All dads are welcome & invited. Join us for refreshments & casual conversation at Morse Tavern in Natick. RSVP to Bob Furlong (bobfurlong@bulfinchgroup.com) or Ed Berger (eberger21@gmail.com).

## *Faith Formation & Fellowship*

**Speaking Christian Adult Learning Series** ~ *Sundays, Sept 16 - Oct. 7, 10-11am*

There are a lot of (weird) words we use in church but nowhere else - like "grace," "salvation" and "liturgy." This series will (re)introduce us to these words and the unique insights they can teach us. Contact Pastor Eric at: [eric@wellesleyvillagechurch.org](mailto:eric@wellesleyvillagechurch.org) for more information.

**Senior Life** ~ *September 19, Fellowship from 10-10:30, Conversation 10:30-11:30, Parlor*  
Members Susan Case & Debbie Merrill share their experience with Prison Ministry.

**Knitting Ministry** ~ *Wednesdays, 9:30am, in Seminar I (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)*

New knitters or those who have not joined us for a while, are most welcome!  
Contact Ruth Breden (781-235-0193) or Bobbie Hayes (781-235-1059) with any questions.

**Village Churchmen Lunch** ~ *Thursday, Sept. 20, at 12pm in Seminar I (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)*

All men of the congregation are invited. Bring your lunch and join in fellowship.

**Theologian in Residence Rev. Dr. Allen Hilton,**

*Author of A House United: How the Church Can Save the World*

*Sunday, September 30, 9am & 10am, Dr. Hilton preaching*

*Saturday, October 27, Courageous Conversations All Church Retreat*

*Sunday, October 28, Dr. Hilton preaching 9am & 10am*

**Interfaith Panel Series** ~ *October 4, 11, 18, Wellesley Free Library & Village Church, 7pm*  
Local Jewish, Muslim and Christian leaders (& WVC Pastors) will reflect together on a variety of topics, followed by multi-religious breakout conversations among attendees.

**Men's Book Group Invites You to a Conversation with Chuck Collins**

*Author of Born on Third Base, Saturday, October 13, 9am-12pm* ~ All church members, friends, and the wider community are welcome. Chuck will share from his personal narrative of navigating wealth and the economic divide. He offers a robust and inspiring understanding of wealth and bold solutions for how we can go beyond charity to build more resilient and equitable communities. Please join the conversation!

## Welcome to Wellesley Village Church!

*We Are an Open & Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ. Whoever you are, wherever you are on the journey of life and faith, we are delighted you are here!*

### We Welcome All

We extend a welcome as broad as the outstretched arms of God, who calls us together to pray, sing, and rejoice in God's glorious presence. We welcome children to participate fully. Children are invited to visit and use the "pray grounds" in the Chapel and the Sanctuary during worship.

Childcare for children under 5 is available in the Family Worship Room, located through the doors on the piano side of the sanctuary.

All children over 5 begin in worship before transitioning to Village Children's Church at the designated time, during 10am worship.

### We Value Community

Visitors, we want to help you connect with our community.

Please fill out a Connection Card found in the blue folders and sign the pew pads.

Questions about our life together are always welcome; ask anyone! or, check our website at: [www.wellesleyvillagechurch.org](http://www.wellesleyvillagechurch.org).

### God Calls You by Name, and So Do We

Please wear a nametag; temporary stickers are available and anyone may request a permanent nametag anytime.

### We Like to Linger

Please stay for refreshments and conversation in Village Common; ask a neighbor to show you the way!

**Phil Carens, Moderator ~ Lori Bruce, Vice Moderator ~ Susan Sullivan, Past Moderator**

**The Rev. Dr. Sarah Sarchet Butter ~ Senior Pastor**

#### Associate Pastors

The Rev. Pam Emslie

The Rev. Liz Garrigan-Byerly

#### Pastoral Residents

The Rev. Eric Ogi

Sean Patrick Coady

#### Ministry Directors

Michaela McDonald – Children's Ministry

David R. Carrier – Music

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