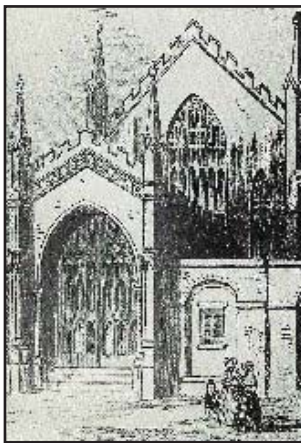




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A Service in Celebration of the 183rd Anniversary of The Boston Society of the New Jerusalem, Inc. (Established 1818 ~ Incorporated 1823) was held on February 13, 2005 at 2:00 PM, before a packed congregation. The event was filmed by Arts and Entertainment News Network. The service featured a special presentation entitled, "God's Work Here on

Earth," by Ross Muscato, writer and public relations consultant. Muscato's talk was a very dynamic and informative speech about the life of Emanuel Swedenborg, and the Church on the Hill that has long advocated Swedenborg's pragmatic philosophy (see "Special Newsletter Edition" insert.) Our senior pastor, the Reverend G. Steven Ellis, gave an electrifying and riveting exhortation on the early history and pioneers of the Boston Church and the wonderful heritage we have to embrace. His scriptural reflection, "The House You are Building: Sanctity ~ Sanity," was a stirring message about finding purpose and meaning in the House of God. Special prayers of rededication for the church, its officers, board members, members and friends were proffered by the Reverend Ellis, the Reverend Klein, and the Reverend Catherine Ono. The best part was saved until last when we received

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CHURCH RECORDS

Full Membership

Courtney Sullivan: Received into the Full Membership of our church on Sunday, January 30, 2005, at the Winter Members' Meeting.

ABOUT OUR CHURCH



The Church on the Hill

The Boston Society of the New Jerusalem, Incorporated

The Church on the Hill - also known as The Boston Society of the New Jerusalem, Incorporated - was organized as the Boston Society of the New Jerusalem on August, 15, 1818, and incorporated in the City of Boston under the Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on February 10, 1823.

The church is an independent organization for the observance of Swedenborgian teachings and the value inherent in those teachings. The church has no formal affiliation with any other Swedenborgian organizations.

The purpose of the church shall be to establish and maintain the public worship of the Lord Jesus Christ according to the Holy Word, and the teachings revealed in the writings of Emanuel Swedenborg. In following those teachings, the church shall maintain free and open worship of the Divine, and being independent, nondenominational, and interreligious, shall honor the good in all religions that seek to foster a positive regard for all humanity.

The church, through its directed wisdom and Divine guidance, shall foster stewardship, within the Doctrine of Uses, of the spiritual and physical assets which Divine Providence and labor and the work of God have made possible.

For more information, or to reach our church office, please call 1-617-523-4575.

CHURCH OFFICIALS:

Senior Pastor The Reverend G. Steven Ellis
 Associate Pastor The Reverend Dr. J. Ted Klein
 President Maria MacKenzie
 Vice President Mary Guarino
 Secretary Tina Burm
 Treasurer John Burke
 Trustee Chair Rex B. Ellis

EMERITUS:

President Emeritus Michael Latkowitch
 Secretary Emeritus Thelma E. Hawkins

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Boston Church of the New Jerusalem, Beacon Hill,
 Boston, Massachusetts

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the following: a letter from Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney in praise of our Church; a proclamation from Robert Travaglini, President of the Massachusetts State Senate, praising the church for its work in the city; and a Proclamation from the Congress of the United States, signed by Congressman Marty Meehan; 5th District of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Special thanks are due to Robert von Wolfgang and to Edward Mackenzie for obtaining these significant documents for our church archives. The music was a combination of contemporary music and hymns from Swedenborg's time. Special thanks are also due to Juliet Cunningham, Minister of Music; to Matt Oliva, who came in costume and sang as Swedenborg, and to Karl Huff, Hymn leader.

A birthday Luncheon in celebration of the 317th Birthday of Emanuel Swedenborg (1688-1772) followed featuring good company ~ good food ~ good times. Special thanks are in order to Ed Mackenzie, Rex Ellis, Tina Burm, David Dorsey, Robert von Wolfgang, Mary Guarino, Josey Calareso, Juliet Cunningham, Matt Oliva, Karl Huff, Andrew McLain, Stanley Goldstein, and many others without whose help this event could not have gone forward.

The special recognition anniversary celebration also included: Ruah Spirituality Interfaith; Janet Sckel-Cerrotti, Match-Up Interfaith Volunteers Elder Care; The Reverend Father Brian Kelley, retired Social Actions Canon, St. Paul's Cathedral; The Reverend Louis Bier, Retired Pastor of the Lutheran Church, Boston; The Reverend Catherine Ono, Unification Church of Boston.

Holy Scripture

"Love your enemies, and pray for those who are persecuting you..."
 (Matthew 5:44)

"Bless those who are persecuting you: bless, and do not curse, so as to be rejoicing with those who are rejoicing, and lamenting with those who are lamenting...To no one render evil for evil... Being at peace with all mankind, you are not avenging yourselves, beloved, but be giving place to His indignation, for it is written, Vengeance is Mine! I will repay! the Lord is saying...Be not conquered by evil; but conquer evil with good."
 (Romans 12:14-15, 17-21)

About our Letter of Exoneration

The Reverend Father Hugh H. O'Regan, Minister of The Church of Saint James the Greater, Boston, wrote the following:

*"Dear Rev. Ellis,
 Congratulations on your 'Exoneration!' May the Peace of the Lord be the result for all concerned, Sincerely, the Reverend Father Hugh H. O'Regan."*

A short take appeared in the *Regional Review*, January 18, 2005, "Sights and Sounds in the West End" by Norman R. E. Herr, reporting the recent dismissal by the State Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts of all of the plaintiffs claims against the church, and the remaining defendants, finding that their claims were as a matter of law without merit. Norm has been a long-time friend of the church and of the Reverend Ellis.

The Beacon Hill Times called the office of Rev. Ellis informing him that they wished to print the entire letter of exoneration of the church in their news. The article appeared on February 1, 2005 in its entirety. We thank their editor for the publication.

Natural Disasters and Compassion

(Article Based on Jan. 16, 2005 Sermon)

Rev. Dr. Ted Klein



"The scope of loss and suffering from the recent earthquake and tidal waves in Asia can push our comprehension to its very limits. Can we imagine what something so horrible is like without experiencing it? And how could God let such a terrible thing happen? The immensity of this disaster can magnify a question we can ask with any natural disaster: Where is God? This article will draw on Swedenborgian teachings for some answers, but recognize that questions and mystery remain.

"Natural disasters such as tornadoes, earthquakes, and tidal waves can bring death, destruction, and suffering of many kinds. With terrible things that people do to one another, part of an answer to why such things happen relates to human free will. We can picture some natural disasters, such as possible future events due to global warming, involving human choice and its effects. The terrible events in Asia, though, seem totally separate from human free will, and take our "Why" questions back to God.

"It might seem that God abandons those who suffer in natural disasters. Yet our teachings present God as totally loving, always present, and working to benefit all. God is totally compassionate, engaged to ease suffering, and bring about healing. God's love, care, and providence abandon no one and no part of creation.

"One idea that may help in thinking about sufferings in this world is to realize that these sufferings, great as they may be, are temporary. Swedenborgian teachings present this life as the beginning,

life continuing after death, and God seeking for all a life of good in heaven. Swedenborg often spoke of children who die entering into blessed lives in heaven. It is important that the idea of temporariness of this life and its sufferings never be used as an excuse for not doing all possible, for example, to end injustices, prevent sufferings, and ease pain. Yet we can envision people growing in the face of sufferings, love and joy breaking out even in the midst of great suffering, and people who have suffered much in this life being released for a greater unfolding of life after this life ends.

"What I would offer as most important in facing natural disasters is the chance for people to see and hear others and to respond compassionately. Imagine two people whose homes are severely damaged in a hurricane. One dwells on the loss of possessions, mourning lost "treasure" in this world. The other finds "treasure" not in possessions, and reaches out in compassion to other victims and seeks to assist in their recovery. For some people, the path of compassion may involve direct contact with those who have suffered in a natural disaster; for others, the stirrings of compassion from learning of a disaster may affect other situations.

"Let us think of compassion taking form with people who have suffered the recent terrible disaster. May they work to ease sufferings of other victims and be part of efforts working for rebuilding and recovery. Greatly needed also is compassion by those directly assisting victims. May they respond to the needs of those who are suffering, work for growth and recovery, and continue to offer loving support and aid in such difficult times. Among people not directly involved, may there also be compassion. May they not forget those who are suffering. May they offer assistance, and work for recovery and growth in other situations where they can make a difference. We are sisters and brothers with all people in this world."

Prayer for Boston and Our Church

(On the eve of a recent Terrorist Threat, Boston MA.)

From Pastor Steve

"I just want to say let us all be praying for our great city of Boston that God's hand will be protecting her, and our leaders during this time of threat from terrorist. I could see the worry and strain on the faces of our city officials as they sought to minimize public alarm. We live in a beautiful and challenging world beset with many heartaches. We are not alone in our need to be rectified to God and to one another. Even in the face of such threats, It is time to count our blessings and be thankful each moment for the breath of life, and that we can be of service to God and to one another, in some small way.

"We have a wonderful church, and we have gone through a long period of pain and transition to bring us this far into the journey. As pastor, I appreciate each and every one of you for your determination and your willingness to stand together and place the common good above your own personal feelings, as we move in the flow of Divine Providence. Keeping a positive attitude, and a balanced perspective in the light of a higher power, and acknowledging the God in one another that commands our respect, will bring us closer together in reaching our goal as a viable church.

"We have a great team and I appreciate everything each of you do to work together: Rex, Ed, Maria, Mary Guarino, Tina, John, Rev. Ted, Mike Latkowitz, Thelma, Sandy, Tom, David Dorsey, Anna Brown, Jim, Doug H., Patty Sacco, Courtney Sullivan, Matt, and Juliet what to speak of "not to mention" having other great workers such

as Ronnie Mac, Mike Snedeker, Robert von Wolfgang, Mark, Paul, Mike Bancewicz, Dominic, Renee Parker, Brenda, Michelle, Kim, Linda, Mary Benjamin, Josey Calereso, Mom & Pop Ellis, Louis Partin, Tammy, Phil, and all the lovely seniors that love, support, and need us. There are also all the wonderful youth in the church now: Tom's children (Mike, Jessica, Matt) and grandchildren; Tina's children, Ed's children, Maria's children, Doug's children, the Watts's ~ Ambitious Youth going to school, Sherry, Laura, Lauren, Jim, Bill, and all the others. ~ what more to say of Little Ronnie, Matt, John, Ronnie, Chris, Morgan and all the other sweet kids ~ and what about all our church friends! ~ I just can't remember them all.

"Hey, we have a lot to be happy about! YES, I LEFT OUT NAMES, BUT NOT INTENTIONALLY, I KNOW I LEFT MANY NAMES OUT, BUT THAT JUST GOES TO SHOW you that we have a big church, and a lot of people to love and care about.

"Now, I didn't mention our members and friends who are isolated and in nursing homes, such as Caroline, Emily, Mike ~ and those who live out-of-state (Mary Jo, Larry, Judy, Scott, the Reverend Craig Jackson, Tracy) who need to hear from us! I say adopt a member, especially a senior, and do all you can do to make their life easier and happier. There is no need to be self-absorbed..... there is too much to do, and so many to care for in a good sense!

Maria, if you have read this to the end, keep those prayer beads going and keep praying for us every time you go by St. Anthony's. I LOVE ALL OF YOU AND NEED ALL OF YOU!! EACH OF YOU ARE MY FRIENDS!

Lovingly, Prayerfully,
Pastor Steve"

"Booked" Event

Eddie Mackenzie was recently invited to give a presentation on his book, *My Life as a Street Solider*, at Western Kentucky University. Traveling with him were Rex Ellis and Tom Kennedy from our church. The presentation was a complete success and had an all-out, record-breaking attendance. We were happy that Ed could share his life's struggle and the methods by which he has overcome many obstacles, as an example for so many of the younger generation. The following are some of the mailings Ed received since his talk:

From Brad Gollhofer, president of the WKU Campus Activities Board:

"Mr. McKenzie, I would like to personally thank you, as the president of the WKU Campus Activities Board, for a great lecture this past Thursday night. Hearing you speak on your life and how you overcame many obstacles was influential. We have had nothing but complements and praises on the job well done you did at our Community College. Again thank you for taking time from your schedule to come to Kentucky and entertain us with your lessons.

*Thank you once again,
Brad Gollhofer"*

From Azurdee M. Garland, Program Coordinator and Campus Activities Board Advisor, Western Kentucky University:

"Eddie, Thank you so much for a great lecture. The student, faculty, staff, and community really enjoyed what you had to say. I found your talk very valuable and wanted to comment on how much what you had to say related to the students Clint and I work with everyday. I also have to say that the crowd was the largest turn-out ever for a South Campus event. We would love to have you back to our campus in the future.

Thank you, Azurdee"

From Clint, teacher at WKU:

"The administrators wanted to know what the presentation would be about. I told them that the book had multiple themes that would be very beneficial to our students (overcoming adversity, the importance of surrounding yourselves with the right people, the value of education, making positive changes in your life, among other things), as well as just your having led a very interesting life. Was there anything in particular that you were planning on discussing more than anything I mentioned?

Thanks, Clint"

From Clint, teacher at WKU:

"Man, this place is still buzzing about your presentation! Thanks so much for coming down here. My students were talking all morning about you, in the classroom, in the hallway, etc... I know the crowd was a little smaller than some of the other colleges on your tour, but your speech broke the attendance record out here at Bowling Green Community College! It's not easy to get our kids to turn out, but they came to see /you/ - and more importantly, from what these kids have been talking about all day, they seemed to really get your message.

I've already had a bunch of requests to watch the tape from last night. Speaking of that, I'll send you the VHS copy and DVD back as soon as I can. Also, if you send me the name of your church, I'd like to send them a little something, as well. It might not be a whole lot, being a teacher in Kentucky, but I definitely appreciate everything that you've done for us. If you're ever in the area, you know you're always welcome here.

Thanks again, Clint"

JOKE OF THE MONTH (Not so funny!)

By Anna Hunt Brown

During the Sunday evening of and the Monday morning after the "Blizzard of 2005", I witnessed the cancellations, from "A" to "Z", at the bottom strip of the picture on Channel 5. I have never seen as many cancellations of events--from 350 to 500! However, each time the list came to the letter "I", an unpleasant notice surfaced--
"IRS, Andover, Massachusetts, "OPEN"!

WORDS OF THE MONTH

By Anna Hunt Brown

"INAUGURATE" and "INAUGURAL"

Inaugurate--From Latin "inauguratus", past participle of "inaugurare", 1. To practice augury [the practice of divination from omens, signs, portents, indications]; or 2. Inaugural A formal ceremony conducted by a seer.

Sexton - Middle English sextein, an altered form of segerstane, from Old French segrestane, from Medieval Latin sacristanus, see sacristan. 1. A church official in charge of maintenance of church property; he sometimes rings the church bells and formerly dug the graves in the churchyard. 2. An official in a synagogue who manages its day-to-day affairs.

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 Saturday, 22 January 2005

"Dear Boston Church, citizens of Massachusetts Bay Area, and New England,

Your pastor has asked me to write to you about our TeleCommunion Project in Haiti. I am glad to do this. I would like to get the word out in New England about this project, because early New England is the model for this project. Most of you are probably familiar with Haiti, its great poverty and perennial problems. Haiti's problems also include natural disasters. In proportion to its population, Haiti lost more people in floods this year than the nations of the Indian Ocean rim lost in the recent tsunami. The panic, desperation, and hopelessness witnessed there was at least as bad as what you have recently seen from Indonesia. A difference has been in the way the world has responded to the crisis along the Indian Ocean rim. Haiti has not been as fortunate. It seems that every new change and events in Haiti has only led to disappointments. Most people who are familiar with its history have written off the nation as a hopeless "basket case". Haiti is not hopeless. In fact, the nation has a bright future. It requires that Haitians and their friends understand the true causes of the nation's problems, and that someone address these problems with an effective solution.

"Haiti's problems can be summed up by the words: competition and exploitation. From its beginnings, Haiti and its people have been exploited by competing tribes, pirates, and colonists; by kings and European powers; by plantation owners and managers; by absentee owners and foreign bankers; by slave traders, overseers, and merchants; by oligarchs and demagogues; by foreigners and Haitians; by whites, blacks, and mulattoes – even by various "humanitarian" organizations from Haiti and abroad. Haiti is and continues to be exploited by lawless criminals and, until recently, by legal means. The strong exploit the weak until the weak become completely exhausted. When that happens even the strong devour one another, and are also made weak. Haiti's victims include Napoleon and more recent dictators and thieves.

"The solution to Haiti's problems may be achieved by introducing the opposite of competition and exploitation. This is cooperation and public service; that is, something present in authentic Christianity and humanity. When the weak cooperate for public service, they are made strong, and the public or the community and country are made strong. When the weak and strong cooperate, the weak will be pulled up. And because the strong have stronger partners, they will become stronger still.

"A case in point was pioneered about 400 years ago in your Massachusetts. A community with faith-based leadership partnered with a private corporation (the Letter to the Boston Church, Massachusetts, and New England Plymouth Company) chartered by the Government of the mother country to establish a plantation in the wilderness. The leaders also invited various skilled workers to join their colony, even though they were not part of their own faith. The struggling new colony also partnered with native Americans. At some point, the Plymouth Company allowed the leaders of the community to purchase and operate the plantation as their own. To obtain a more productive plantation, the leaders gave other settlers the right to own their own land. In turn, all the land owners were allowed to participate in leadership. At length, we know that everyone gained the right to own land and vote. Plymouth planta-



President Boniface Alexandre of Haiti with TeleCommunion Haiti's founders, Phillip and Joel Williams, cousins of our pastor. Both Phil and Joel have visited our church. Phil and Steve have met together with Professors Harvey Cox, Harvard University.

tion became the model for the settlement of the rest of America, which continued to develop along the same lines.

"Such New World cooperation and public service contrasted with the Old World model of colonial development used from the beginning in Haiti and the rest of the West Indies. When Haiti achieved independence, Haitian generals, dictators, and oligarchs, along with foreign corporations and governments became the exploiters. But the New World kind of cooperative development is what the TeleCommunion Haiti Project is attempting to do in Haiti. We are working with indigenous faith-based communities in Haiti to establish economically self-sustaining infrastructure cooperatives for the benefit of all the local communities. These cooperatives will provide electricity, power, water, sewer, sanitation, market support, and agricultural and tourist development. We also plan to build new settlements to relocate flood-endangered villages and towns.

"Despite our modern technology and friends in Haiti, a difficult challenge still faces us. Some of you know that we have been pursuing this project for a long time. We have had first-hand experience with past and present governments of Haiti. The new Administration there seems to genuinely love their country. Already, we have gotten the permission (the charter) from the Government of Haiti. Haiti's new President and Prime Minister enthusiastically support us, as do many other Haitians. Now, the TeleCommunion Haiti Project needs financing. We are asking the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) to provide the funding. We believe this project precisely carries out USAID's own goals. I have just written President Bush and some members of Congress a letter asking for their assistance in line with the ideals of our President's Second Inaugural Address.

"Challenges and many difficulties still lie before us. But we have been sustained in this venture by reading about the challenges faced by those first settlers at Plymouth Plantation, which include some of my own ancestors. We would like those of you who are still in Massachusetts to keep us in your hearts and prayers, to tell others about this project, and what new fruit Plymouth Plantation is bearing.

Sincerely yours,
 TeleCommunion Haiti, Inc.
 Philip Williams, Chairman and CEO"



**From Vrmdavana dasa Thakura dasa,
ISKCON of New England**



"Pastor Steve,
Congratulations on your recent exoneration. I pray that any negative cloud that was generated through the course of it quickly dissipates. Upon reading your letter, I was reminded of the Bhagavatam story of Krishna swallowing the forest fire to protect his cowherd friends. The fire in the story represents inter-communal strife according to Bhaktivinoda Thakura's interpretation. It seems the Lord has His loving mouth open wide on this one.

Best wishes,
Vrmdavana dasa Thakura dasa"

A Walk Down Memory Lane ...



*Rev. Steve Ellis & The Late Philip Simmons
Boston Church of the New Jerusalem, Inc.
Sunday, May 24, 1984~Wedding Day for Philip*



Rev. Dr. Jim Lawrence, Dean, Swedenborg House of Studies, Berkeley, School of Religion, Berkeley, CA, officiating at the baptism of three direct Swedenborg family descendants at the San Francisco Swedenborgian Church (Convention). Rev. Jim went to the theological school while our pastor was in attendance. Rev. Ellis was the first student that Jim met at the school when he first arrived from Texas to do his theological studies. The Pastor wishes to thank Rev. Dr. Lawrence for the use of this photo.

Response to Prayer for Boston from Andrea Martin, Associate Member

"I would add to this that I pray God will watch over Boston and all around as the law enforcement people try to find and stop any attempt to set off bombs in the city. The effects would be felt the worst in the city (where the church is, friends and my son at his workplace) but also would extend hundreds of miles in every direction to cause extensive loss of life and destruction. I keep wondering with such emphasis on security, especially today, how anyone could have been smuggled from Mexico to the US. I think it just shows that we all have to be alert and look out for one another because someone bent on hurting us is not going to be stopped unless we are paying attention. Even so, look at all the security in Iraq and yet the suicide bombers continue to be successful in their horrible missions.

"Another question on my mind that I sent to the Globe is how much will it cost to put a tsunami warning device into place and what exactly will it do to help?"

If we spend millions of dollars to try and outsmart Nature in order to save lives, how much warning time will the people have, in what parts of the world will these warning instruments be (after all, there are other kinds of natural disasters, too) and where, oh where will the potential victims go to be safe and with how much time to get there? My daughter told me that she heard the earth is off its axis by 1/2 an inch. How that affects weather and other things about the earth I don't know, but it's the first I heard of that. Also, the night before we had a big snowstorm here in December and before the earthquake, Pam, Mom and Peter all happened to see the biggest ring around the moon way out away from the moon. I have seen rings around the moon when rain or snow is expected but according to their description, this was unusual. How come the weather people or scientists have not mentioned this? Might it have been a warning something bad was coming? -- As in the movie "The Ten Commandments" the green cloud of death moving over Israel and the Egyptians. Those who knew what that meant and heeded the instructions to keep their homes and families safe, survived."

From Mary Guarino, Vice President, BSNJ, Inc.

"Dear Reverend Ellis: Thank you for making the Church on the Hill such a welcoming and uplifting experience in all the seasons of the heart. I look forward to times in such a holy, loving, and nurturing dwelling place."



*A cute picture of Madisyn Nicole Dragon,
taken the day she was born.
Pastor's Steve's, Cousin, Junior Campbell's granddaughter
(Junior is Mary Ellis, nephew.)*

Al is an active and supportive member of the church, poet, and a retired law enforcement officer from Lynn, MA.

By Al Baer, 2/13/98

"To Pastor Steve:

What does it matter, night or day,
Dark cloudy skies, or bright clear day,
Here is a man, he's always there,
Ready to give, ready to share,
Thinking of you, and thinking of me,
With heart full of love, for all to see,
Doing his service, under God's good will,
Giving his all, for the Church on the Hill.



From Thelma E. Hawkins,
Trustee and Church Secretary Emeritus

"Steve, thank you for the beautiful words and prayers. We all have to work together and love each other. True, we all have faults and not all of us are of the high intelligentsia, but that does not make any of us better. We are all children of God. Bless our church and all our members. **Love and Blessings, Thelma"**

Special Prayers

Word was received that Nityalila, beloved wife of our dear friend, Premananda dasa, lost her unborn baby, Krsnakarsini, who was expected in June. Please keep Premananda dasa, Nityalila, and the soul of their little one, Krsnakarsini, in your prayers. Premananda dasa has been a participant in our clergy gatherings, and special church services and programs for over many years. Premananda is special to all who have the fortune to have his acquaintance.

Marjorie Hymans: Let us continue to remember in our prayers Marjorie Hymans, who is in the Spaulding Rehab following hospitalization at Brigham and Women's Hospital. Marge is a very devoted and faithful member of the church and we miss her and send our love and prayers. Marjorie sends her love to all and looks forward to being back in church with all her friends.

Congratulations to Heather Sullivan!

Heather Sullivan, member of the Church, just recently graduated from law enforcement school and became a Walpole Police Officer. Heather is the mother of Jared Kennedy.



Heather Sullivan,
Walpole Police Officer



Mary Guarino with her photo taken with the Red Sox World Series Trophy. Mary commented that the photo was somewhat out of focus, but is still a treasured moment to remember!

From Evangelist Cynthia Green,
First Pentecostal Church of Jesus Christ, Inc.

"God bless and thanks for the encouragement. We were stranded on the campground yesterday. The water over the entrance road was running like a river about 20 feet wide. Hope to get a copy of a video cam to send. Bishop will surely be able to preach a great sermon about Noah and the flood!

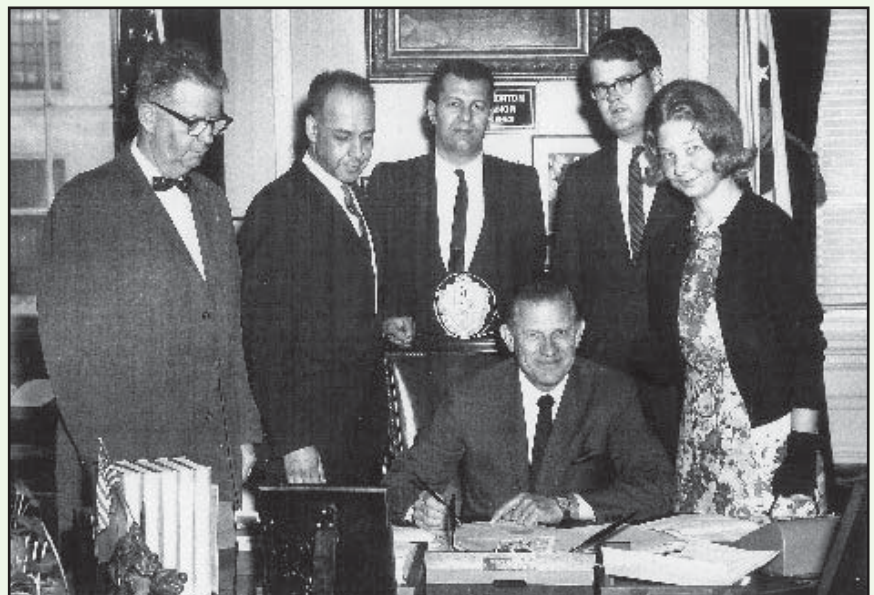
"Your spiritual flood has left you with much more strength to follow God's will and way. So therefore, you may feel like Job, but the consolation is that God is a Way maker, Problem solver and Heart fixer. **God bless you all, EvgG"**

April 1966, Governor's Office, Massachusetts State House.

Former Massachusetts Governor, the Honorable John Anthony Volpe signing Proclamation designating May 1-8, 1966, as 32nd Annual National American Youth Hostel (AYH) Week throughout The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Standing, left to right: Mr. Merle Hildreth, former Scout Executive, Boston Council, Boy Scouts of America; Mr. John H. Meloney, Director, Hostel Development, AYH; Mr. Gaspar D. Jako, Executive Director, International Institute, Boston, Massachusetts; Mr. James Hale Lowell II, Boston Youth Hostel Committee; Ms. Anna Hunt Brown, Life Member, American Youth Hostels and member, BSNJ.

Seated, center: Hon. John Anthony Volpe, Commissioner, Massachusetts Dept. of Public Works, 1953-1956; Governor of Massachusetts, 1961-1963, 1965-1969; U.S. Secretary of Transportation, 1969-1973; U.S. Ambassador to Italy, 1973-1977.



Anna Hunt Brown is grateful to Ms. Eva Murphy, Reference Librarian of the Massachusetts State Library, for the above information concerning Governor Volpe.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	1	2	3	4	5 <i>Mindfulness Day (No service)</i> <i>Zen Buddhist day for being mindful that you are connected to each and every sentient being that has ever existed.</i>	6 <i>4th Sunday of Lent; The Fast of Esther</i> 10:00am Community Fellowship & Bible Study with Breakfast Fare; 11:00am Worship: Celebration of Intl. Women's History Day; 12Noon Women's History Luncheon with Entertainment
7	8 <i>International Women's Day (No Service)</i>	9 <i>Day of Mourning (No Service)</i> <i>The day slavery was outlawed world-wide (1927); a day to mourn its continued existence</i>	10 <i>Anniversary of the death of Harriet Tubman (1913) (No Service)</i>	11	12	13 <i>5th Sunday of Lent: Passion of Christ;</i> 10:00am Swedenborg Class with Rev. Dr. Ted Klein 11:00am Worship 12Noon Luncheon
14	15	16	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day (No Celebration)</i>	18	19 <i>St. Patrick's Day Senior Luncheon: Bus Trip and Dinner at the Cracker Barrel Restaurant in Wrentham, MA</i>	20 <i>Palm Sunday; First Day of Spring</i> Arrive at church 9:30am. Bus leaves at 10am for the First Pentecostal Church of Jesus Christ, Inc. 258 Main Street, Mashpee, MA 68th CHURCH ANNIVERSARY Bus departs Mashpee at 3pm
21 <i>"Naw Ruz" Baha'i New Year (Year 1610); Holi: Hindu festival (No Service)</i>	22	23	24 <i>Maundy Thursday Last Supper of Savior Jesus; Feast of the Seas honoring Hina Ke Kai & Tehom</i> 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service (Holy Communion)	25 <i>Good Friday; Purim: (Jewish Festival)</i> 12:00 Noon Good Friday Meditation Service: Seven Last Sayings of Christ	26 <i>Day of Mourning (No Service)</i> <i>The day production and use of biological weapons was outlawed world-wide (1975); a day to mourn their victims.</i>	27 <i>Easter</i> Early Dawn: Sunrise Service (check time for sunrise) on the BSNJ Rooftop; Sunrise Breakfast on the Roof to Follow Service 11:00am Worship: Easter Service
28	29	30	31 <i>Vigil to mourn China's annexation of Tibet (1959) and the killings, torture, and religious persecution of Tibetan Buddhists. (Day the Dalai Lama fled into exile following the Chinese invasion of Tibet; Birthday of Cesar Chavez (1927), who won recognition of migrant workers' rights through organization and non-violent protest. (No Service)</i>			



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“Everything can be improved.”

- Clarence W. Barron
Beloved Member of the Boston Church
Born July 2, 1855, in Boston; died Oct. 2, 1928
President, Dow Jones & Company (1912-28)
Editor of the Wall Street Journal
Founder and Editor, Barron's, (1921)