



Jesus said "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." Matthew 11:28

Autumn is here!



*Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower.
~Albert Camus*

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GOALS AND OUR LIFE AS A CHURCH

- ❖ Seeking to be guided by love of God, love of others, being in community, seeking to be of service.
- ❖ Church services and classes being vital and central.
- ❖ Nurturing teamwork and community throughout the church.
- ❖ The church welcoming diversity of people working together as one.
- ❖ Developing a pervasive spirit of caring in the church community.
- ❖ The church developing as welcoming of all generations (from children to senior).
- ❖ Concerted efforts to involve young people more fully in the life of the church. Perhaps with aid from adults, having leadership emerge from young people. Involvement of young people in service projects in the community.
- ❖ Strengthening of programs for seniors, drawing on resources both within and outside the church.
- ❖ Developing processes for ministry preparation.
- ❖ Growth of participation from the congregation in the church activities.

HISTORY OF THE CHURCH

New Jerusalem Church

Circa 1845

The foundation of the Boston Society of the New Jerusalem (BSNJ) can be traced back to 1784 and the Green Dragon Tavern in Boston. It was then and there that admirers of, and those interested in learning more about, Emanuel Swedenborg first met to hear a lecture on Swedenborg by James Glen. In 1818, twelve people, some of whom were among the early "Green Dragon Tavern crowd," organized a Swedenborgian Church in the city. Chartered in 1823, the Boston Society of the New Jerusalem, Inc. is the first Swedenborgian Church established in Massachusetts. Members of the Church met at several locations before finally settling in 1845 at its present location atop Beacon Hill. The location inspired the name by which many today know the society: the Church on the Hill (Swedenborgian). Through the years, noted BSNJ members include Timothy Harrington Carter, publisher, and founder of the Old Corner Book Store; Sampson Reed, writer and mentor of Ralph Waldo Emerson; Lydia Maria Child, author, social activist and abolitionist; Warren Felt Evans, writer and healer;

Theophilus Parsons, dean of Harvard Law School; Otis Clapp, apothecary, publisher, member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives, co-founder of The Massachusetts Institute of Technology (M.I.T.), Boston University, and founder of The Home for Little Wanderers; Theophilus P. Chandler, architect; Clarence Barron, financier, editor of the *Wall Street Journal*, and president of Dow Jones; George James Webb, hymnologist; and The Honorable Malcolm Nichols, Mayor of Boston. A beautiful Gothic Revival structure served the membership until the 1960s when it was replaced with a new Church building and an eighteen story high-rise apartment. Today, the main sanctuary of the Church is accessible from Bowdoin Street. The Church has also served as a place of worship and gatherings for the local Muslim Community and other faith-based communities. The Church has organized and runs many programs to meet the needs of the Church community and larger surrounding neighborhood.

Use of the Church facility is offered to human service and outreach organizations.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR PASTOR



Dear Members and Friends of the Church on the Hill:

September has been a time of new beginnings at the church. We have very full Sundays, and many activities during the week. A very important new beginning is in the presence of Gail Barrows, who will be formally starting as Ministry Intern the week of October 17. Another important new beginning is in our youth initiative, with Lauren Andreottola acting as youth representative. Much is beginning again, as we have welcomed back the full choir and other musicians who at times will be part of our worship services.

As we go into October, we enter a time of great change and at times great beauty. We can enjoy the beauty of the fall colors, being reminded of color and beauty in our lives. We can accept that cycles of life go on, the beauty of fall will fade but winter will have its own place and beauty. We can accept and embrace changes in our lives and our connections with others, learning from different phases and cycles we pass through.

How is this new church year going for you? For others in the church you know? I offer to each of you the wish that the church go forward and each of you go forward.

Love and Best Wishes to Each of You,

Ted

We Need Your Help!

Socks are needed for the homeless community. With winter right around the corner, we need people to donate and help distribute plain white socks to those in need of warmth. Socks can be brought to the Church and anyone willing to donate their time to distributing the socks should contact Mike. Thank you in advance.

Our own Terri Mazzulli will be exhibiting her hand-pieced, hand quilted work "Cartoon Caper" in the Quilt Show of the Proper Bostonians Quilters at Mons. Donahue Hall, Saint Theresa Hall, 40 Saint Theresa Ave., West Roxbury on Friday Oct. 14 from 6-8PM, Saturday Oct. 15 10AM-6PM, and Sunday Oct. 16 from 10AM-4PM. Congratulations Terri! The church has also purchased raffle tickets for a chance to win a handmade quilt. Part of the proceeds go to Dorchester Food Pantry and we hope to win!



Greetings! I am delighted to be among you as a Clinical Pastoral Education student/Ministry Intern. Although this program does not officially start until October 17th, you have already shown me open hearts and caring hands. It seems these characteristics are signature at Church on the Hill. Let me tell you a little bit about myself.

I am finishing up my seminary education at Andover Newton Theological School and plan to graduate in December, 2011. Before beginning seminary I was an environmental and special educator with a bachelor's degree and master's degree in education and special education, respectively. In addition to teaching in elementary and secondary classrooms, I initiated, designed and directed a work-study program and transition services for a public school district in New York State. The driving force for these efforts was the desire to ensure that special students had a full life upon graduation.

I am especially interested in spiritual formation and concerned about human and earth rights. It follows that I have both initiated and participated in campaigns for justice and universal education in Nepal, Nicaragua, and El Salvador. In my personal time I prioritize contemplative practice, outdoor activity, and time with my husband, Ray, our 6 children, 6 (soon to be 7!) grandchildren, and my beloved golden retriever, Sam.

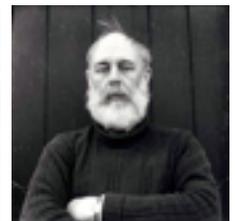
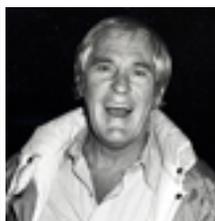
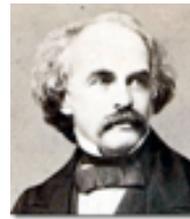
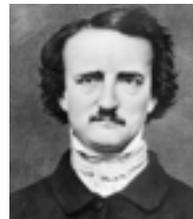
I hope you all have a wonderful fall season and I look forward to our time together at Church on the Hill.



Last Month's "who's who" answers...

From left to right and
top to bottom:

1. John Updike
2. Edgar Allen Poe
3. Henry David Thoreau
4. Thomas Paine
5. Jack Kerouac
6. Nathaniel Hawthorne
7. Robert Frost
8. Louisa May Alcott
9. Emily Dickinson
10. Timothy Leary
11. Theodor Seuss Geisel (Dr. Seuss)
12. Edward Gorey



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Wednesday Night

October 19, 2011

6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Pizza & Wings

Church on the Hill ~ Function Hall

140 Bowdoin Street ~ Beacon Hill

Boston, MA 02108



Learning in the Wilderness
(Based on September 18 sermon)
Rev. Dr. Ted Klein

What are meanings of wilderness? One meaning is that of “wilderness areas” to be preserved. Sometimes experiences in these areas are wonderful and inspiring, an example for me being the White Mountains in New Hampshire. In the context of Scriptures and related teachings there is wilderness in comparison to a desert or wasteland, seen as barren, forbidding, and frightening. People in wilderness in this sense are alone and challenged. In situations where we feel alone or lost or that we are wondering, we can face the challenges and be open to learning.

What are some wilderness experiences in our lives? How can we learn from them? Sometimes we may feel lost, not sure how to go on. When feeling lost we can search for ways forward, being open to learn. Sometimes in our lives we may feel empty, in a barren place, feeling change is needed. We can look to God for help and seek change, being open to ways forward that may show themselves..

Bound up with wilderness experiences are trials or what is often called in our theology “temptations”. With temptations or trials we sometimes need to change direction, turning from a harmful pattern to a good pattern. In such trials it is important to seek help from God and others. With help we can learn in finding ways forward.

REFLECTION AND PRAYER

Take a moment to consider your life. Where are you wandering in barren places? How can we find your way through them? Where do you need to turn? What doors do you need to open? Consider how, with God’s help, you can take next steps. Consider how your steps relate to lives of others.

God, help us in our wanderings and searchings. Help us to find where we need to change paths and where we need to stay on paths. Help us to come through trials as people better able to be caring with others. Help us to find new growth, budding, in our lives with others. Help us to grow as a tree getting stronger and joined with other trees and surrounding life. Amen



*From the
Editor*



Hello Everyone,
 The Church is now officially in the full swing of the New Church

Year! The Senior Luncheons have resumed as well as the Church Council and Board of Trustees monthly business meetings.

This year a milestone is being met in as much that we have a Ministry Intern, Gail Barrows on site! This is something that we have been excited about implementing for the last couple of years.

October also is when we start our Sunday Night Outreach with the Oasis Coalition, handing out socks and companionship with our homeless community. We are in need of socks and volunteers. If you are interested call the office.

In the middle of October we will host our first Wii Night (pronounced wee) for the young people in our community. This will provide an alternative place for young adults to socialize and play video games. We are hoping this becomes a routine part of our young peoples initiative.

Please keep an ear open for the Fall Members meeting! This will be called soon for the month of November and we will send out a flyer as well as place in the next newsletter.

Embrace the change of seasons and look out for your neighbors!

*Peace,
Mike*

*There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity under the heavens. Ecclesiastes 3:1*



The Creed for the Disabled.

I asked God for strength that I might achieve.
I was made weak that I might learn humbly to obey.

I asked for health that I might do greater things.

I was given infirmity that I might do better things.

I asked for riches that I might be happy.

I was given poverty that I might be wise.

I asked for power that I might have the praise of men.

I was given weakness that I might feel the need of God.

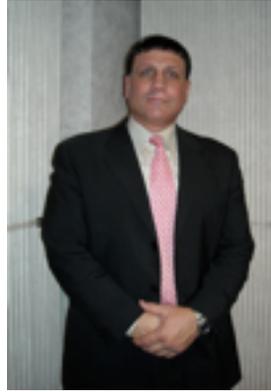
I asked for all things that I might enjoy life.

I was given life that I might enjoy all things.

I got nothing that I asked for, but everything I hoped for.

Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered.

I am, among all men, most richly blessed.



Edward Mackenzie: *Thoughts on Swedenborg*

I have to admit that sometimes I wrestle with how to relate Emanuel Swedenborg and his teachings to young people. The Boston Society of the New Jerusalem is a Swedenborgian congregation. We are inspired and motivated by what this man – who was born more than 300 years ago, and who died more than 200 years ago, said and taught and believed and created.

Emanuel Swedenborg was a brilliant man, and he called himself a “Servant of the Lord Jesus Christ.” And he was a man of this world – he was an evangelist for Christ, and he was also a scientist and philosopher. He understood that to love Christ and to love God, then we need to do His work on earth. We need to be filled with the love of Christ in what we do here on earth.

Yes, Emanuel Swedenborg was a man of God, and he was a man of this earth. He built and designed and created for this earth. When you walk into the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum in Washington D.C., one of the first exhibits you encounter is the flying machine that Emanuel Swedenborg designed in the 1700s. That’s right, that flying machine is suspended from the roof of that great museum. When a native son of Massachusetts, John F. Kennedy, delivered his presidential inaugural address on Friday, January 20, 1961, he concluded the address with these immortal words – words that Emanuel Swedenborg would have endorsed:

Finally, whether you are citizens of America or citizens of the world, ask of us here the same high standards of strength and sacrifice which we ask of you. With a good conscience our only sure reward, with history the final judge of our deeds, let us go forth to lead the land we love, asking His blessing and His help, but knowing that here on earth God's work must truly be our own. (cont. page 8)

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“... but knowing that here on earth God’s work must truly be our own.”

All of us need to do God’s work on earth. No matter what you do in life – if you engage in honorable work, and are trustworthy, then you are doing something sacred. Emanuel Swedenborg understood this, and he preached it. He didn’t believe that you can just go to church on Sunday and sit in a pew and listen to the preacher and sing some hymns – and then walk out of church and for the rest of the week do next to nothing to help people out and improve the world – and be considered a good person.

Throughout every day, you have the opportunity to do God’s work. Whether it is in the classroom, or in sports, or in the band, or in an after school job, or in volunteering in the community, or in participating in a church youth group ... or ... you name it. In everything you do in life, consider yourself to be an emissary of God and His work.

So, whatever you do in life be honest and kind and trustworthy and give a total effort. This is what Emanuel Swedenborg would have told you. And this is how on earth you do God’s work and improve the world. E. Mac 9/28/11



Our Senior Outing will be to the Cracker Barrel Restaurant and Country Store on Saturday October 8, leaving the church at 10:30 AM

SIGN-UP BEFORE IT IS TO LATE!!



The Carpenter

An elderly carpenter was ready to retire. He told his employer/contractor of his plans to leave the house building business and live a more leisurely life with his wife enjoying his extended family. He would miss the paycheck, but he needed to retire. They could get by.

The contractor was sorry to see his good worker go and asked if he could build just one more house as a personal favor. The carpenter said yes, but in time it was easy to see that his heart was not in his work. He resorted to shoddy workmanship and used inferior materials. It was an unfortunate way to end his career.

When the carpenter finished his work and the builder came to inspect the house, the contractor handed the front-door key to the carpenter. "This is your house," he said, "my gift to you."

What a shock! What a shame! If he had only known he was building his own house, he would have done it all so differently. Now he had to live in the home he had built none too well.

So it is with us. We build our lives in a distracted way, reacting rather than acting, willing to put up less than the best. At important points we do not give the job our best effort. Then with a shock we look at the situation we have created and find that we are now living in the house we have built. If we had realized, we would have done it differently.

Think of yourself as the carpenter. Think about your house. Each day you hammer a nail, place a board, or erect a wall. Build wisely. It is the only life you will ever build. Even if you live it for only one day more, that day deserves to be lived graciously and with dignity. The plaque on the wall says, "Life is a do-it-yourself project."

Who could say it more clearly? Your life today is the result of your attitudes and choices in the past. Your life tomorrow will be the result of your attitudes and the choices you make today.

Fond Memories

By Janalene Oakes (nee Perry)

Below is a write-up submitted by Janalene Oakes whom used to attend the church as a child before moving to New York. Her grandmother and family attended the old church regularly. Janalene also sent some great old photos that we will share this month and in future issues. Thank you very much Ms. Oakes for your considerate submissions.



Our family lived in South Boston, Massachusetts during WWII in an FHA housing project at 1262 Columbia Road, Apt. 775, on the 3rd floor—which was the top floor.

My paternal grandmother, Irene Perry, lived in Winthrop—a suburb of Boston—in a large 3 story house on Pleasant Street. The lower 2 floors were the grandparent's residence with my Uncle Stewart and Aunt Alice living on the top floor. Grandfather, Newell Perry, was rarely home. He was an engineer *on* the Great Lakes.

Sundays we went to church at the Church of the New Jerusalem on Bowdoin Street in the city. Most Sundays it was my mother, brother, and I that took the bus to church. There was a large seat in the front of the bus beside the driver. Austin and I were happy when the seat was not occupied when we got on—and we got to sit there,

I vaguely remember the church not being freestanding and quite narrow. Double doors opened on a small foyer with stairs to the sanctuary on the left and stairs to the basement

on the right. The sanctuary was fairly good sized with long cushioned pews.

Antony Regamy was the pastor back then. At a point not too far in to the service was an indication somewhere, somehow for the children to go downstairs for class.

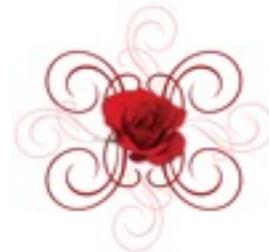
I don't recall how the classes were divided, but remember a woman, Mrs. Graves, that was there some Sundays with her marionettes. She worked the strings expertly. The children were entranced. The stories had a moral lesson to tell. The marionettes were a special treat.

One teacher, Betty Atwood (whom my cousin Jim, married some years later) had the children looking forward to her stories of the weasel and the "quillie—the "quillie" being a porcupine. Chapters of the story were told each Sunday—also with a moral content and made up as she went along. The children looked forward to the chapter of "The weasel and the "quillie" each week.

Occasionally, my father attended church, which thrilled his mother. Only when my father was with us could we spend some time in the city after church. The Boston Commons had the swan boats we could ride, and back then people could feed the pigeons. Once in a while we would go to a movie called the "Laff Movie" it featured many cartoons as well as some short children's movies—like "The Little Rascals" or "Laurel and Hardy". Grandma Perry strongly objected to movies on a Sunday.

Some Sundays we went to Grandma Perry's for Sunday dinner. Her favorite meal was roast lamb with mint jelly along with peas and mashed potatoes.

Fond memories!



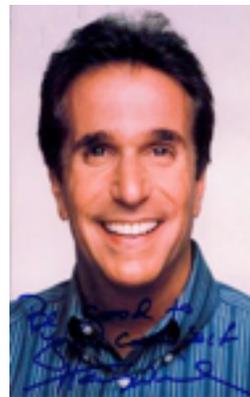
About the photograph: circa 1948-1952

All in the picture have the last name Perry.

Back row L-R: Uncle Stewart & Aunt Alice, My mother Violet, Aunt Shirley and Uncle Newell.

Front row L-R: Cousin Jim, Grandmother Irene, Janalene, Brother Austin, Cousin "Skip"

Can you name who's who?



Hint: They all have October Birthdays...

The person to name them all/the most wins a \$50 Gift Certificate to Jacob Wirth restaurant. GOOD LUCK!



Congratulations to Sean Tuohey for winning last month's, naming all 10 of 12!



Answers from September's "who's who" can be found on page 4.

Church Calendar Events 2011

All are welcome. Come as you are.

October

Sunday, October 2	9:45 AM	Swedenborg Class with Rev. Dr. Ted Klein
	11:00 AM	Church Service and Communion with Rev. Dr. Ted Klein
Wednesday, October 5	5:00 PM	Church Council Meeting
	6:00 PM	Board of Trustees Meeting
Sunday, October 9	9:45 AM	Swedenborg Class with Rev. Dr. Ted Klein
	11:00 AM	Church Service with Rev. Dr. Ted Klein
Sunday, September 16	9:45 AM	Bible Reflection
	11:00 AM	Church Service with Laity in the Pulpit
Wednesday, October 19	12:00 Noon	Senior Lunch
Sunday, October 23	9:45 AM	Bible Reflection
	11:00 AM	Church Service with Gail Barrows, Ministry Intern
Sunday, October 30	9:45 AM	Swedenborg Class with Rev. Dr. Ted Klein
	11:00 AM	Church Service with Dr. Mary Kay Klein



Halloween

November

Monday, October 31		
Wednesday, November 2	5:00 PM	Church Council Meeting
	6:00 PM	Board of Trustees Meeting
Sunday, November 6	9:45 AM	Bible Reflection
	11:00 AM	Church Service with Rev. Dr. Ted Klein
Sunday, November 13	9:45 AM	Swedenborg Class with Rev. Dr. Ted Klein
	11:00 AM	Church Service with Rev. Dr. Ted Klein
Wednesday, November 16	12:00 Noon	Senior Lunch
Sunday, November 20	9:45 AM	Bible Reflection
	11:00 AM	Church Service with Dr. Mary Kay Klein
Sunday, October 30	9:45 AM	Swedenborg Class with Rev. Dr. Ted Klein
	11:00 AM	Advent Choir Concert





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Lydia Maria Child (1802-1880)

Member of the Church
Writer, Author, Abolitionist,
Civil Rights Advocate
Writer of "Over the River"

"It is my mission to help in the breaking down of classes, and to make all men feel as if they were brethren of the same family, sharing the same rights, the same capabilities, and the same responsibilities. While my hand can hold a pen, I will use it to this end; and while my brain can earn a dollar, I will devote it to this end." Lydia Maria Child

