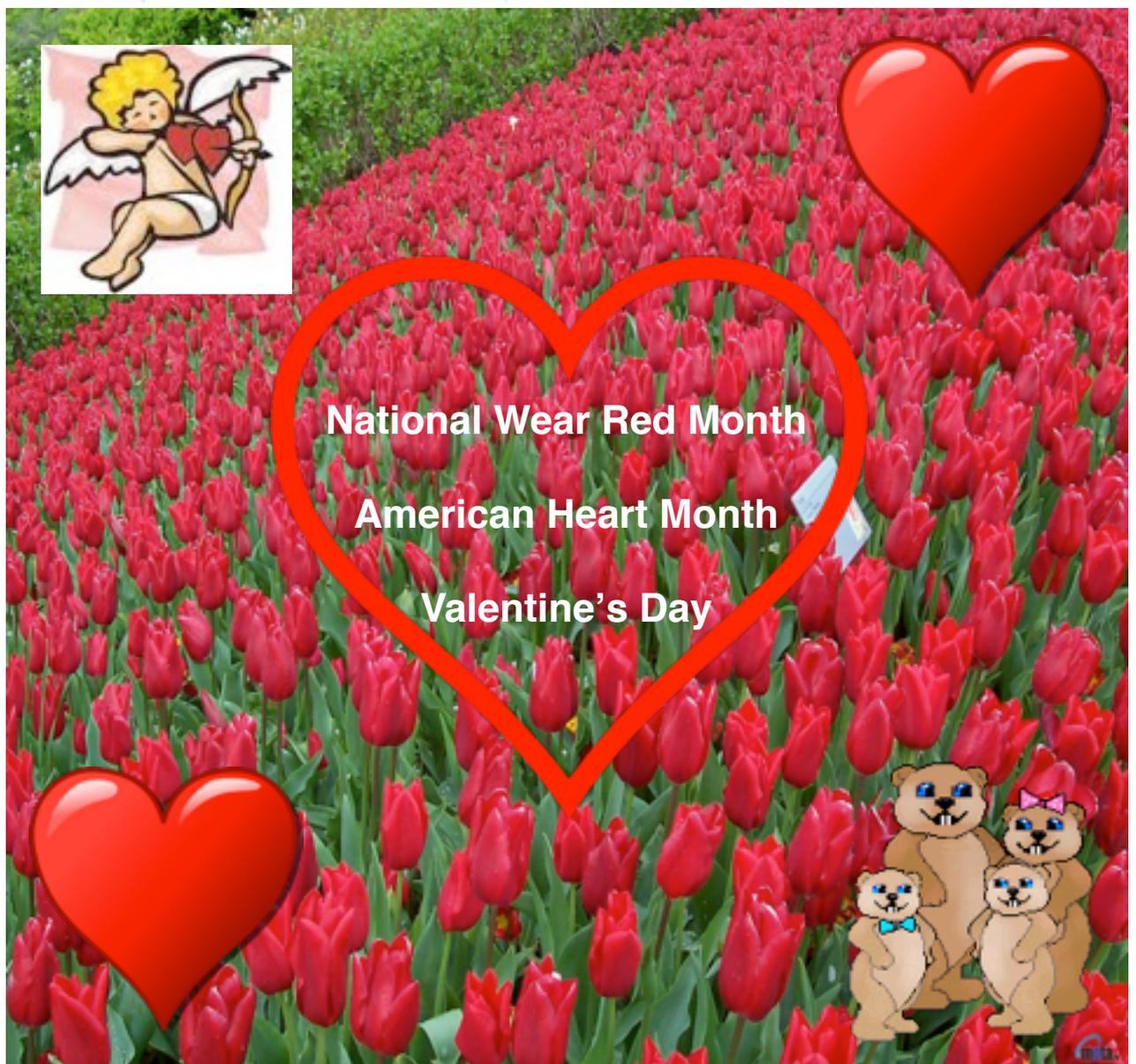




Jesus said "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." Matthew 11:28



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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:

February at times can be very cold and harsh. As we go through the month there is more and more daylight. Sometimes when feeling challenged by bitter cold in February, I think of the progression toward more and more light with warmth eventually to follow.

This has been a church year with much growth continuing and with new beginnings. Among the important new beginnings are the work of Gail Barrows, presently Ministry Intern for Pastoral Care, and the work of the ministry team begun this year. With Lauren Andreottola coordinating, we have made beginnings in programs for young adults, youth, and children. Continuing strongly are the church services, the classes, the outreach programs, and much more.

As this year continues, you can think about your own connection with the church. Perhaps there are gifts you can offer that will help the church grow further ways.

Very best wishes to each of you!

Love and Blessings,

Ted

Annual Members Meeting

Games

Prizes

Music

Surprises

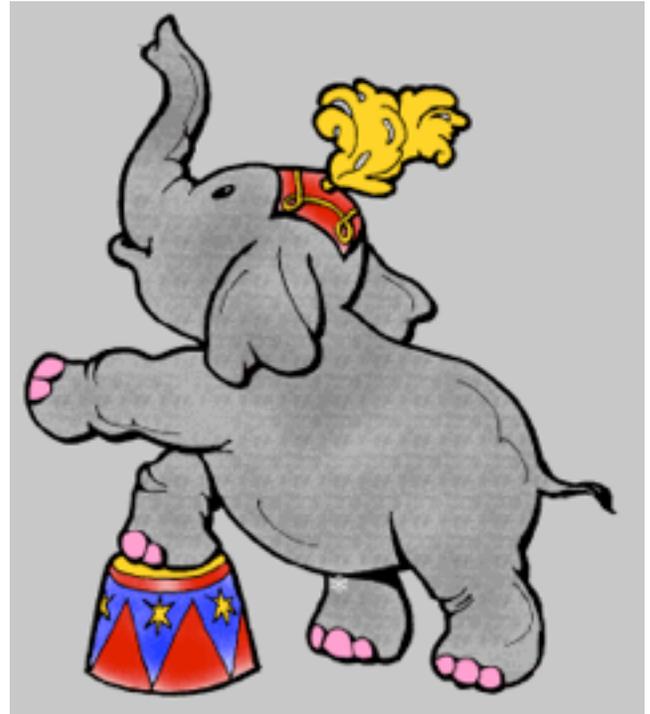
Sunday, Feb. 12
12:30 PM

Simple Acts of Kindness...

The Mental Chain

Most people are like the circus elephant. Have you ever seen a giant elephant in an indoor arena tied to a little wooden stake. That huge creature can pick up two thousand pounds with its trunk, yet it calmly stays tied. Why?

When that elephant was just a baby, and not very strong, it was tied by a huge chain to an iron stake that could not be moved. Regardless of how hard it tried, it could not break the chain and run free. After it a while it just gave up. Later, when it is strong, it never attempts to break free. The "imprint" is permanent. "I can't! I can't!" it says.



There are millions of people who behave like this creature of the circus. They have been bound, tied and told "You'll never make it," so many times they finally call it quits. They may have dreams, but the "imprinting" keeps pulling them back.

Today, eliminate the source of your limitations. When you mentally break free, the boundaries will be removed from your future.

Goodness is the only investment that never fails.

-Henry David Thoreau

"The Fence"
by: Dick Lehr

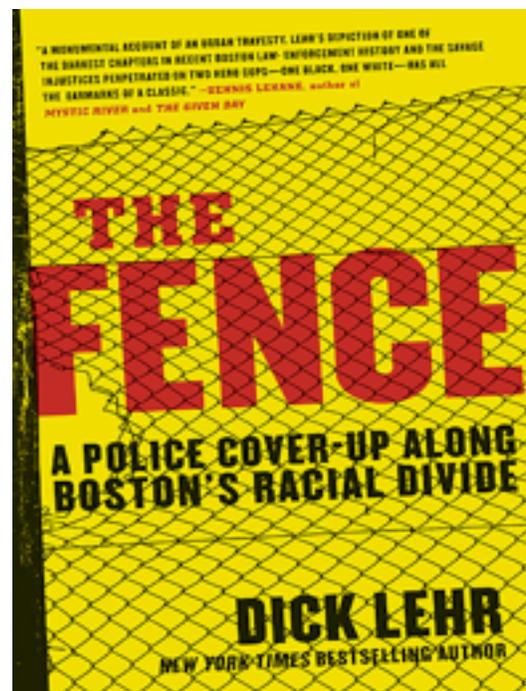
A Book Review
by Ned Carleton

Oasis Book Club readers devoted January and February last year to The Fence. It puts under the microscope a single ugly police incident: 2AM January 25, 1995, there was a fatal shooting in a hamburger joint at 451 Blue Hill Avenue in 'Grove Hall', a then-notorious Roxbury locale. Four suspects fled the scene in a car. A "lengthening conga line" (p. 123) of more than 20 police cruisers pursued it toward Mattapan, eventually cornering the suspects in a cul-de-sac at Woodruff Way, bordering the old Boston State Hospital - the 'fence' of Lehr's title. In the scuffle that ensued, Officer Mike Cox, black, in plainclothes in the lead car, was viciously beaten by brother officers; Officer Kenny Conley, white, who arrested one of the suspects after a foot chase, was later accused of being one of the beaters. It took a prison stretch and 10 years for Conley to be cleared of that charge; it took almost four years (until 12/22/98) for Cox, in a civil suit, to pin responsibility for the beating on four named brother officers. His health never fully recovered.

In a sense, the system was to blame here. Plainclothes arrests in the dead of night ask for trouble. And so March 17, 1995, Police Commissioner Paul Evans issued a directive establishing a plainclothes hand signal, but it soon became a joke (pp. 192, 207). As Lehr's analysis makes clear, layers of prejudice led to the incident of 1/25/95. To have black police officers engaged in the arrest of black suspects (all four who fled the burger joint) is to engage a major taboo of US society. Then there's the unreliability of eyewitness testimony. Officer

Conley talked himself into prison on a perjury charge by insisting he did not even see Cox, when eyewitness testimony by others seemed to show he must have. As psychological research has since revealed, he was probably in the grip of 'inattentive blindness' when making his arrest. His eye was on his arrestee not Cox, though Cox was right in front of him chasing the same man. Then there's the 'blue wall' of silence about police misconduct. As Lehr was able to establish, the officers at the scene collusively came up with a cover story - Cox slipped on the ice - rather than admit to anything. Finally, the prosecution of Conley, at the Federal level, fit perfectly with the liberal prejudices of educated Bostonians. Conley had been raised in Southie. He must have done it.

Nor did the fence incident educate Bostonians about how to run a police department. The real message of The Fence is its last four pages (pp. 357-60), the 'Notes' to the 'Epilogue'. They detail how, even after justice had triumphed in the cases of Conley and Cox, business as usual continued in the Boston constabulary as a whole. Read and judge for yourself.



God's Grace and Providence

Rev. Dr. Ted Klein

God's grace comes from beyond, reaching to us and drawing us forward. This grace is part of God's constant providence or provision for all. God's grace is not bestowed on some and not others, but is bestowed fully on all. God's grace is not earned, but a gift continually offered.

Grace may come in a totally surprising insight, which may lead a person to live in a new way. Grace may come in the form of people who enter our lives and make a great difference in how we live. Grace may come through a challenge or hardship which opens the way to live with a new sense of what is important in life.

Think of a situation where someone is pursuing something, but finds a door closed and is not able to go further. In this situation a very new door may open, the person may discover a new direction and opportunity, a new way of helping to make a difference. Think of when a person faces something difficult or painful. Through grace the person may come to see a way forward, new avenues for being involved in good.

God's grace and providence are with us every moment. Grace is not something we earn, and yet when touched by it we can respond. When touched by grace and guided by providence, we can seek to work with God in others to help in making a difference for good.

CLOSING PRAYER

God, help us to feel, see, hear, and attend to grace from you flowing into our lives. Help us to find in your grace a source of strength for with love and energy caring for others. Amen.

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

From left to right and top to bottom:

1. Stephen Hawking
2. Paul Revere
3. Mel Gibson
4. Diane Keating
5. Millard Fillmore
6. David Bowie
7. Alexander Hamilton
8. Andy Rooney
9. Elvis Presley
10. Muhammed Ali
11. Al Capone
12. Dolly Partin



Hint: They are all have January birthdays.

Congratulations to Jennifer Cashman for winning, naming 11 of the 12 people.

*This Divine truth flows
into heaven from the Lord
from His Divine love.*

-Emanuel Swedenborg

The Bean Town Tales Children's Writing Workshop

With Suzie Canale

March 17 ~ 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Church on the Hill

This is an opportunity for young writers from ages 5-12 to learn how to write their own original children's books! Instructed by Suzie Canale, author of the Beantown Tales children's book series, "The Land of Chocolate Cosmos" and "The Popcorn Hydrangea of Poppington" children will create their own...



Storylines, Illustrations, Dedication Page, Cover, "About Author's" Page

Both crafty, literary and most of all FUN, come learn how to write your own stories through the eyes of an author. I welcome children of all writing levels and sizeable imaginations!

*Every man is said to have
his peculiar ambition.
Whether it be true or not,
I can say for one that I
have no other so great
as that of being truly
esteemed of my fellow men,
by rendering myself
worthy of their esteem.*

-Abraham Lincoln



Keynote Speaker
Representative Byron Rushing

Guest Speakers
LizBeth Heyer, DHCD
Associate Director of Public Housing
and Rental Assistance
Formerly Homeless Mother
First hand account of her journey.

Local Legislative Panel
Rep. David Linsky, Fifth Middlesex
Rep. Kay Kahn, Eleventh Middlesex
Rep. Tom Conroy, Thirteenth Middlesex
Rep. Chris Walsh, Sixth Middlesex

Participating Organizations
Chaplains on the Way
Church on the Hill
Cooperative Metropolitan Ministries (CMM)
Episcopal City Mission
First Church of Christ, Scientist (Wellesley)
Homes For Families
Interfaith Committee for Action in Wellesley
Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless
MetroWest Interfaith Hospitality Network
Temple Beth Elohim (Wellesley)
The Advocacy Network to End Family Homelessness
Unitarian Universalist Mass Action Network
Wellesley Congregational (Village) Church
Wellesley Friends Meeting
Wellesley Hills Congregational Church
Women of Means
Unitarian Universalist of Wellesley

The Crisis of Homelessness in Massachusetts "TOGETHER WE CAN HELP"

The MetroWest Homelessness Forum
Sunday, March 18, 2012, 2:30-5:00 PM
Wellesley Congregational (Village) Church
2 Central St. Wellesley, MA



Homelessness in Massachusetts Is Increasing Rapidly, Even In Our Towns!

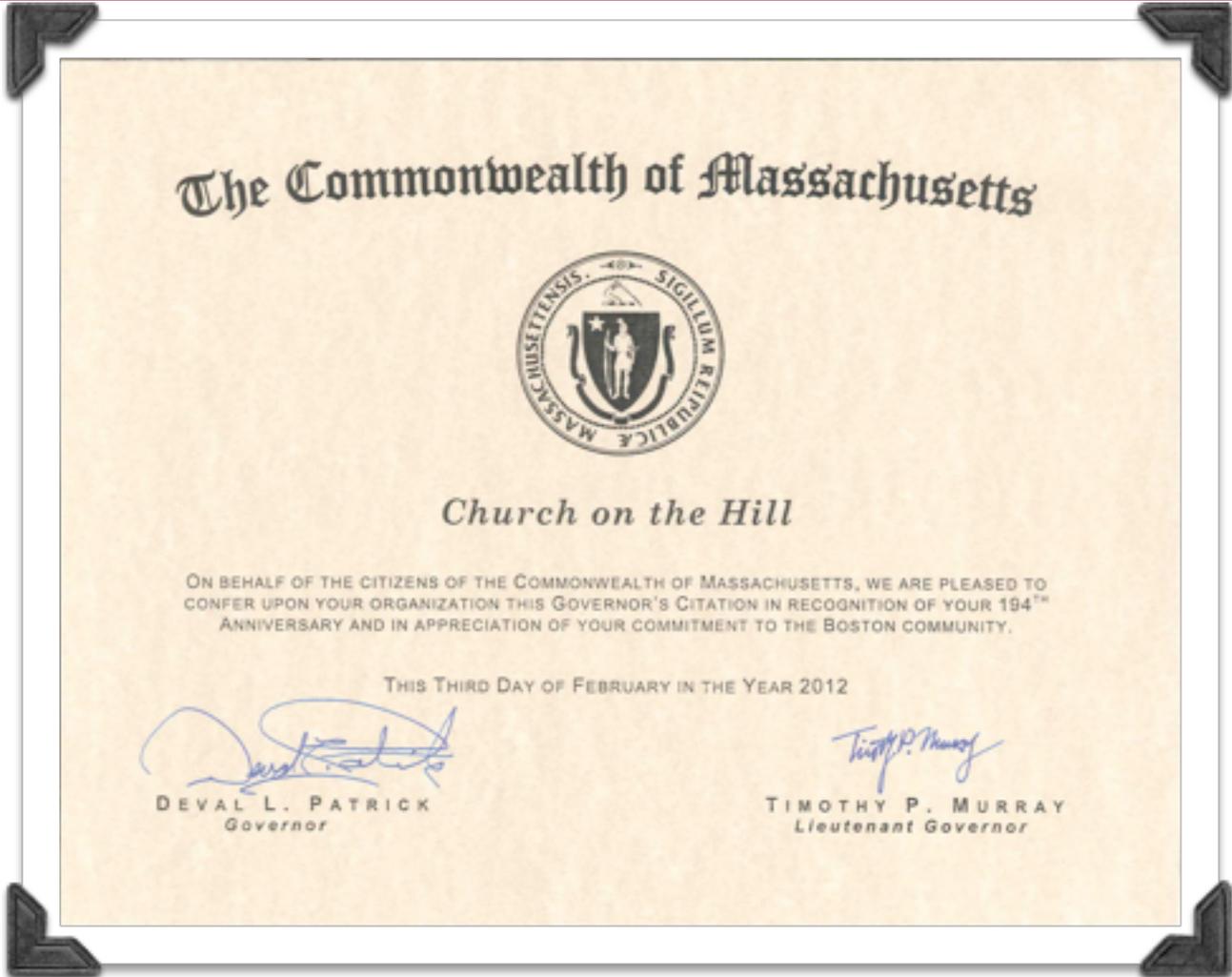
Individual and family homelessness is at crisis levels in Massachusetts with increasing home foreclosures and high unemployment. Over 42,000 families sought state housing assistance last year. Rep Byron Rushing, Co-Chair of the Mass. Commission to End Homelessness, will be the keynote speaker at the MetroWest Homeless Forum. Attendees will hear about successes, innovations, and future growth plans of local and regional programs which focus on avoiding homelessness through prevention and also about rapid re-housing of families from shelters. Come and learn how you can help. The forum is free and open to all.

HEAR the vision for a new system where priority is given to homes for individuals and families; shelters are used only for emergency transitions.

SEE how that vision is being implemented despite crushing budget cuts.

LEARN how congregations, organizations and individuals can help the homeless through direct service and help prevent and end homelessness by legislative advocacy.

For more info contact:
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Sr. Linda at the Mass Coalition for the Homeless 781-595-7570 X-18
linda@mahomeless.org



We had a group of high school students from Burlington, VT stay with us for a week and help us volunteer around the city as part of their "Big Picture" group.



On Sunday, January 29 we held a piano dedication concert in honor of our new Steinway piano. Victor Cayres and Phuong-Nghi Pham each gave a breath-taking performance.



left to right: Victor Cayres, Phuong-Nghi Pham, and Carlton Doctor.

Church Calendar Events 2012

All are welcome. Come as you are.

February

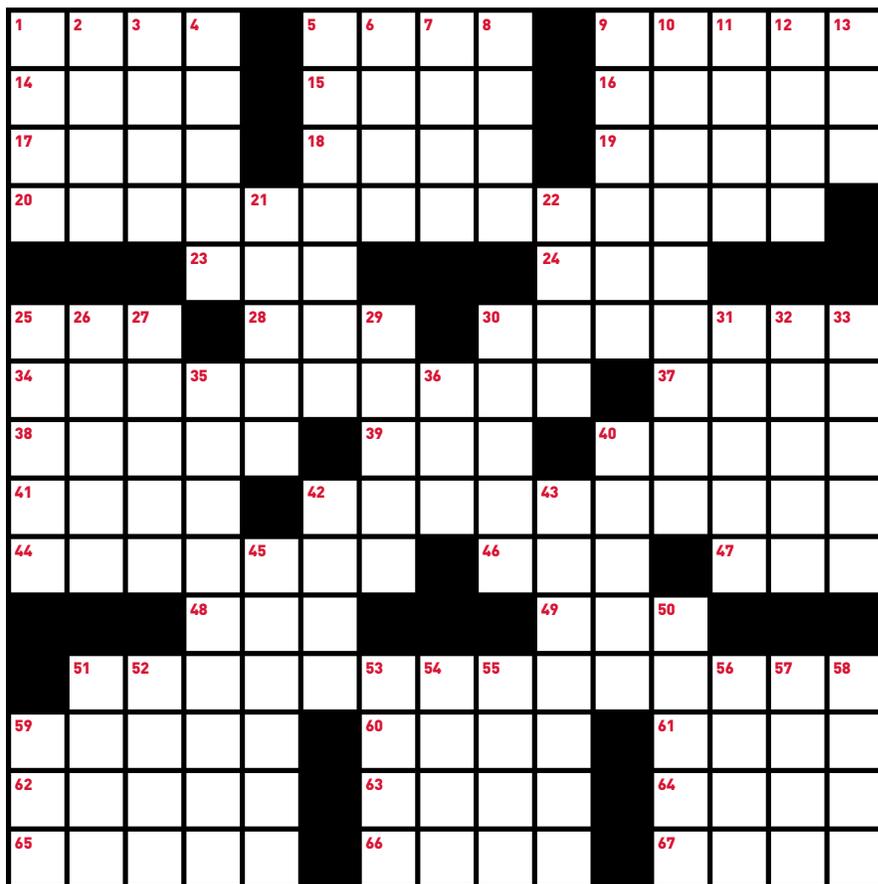
Wednesday, February 1	5:00 PM	Church Council Meeting
	6:00 PM	Board of Trustees Meeting
Sunday, February 5	9:45 AM	Bible Reflection
	11:00 AM	Church Service and Communion with Rev. Dr. Ted Klein
	6:00 PM	Super Bowl Party
Sunday, February 12	9:45 AM	Swedenborg Class with Rev. Dr. Ted Klein
	11:00 AM	Church Service with Dr. Mary Kay Klein
	12:30 PM	<u>Annual Winter Member's Meeting</u>
Wednesday, February 15	12:00 Noon	Senior Lunch
Thursday, February 16	6:00 PM	Youth Night
Sunday, February 19	9:45 AM	Bible Reflection
	11:00 AM	Church Service with Laity in the Pulpit
Wednesday, February 22	12:00 Noon	Ash Wednesday Observance
Saturday, February 25	1:00 PM	Activities for Youth and Children
Sunday, February 26	9:45 AM	Swedenborg Class with Rev. Dr. Ted Klein
	11:00 AM	Church Service with Rev. Dr. Ted Klein

March

Sunday, March 1	9:45 AM	Bible Reflection
	11:00 Am	Church Service and Communion with Rev. Dr. Ted Klein
Wednesday, March 7	5:00 PM	Church Council Meeting
	6:00 PM	Board of Trustees Meeting
Sunday, March 11	9:45 AM	Swedenborg Class with Rev. Dr. Ted Klein
	11:00 AM	Church Service with Dr. Mary Kay Klein
Saturday, March 17	1:00 PM	Activities for Youth and Children
Sunday, March 18	9:45 AM	Swedenborg Class with Rev. Dr. Ted Klein
	11:00 AM	Church Service with Rev. Dr. Ted Klein
Wednesday, March 21	12:00 Noon	Senior Lunch
Thursday, March 22	6:00 PM	Youth Night
Sunday, March 25	9:45 AM	Bible Reflection
	11:00 AM	Church Service with Laity in the Pulpit

Crossword February 2011

BY KEITH GILLESPIE



- 6 Black-and-white cookie
- 7 *The ___* (TV talk show)
- 8 With 12-Down, a tea type
- 9 Poultry-cutting tools
- 10 Eats with gusto
- 11 Malt-drying oven
- 12 With 8-Down, a tea type
- 13 Pay stub abbr.
- 21 Japanese soup noodles
- 22 Early video game
- 25 "It's ___ life."
- 26 Ivana's successor
- 27 Fleeting
- 29 Dust, polish, etc.
- 30 Inappropriate
- 31 Leave the house
- 32 Potter of fiction
- 33 Not those
- 35 *Dragnet* sergeant
- 36 Web connection source: abbr.
- 40 Haul with effort (var.)
- 42 It springs eternal
- 43 Informal expression of love or admiration
- 45 **Process, as sugar**
- 50 "___ Have No Bananas"
- 51 Big name in corn syrup
- 52 Microwave, in slang
- 53 Recipe unit
- 54 Arizona tribe
- 55 Not "fer"
- 56 No rocks, no mixer
- 57 Give off
- 58 Religious ceremony
- 59 Overdrinker



ACROSS

- 1 Cookouts, for short
- 5 **Valentine's Day subject**
- 9 Cheap cigar (var.)
- 14 One type of -tude
- 15 Diva's showcase
- 16 Valentine's Day symbol
- 17 Tara of *American Pie*
- 18 Painter Jan van der ___
- 19 Reduced, as pain
- 20 February excuse for eating wings and nachos
- 23 Maple syrup base
- 24 Surgery rms.
- 25 Embassy rep.



- 28 Karaoke need, for short
- 30 Perceptiveness
- 34 Tea type
- 37 Ancient ark-itect
- 38 Constellation with a "belt"
- 39 That, in Mexico
- 40 Grocery or boutique
- 41 Musical comedy-drama on Fox
- 42 **Discounted drink times**
- 44 Pricey spice
- 46 Sorbi___ (sugar substitute)
- 47 Rope or chain used in sailing
- 48 Workout unit
- 49 Road reversal, in slang
- 51 Kitchen steel



- 59 ___ Arabia
- 60 Restaurant order option
- 61 **___-sweet chocolate**
- 62 Sitcom alien Mork, for one
- 63 Big, big story
- 64 Take table orders
- 65 See eye ___
- 66 Rare-cooked-meat color
- 67 Luncheon ending



DOWN

- 1 Candy buys
- 2 Cheese akin to roquefort
- 3 Cotton on a stick
- 4 Cole slaw and fries
- 5 Meat-in-pastry dish

Anyone who completes the puzzle or comes the closest will be entered in a raffle to win a \$50 Gift Certificate to Legal Seafood. GOOD LUCK!

Either send us a picture of the completed puzzle or tear out and bring in/mail us the actual page.



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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

