

*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*

## February Holidays



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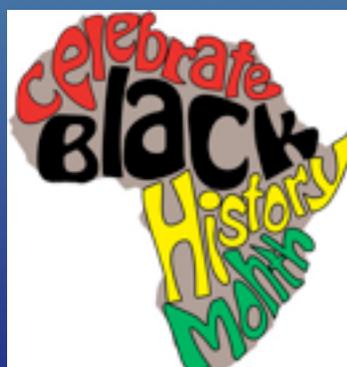
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**GOALS AND OUR LIFE AS A CHURCH**

- ❖ 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.



From Craig Williams

Hey hey,

I hope everyone stayed warm and safe through Nemo. We got hit pretty hard but the city seemed to take all the necessary precautions to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Punxsutawney Phil did not see his shadow, meaning Spring is just around the corner! There are still a few more weeks of winter, and we may see some more big storms. Our Sunday services have remained strong with guest speakers, and we have been getting some great feedback from the congregation. We are also working on getting regularity when it comes to Communion Sundays.

Vagabonds open-mic night is really picking up speed. Last month we had about 15 performers and close to 50 spectators. Feel free to come by our next Vagabonds on Wednesday, February 20 at 7:30PM.

We have our Annual Winter Members Meeting on Sunday, February 17 at 12:30. We encourage all members to attend, though we do not have a whole lot of business to discuss.

It appears as though Nemo was just the first of many snow storms this season. Please note the winter safety check lists on page 4 to make sure you are prepared for the next big storm. I also highly recommend making as many snowmen as you can, and send us the pictures!

Valentine's Day is quickly approaching and, believe it or not, I am still accepting date applications. Feel free to drop them off in the office or email them over. I look forward to putting aside a few hours to read them all. Notice on page 11, I have decided to stop putting crossword puzzles in for a few months and will instead replace them with some rebus puzzles. Some are a little tricky, so I'm easing you in with some of the simpler ones. I think you'll have as much fun figuring them out as we did.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Members Meeting.

Stay Warm!

Craig

Spread love everywhere you go.  
Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier.

*Mother Teresa*

# Are you prepared for winter weather?

## CDC Checklist: Winter Weather Food and Safety Supplies



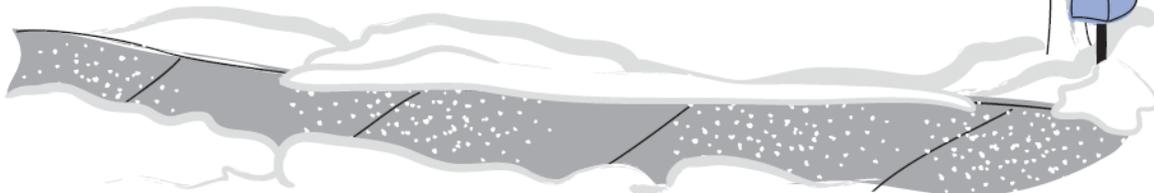
- Have a week's worth of food and safety supplies.
- If you live far from other people, have more supplies on hand.



- Drinking water
- Canned/no-cook food (bread, crackers, dried fruits)
- Non-electric can opener
- Baby food and formula (if baby in the household)
- Prescription drugs and other medicine
- First-aid kit
- Rock-salt to melt ice on walkways
- Supply of cat litter or bag of sand to add traction on walkways
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Battery-powered lamps or lanterns (To prevent the risk of fire, avoid using candles.)

## CDC Checklist: Winter Weather Supplies for Your Car

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Cell phone; portable charger and extra batteries | <input type="checkbox"/> Canned compressed air with sealant (emergency tire repair) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shovel   | <input type="checkbox"/> Road salt and sand   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Windshield scraper                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Booster cables   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Battery-powered radio (and extra batteries)      | <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency flares   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight (and extra batteries)                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Bright colored flag; help signs                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water  | <input type="checkbox"/> First aid kit  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Snack food                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Tool kit   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extra hats, coats, mittens                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Road maps  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blankets   | <input type="checkbox"/> Compass  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chains or rope                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Waterproof matches and a can (to melt snow for water)      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tire chains                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Paper towels   |





On Saturday, January 19, Church on the Hill brought a group of 50 people to see the play "Sister Act" at the Boston Opera Act.



*The Dance of Love*

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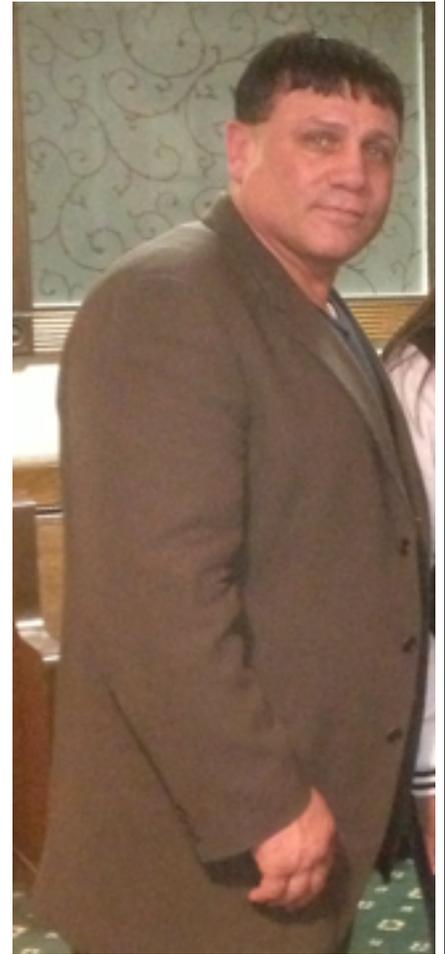
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SATURDAY  
FEB 16, 2013  
7:30 PM  
FIRST CHURCH  
CAMBRIDGE

**5 AM - January 29, 2013 – CHURCH ON THE HILL SANCTUARY**

I just left my alter in my Church, had a one on one with the Man. I said to him, “Lord, now, I know I was a bad man, but I wasn’t the worst Man, and I even manage to do some good.” I can never change my past Lord, we both know this, but I can mold my future. As you know Lord, in 1998 I took on the toughest challenge of my life. If you don’t mind Sir, I would like to reflect a little before I say what that job was. I won’t go too deep Lord, because you know all anyway, so here goes--- When I said at one time I was a bad man, I was lord, I sold drugs, I hurt people, “but never bullied, only those in the game got hurt, but it doesn’t make it right Sir I now know this” I did some things, I regret Lord. I was a champion fighter, Force Recon Marine, and used those skills sometimes in a bad way and sometimes in a good way. But I made a decision to take on the job I referred too earlier, as the tuffest job in my life, and that job was giving my life to my two Daughter in 1998, I will not say their names, as I know you know them and have been helping me watch over them. I figured, it takes two to tango and it wasn’t their fault that they came into this world expectantly. For the first 11-12 years it was an incredible struggle, so many sacrifices, going without so many times in my personal life, but every time I looked into their beautiful innocent eyes, it was all worth it. My heart and soul goes out to every single parent. Along the way, there were some demons attempting to take them for a ride to hell. Their Mom, who I loved & Hated, but mostly related to, because we came from the same neighborhood, she was never able to pull herself out of the abyss she was thrown into like I did. She was like a lost lamb in search of a Shepard, a good person, fierce defender of her children, and a huge heart, but the demons hold on her was just too hard, and you reached down and took her to heaven. Once second Lord, as I am about to pull a weep. She is in a better place Lord, I know this. While I know we live in a physical and material world with physical and material considerations and consequences. We are of the spirit and of this world. President Kennedy had it right when he said that while we should ask for God’s “blessing” and “help,” we should also understand that “here on earth, God’s work must truly be our own.” Even though they are teenagers now, they will always be my Babies as my other children are also. And while they struggle to escape the demons and sickness that are around them, I make this pledge here before you Lord. “I will never give up hope, and will stand with them through these tuff times.” Ill end with this description I once gave of myself, “My soul is a laboratory for good and evil, redemption and retribution, violence and possibility. In it I am confronted with choices and with the knowledge that the way those choices are made is what defines me. Everyday, those choices begin a new – fresh and difficult. Everyday, I am confronted with redemption or a return to my evil ways.....In A.A. (alcoholics anonymous) they give you a medallion for every year of staying straight, for me, you Lord have given me medallions and they are in the form of my children. Through the innocence of their eyes, I know I will stay the course... Well, I have to go to work now Lord, thank you for listening and I promise I won’t let you down.



**Edward J Mackenzie** - *Director of Operations*

# NOTICE

## ANNUAL WINTER MEMBERS MEETING

### FEBRUARY 17, 2013 ~ 12:30 PM

THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT MEMBERS MEETING!  
 THERE WILL BE MANY PRIZES RAFFLED OFF AS WELL AS  
 REFRESHMENTS AND MUCH MORE!  
 WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND ALL MEMBERS ATTEND!



Here is the completed version of last month's crossword puzzle.

We are happy to have had a few people turn in their completed puzzles with 100% accuracy and so we drew a name from a hat.

The winner of last month's crossword is...

**Rev. Tim Boyle!**

Congratulations and we will get your gift certificate to you soon!

We have to think and see how we can fundamentally change our education system so that we can train people to develop warm-heartedness early on in order to create a healthier society. I don't mean we need to change the whole system, just improve it. We need to encourage an understanding that inner peace comes from relying on human values like, love, compassion, tolerance and honesty, and that peace in the world relies on individuals finding inner peace.

*Dalai Lama*

# Valentine's Day Sugar Cookies

## Ingredients for Cookie Batter

1 1/2 cups (195 grams) all purpose flour  
 1/4 teaspoon salt  
 1/2 teaspoon baking soda  
 1/2 cup (113 grams) unsalted butter, room temperature  
 1/2 cup (100 grams) granulated white sugar  
 1 large egg, lightly beaten  
 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract

## Ingredients for Cookie Icing

1 large egg white  
 1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice  
 1 1/2 cups (165 grams) confectioners (powdered or icing) sugar, sifted



## *Baking Directions for Cookies:*

In the bowl of your, beat the butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add the beaten egg and vanilla extract and beat until combined. Add the flour mixture and beat until you have smooth dough. Wrap the dough in plastic wrap and refrigerate for about one hour or until firm enough to roll. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F and place rack in the center of the oven. Line two baking sheets with parchment paper. Remove the chilled dough from the refrigerator and, on a lightly floured surface, roll out the dough to a thickness of 1/4 inch (.6 cm). Cut out shapes using a lightly floured cookie cutter and transfer cookies to the prepared baking sheet. Place the baking sheets with the unbaked cookies in the refrigerator for 10 to 15 minutes to chill the dough which prevents the cookies from spreading and losing their shape while baking. Bake cookies for about 8-10 minutes. Let cookies cool.

## *Directions for Cookie Icing:*

In a bowl, beat the egg white with the lemon juice. Add the sifted powdered sugar and beat on low speed until combined and smooth. The icing needs to be used immediately or transferred to an airtight container as royal icing hardens when exposed to air. Cover with plastic wrap when not in use. Decorate cookies as desired.

Makes about 20 - 3 inch cookies.



January 27, 2013

Dear Mary,

Through the generosity of the Church, our daughter Amy took us to the production of Sister Act at the Boston Opera House on Saturday afternoon. We would like to thank you all very much. The show was fantastic and we enjoyed it immensely. We had a wonderful time. Thank you again

Sincerely,  
Susan and Bill  
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**INTERFAITH**  
SOCIAL SERVICES

January 28, 2013

Mr. Michael Bancowicz  
Boston Society of New Jerusalem  
140 Bowdoin St.  
Boston, MA 02108

Dear Michael,

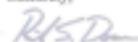
Thank you. On behalf of the thousands of South Shore families who are served by Interfaith Social Services each year I would like to express my gratitude for your support. We received your kind contribution of \$200.00 (dated 10/11/2012, check #R742) towards the Quincy Oktoberfest event on October 12, 2012.

We received this email from Bonnie, a woman we helped recently through our Food Pantry. *"I am a widowed mother of two boys and I lost my job a few months ago. In order to pay rent and other bills, we started selling our belongings. My boys even sold all of their video games. It is a struggle just to buy food, so we have depended on food pantries like yours. My boys and I had a wonderful chicken dinner this evening that was one of the best meals we have had for several months. Please realize how thankful I am for your agency and your wonderful staff and volunteers."*

During a time when so many people are in need of a helping hand, know that your donation is helping your South Shore neighbors, like Bonnie, who are struggling to make ends meet.

This year, as we celebrate Interfaith Social Services 65th Anniversary, we look forward to many more decades of service to our neighbors in need. Our pantry serves over 18,000 hungry local residents each year. The HomeSafe program provides emergency housing and fuel assistance for over 250 South Shore families. Interfaith's New Directions Counseling Center guides hundreds of clients through the process of recovering and healing. The Bureau Drawer thrift shop provides affordable clothing and household goods to the entire community.

We can't provide all of these vital services without you. From all of us – and the clients you have helped – we thank you for your generosity and support.

Sincerely,  
  
Rick Doane  
Executive Director

Please keep this written acknowledgment letter for your tax records.  
No good or services of any value were transferred to you in connection with this donation.  
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Dear Church on the Hill,

Thank you so much for helping me out last week. I was in a rough place and had been having such a bad few days that I really appreciated Mike and Craig taking time out of their day to sit down and talk with me over coffee. It really meant so much to me that you two were willing to put your work on hold for 20 minutes to help me out of my funk. I understand you guys are very busy over there and I honestly only expected a few minutes to vent and maybe get some advice. You guys really went above and beyond and I am very, VERY thankful for that.

Keep up the good work everyone, and a special thanks to Mike and Craig for really helping me through that rough patch.

I look forward to seeing you all again soon!

-Anonymous

# Church Calendar Events 2013

All are welcome. Come as you are.

## February

|                        |            |  |
|------------------------|------------|--|
| Saturday, February 2   |            | <b>Groundhog Day</b>   |
| Sunday, February 3     | 11:00 AM   | Church Service and Communion   |
|                        | 6:30 PM    | Super Bowl   |
| Wednesday, February 6  | 5:00 PM    | Church Council Meeting   |
|                        | 6:00 PM    | Board of Trustees Meeting  |
| Sunday, February 10    | 11:00 AM   | Church Service   |
| Wednesday, February 13 |            | <b>Ash Wednesday.</b> Ashes will be given at St. Paul's Cathedral  |
| Thursday, February 14  |            | <b>Valentine's Day</b>   |
| Sunday, February 17    | 11:00 AM   | Church Service   |
|                        | 12:30 PM   | <b>Annual Members Meeting</b>  |
| Wednesday, February 20 | 12:00 Noon | Senior Lunch   |
|                        | 7:30 PM    | Vagabonds Open Mic Coffee House  |
| Sunday, February 24    | 11:00 AM   | Church Service   |

## March

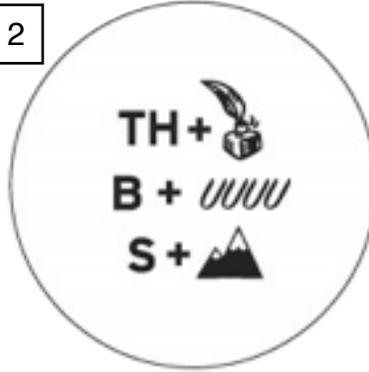
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| Sunday, March 3     | 11:00 AM   | Church Service and Communion            |
| Sunday, March 10    | 11:00 AM   | Church Service                          |
| Sunday, March 17    | 11:00 AM   | <b>St. Patricks Day.</b> Church Service |
| Wednesday, March 20 | 12:00 Noon | Senior Lunch                            |
|                     | 5:00 PM    | Church Council Meeting                  |
|                     | 6:00 PM    | Board of Trustees Meeting               |
|                     | 7:30 PM    | Vagabonds Open Mic Coffee House         |
| Sunday, March 24    | 11:00 AM   | Church Service                          |
| Friday, March 29    |            | <b>Good Friday.</b>                     |
| Sunday, March 31    | 11:00 AM   | <b>Easter.</b> Church Service           |

## What do they say?

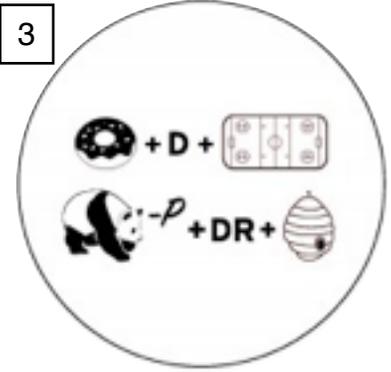
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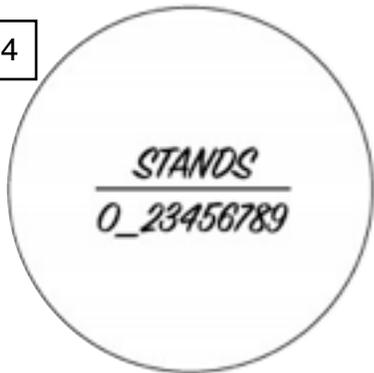
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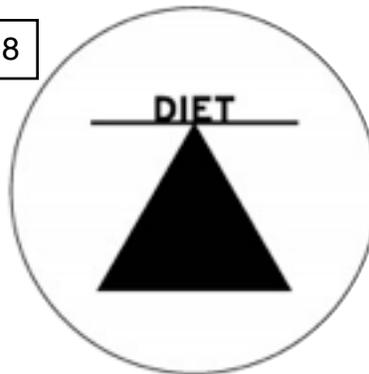
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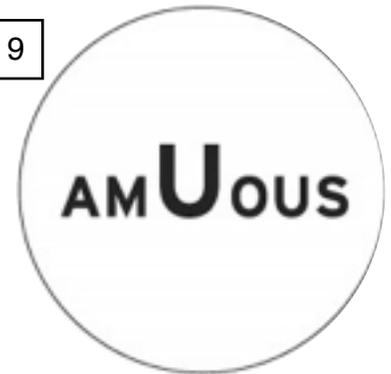
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Whoever gets the most correct will be entered in a raffle to win a \$50 Gift Certificate.

GOOD LUCK!

Either send us a letter with your numbered answers 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**

