



*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*

*Happy New Year!*



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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



Hi everyone,

I hope everyone had a good Christmas and a happy new year! It is hard to believe that it is already 2014! It has been extremely cold, windy, and snowy out. We want everyone to stay warm and safe. If coming to the church could jeopardize your health, please stay home. It was a busy year for us here at the church but we look forward to a productive and hopefully less hectic 2014.

I am happy to announce that church attendance has still been very high! We have had over 60 people every week and have been well over 80 some weeks. Hopefully 2014 will bring in some new church attendees and we can get the weekly attendance up even higher. Don't forget to invite your friends to come to church.

The weekly homeless dinner that I run at St. Paul's Cathedral has been running more and more smoothly. I am still working out some kinks but it shouldn't be long before I have it perfected. Church on the Hill will be hosting at least three dinners this year. The first is on January 27. If you are interested in volunteering with the dinner, please contact Mike or me in the office or come to St. Pauls Cathedral on Tremont St. around 5 PM. We serve anywhere from 120-200 people each

Monday and the more volunteers, the better.

We have an annual Members Meeting coming up on February 23 at 12:30 PM (see page 7). We encourage all members to attend because the members are the ones that make the decisions for the church. If you are interested in becoming a member at this meeting, please write a letter stating why you would like to be a member and either give it to someone in the church office or to a church council member by February 4.

We held the 24th annual Interfaith Homeless Memorial Service in our sanctuary on December 20. The names of the homeless who have died throughout 2013 were read and a candle was lit for each of the names. It was a very somber service with some great speakers and a large attendance. We hired professional filmmakers to film the event and it is being edited as I type this. When it is completed, it will be on our website as well as our Facebook page, so keep checking in for it.

Our choir did some Christmas caroling outside of our church on December 5 and again in Dewey Square on the Rose Kennedy Greenway on December 12 (see page 13).

Happy New Year to everyone and I look forward to a healthy, productive, and exciting new year. I wish everyone the best and make sure to keep warm and safe as the weather turns nasty.

Craig

Hello Members and Friends!

December was a great month at Church on the Hill. We have been having great events and Sunday attendance has been fantastic. Moving into the New Year we are shaping some great plans and welcoming any ideas for activities and projects.

I would like to send out a special shout out to Marvin and Eduardo Gonzalez for all of their help with being responsible for most of the food purchases for the past many months. This can be tedious and time consuming, so thanks for stepping up guys!

At the last Trustees meeting, I stepped down as Chairman of the Board and Lynne! Payson was elected Chair. Good Luck Lynne! Renee Parker has resigned from the Board of Trustees due to work load and scheduling. She remains on the BostonView Board of Directors as President. Christopher Smith has been appointed to fill her spot until ratified at the next Members Meeting. I think this is a first that the BSNJ President, Chair and BostonView President were all held by women at the same time. This leadership will set an exciting pace going into the new year, good luck ladies!

Also Janet Forbes has recently been invited to fill a vacancy on the Church Council. To see a list of all of the officers and their respective terms please see page 6.

On February 1st, Marvin, myself and a group of volunteers are going to clear off the balcony and make is accessible for Sunday Services again. Additionally, we will be clearing of the back of the stage (behind the curtain) so we can entertain some productions in the coming year!

As you know the church has been hosting "Friday Flicks" each Friday at 1:30 PM. This is in partnership with Ecclesia Ministries, where we provide a safe warm relaxing environment to homeless and folks who just want to get out and see a movie with other people. We have been averaging 25 - 30 people each Friday. On Christmas Day, there was a Movie Marathon at the church in which 70 people attended!! Michael Hornbaker made soup and grilled cheese sandwiches for everyone. Good job Mike.

Mark your calendars for the Winter Members Meeting on February 23, 2014 at 12:30 PM.

Finally, See you Sunday and "Bring A Friend"!

Mike



**CHURCH ON THE HILL  
PRESENTS**

*The Max Reger Foundation  
Concert Series*

**FEBRUARY 11, 2014 ~ 7:30 PM  
FEATURING**

*Rachele Schmiege, Soprano  
Alexandra Dietrich, Mezzo Soprano*



Rachele Schmiege



Alexandra Dietrich

Refreshment Reception Will Follow

## *From the Minister of Music -*

We begin the New Year looking forward to sharing more wonderful music with the congregation of The Church On The Hill, Boston whose members we always see as being part of 'our great human family'. Thus, our goal continues to be: singing and playing music that reaches from one human heart to the next.

This past December we were able to share some of our music with many people on The Rose Kennedy Greenway, Dewey Square. On December 12, 2013 eight members of our choir, in addition to music director: Carlton Doctor and church pianist: Victor Mendonca, presented ensemble and solo selections for the hundreds of people passing through Dewey Square, as well as for those people operating the food trucks. Lead by Michael Bancewicz we arrived with mics, amps, speakers, keyboard, coffee and holiday cookies. We also had a check to present to the Boston Globe Santa. Not only did we share with the Boston Community, at large, but we were delighted to see members of the congregation and their families on the Greenway to cheer us on and enjoy the music and hot coffee.

The gift of musical education is one of the most prized and enduring gifts of all. Many famous musicians have realized their full talents because of gifts given by very generous people. Through a generous gift of Nicholas A. Tranquillo (Church Member) to The Max Reger Foundation Of America, a talented young music student will receive the resources needed to take two semesters of private instruction at the Manhattan College of Music Preparatory Department.

Our Max Reger Concert Series will resume on Tuesday, February 11, 2014. Please put this date on your calendar. You will not want to miss this concert, which will include performances by Alexandra Dietrich, Mezzo Soprano; Lindsay Conrad, Soprano; and Rachele Schmiede, Soprano. They will perform music by Schumann, Debussy, Strauss, Puccini, Reger and others. The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Carlton J. Doctor  
Minister of Music



"If any of you lack wisdom,  
you should pray to God, who will give it to you;  
because God gives generously and graciously to all."

*James 1:5*

*O Captain! My Captain! our  
fearful trip is done;  
The ship has weather'd every rack,  
the prize we sought is won;  
The port is near, the bells I hear,  
the people all exulting,  
While follow eyes the steady keel,  
the vessel grim and daring:*

*But O heart! heart! heart!  
O the bleeding drops of red,  
Where on the deck my Captain lies,  
Fallen cold and dead.  
O Captain! my Captain! rise up  
and hear the bells;  
Rise up—for you the flag is flung—  
for you the bugle trills;  
For you bouquets and ribbon'd  
wreaths—for you the shores a-  
crowding;  
For you they call, the swaying  
mass, their eager faces turning;*

*O captain! dear father!  
This arm beneath your head;  
It is some dream that on the deck,  
You've fallen cold and dead.  
My Captain does not answer, his  
lips are pale and still;  
My father does not feel my arm, he  
has no pulse nor will;  
The ship is anchor'd safe and  
sound, its voyage closed and done;  
From fearful trip, the victor ship,  
comes in with object won;*

*Exult, O shores, and ring, O bells!  
But I, with mournful tread,  
Walk the deck my captain lies,  
Fallen cold and dead.*

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Since many of you do not belong to the Catholic Church and others are non-believers, from the bottom of my heart I give this silent blessing to each and every one of you, respecting the conscience of each one of you but knowing that each of you is a child of God.

*Pope Francis I*

## Introducing The New Choir Member

Stefan Sigurjonsson is a bass-baritone from Iceland. He studied with Jon Thorsteinsson at Songskoli Sigurdar Demetz in Reykjavik, Iceland and the Utrecht Conservatory in Utrecht, Netherlands, where he earned a Bachelor of Music degree. He has sung extensively in the oratorio field, from renaissance music to contemporary pieces. Stefan has also performed opera roles, most notably Marquis de la Force in *Dialogues of the Carmelites* by Poulenc and Arbas in *Cadmus and Hermione* by Lully. He has sung with professional ensembles in Iceland and the Netherlands, including Schola Cantorum of Hallgrimskirkja, Reykjavik and Groot Omroepkoor; the Dutch National Radio Choir. He is currently a member of the Tanglewood Festival Chorus, as well as being a member of the choir at Church on the Hill.



## Introducing The New Choir Member

Lukas Papenfusscline is a dual-degree student between Tufts University and the New England Conservatory, where he studies drama and contemporary improvisation, respectively. While studying improvisation, he also continues to study classical voice with Carole Haber. Born in New York, he was raised in California, but spent his middle and highschool years in Paris, France. Lukas now sings with the Tanglewood Festival Chorus as well as a number of contemporary ensembles and until recently performed with the Tufts University Beelzebubs, an all-male acappella group. He has toured to and sang in Rio de Janeiro, Buenos Aires, Hong Kong, Beijing, London, Ankara, Doha, and The Hague. As a theatre artist, Lukas has appeared in the Theatre du Chatelet's *The Sound of Music*, Bottom in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, Berowne in *Love's Labour's Lost*, and will be appearing as Roger in *RENT* at Tufts in February. He has also assistant directed *The Crucible* and *Love's Labour's Lost*, directed Mamet's *A Life With No Joy In It* and plans to direct *Twelfth Night* this spring.



Cindy T. Gonzalez  
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January 16, 2014

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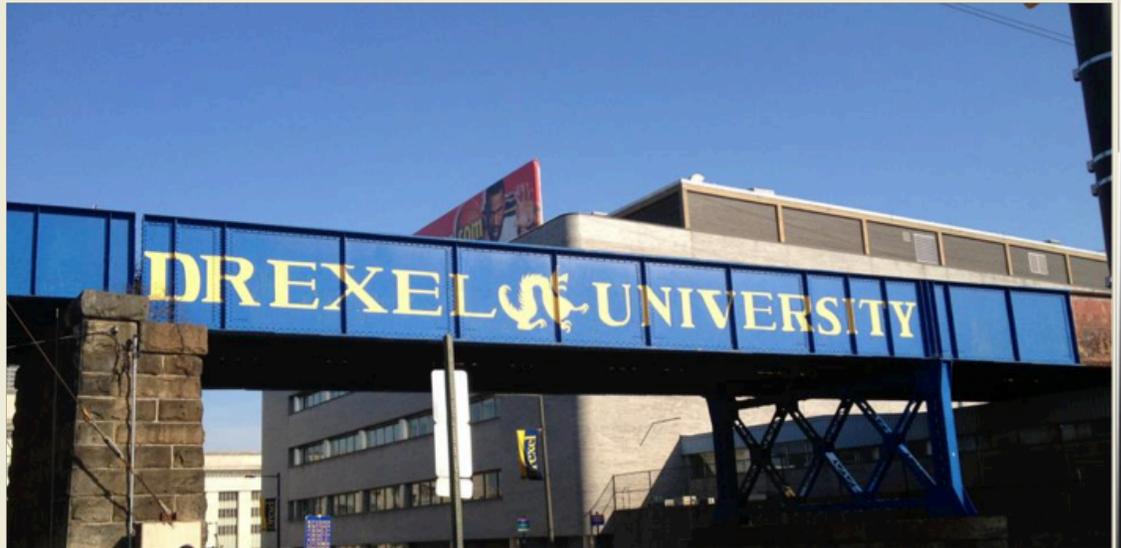
Dear Church On the Hill Board of Trustees:

Hope this letter finds everyone well! As you all know 2013 was a very eventful year, filled with happiness, challenges and personal growth. As 2014 begins, there will be a lot of changes in my academic and professional career. Currently in my second year at Drexel University School of Public Health, working on my Masters with a concentration in Biostatistics. I hope to move back to Boston this summer to start the next chapter of my life.

I want to take the chance to thank you and the Church on the Hill! You have all given me a tremendous amount of support throughout the years and for that I am grateful. I also want to thank my amazing family who have supported me during my best and my worst. Once I receive my diploma on June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014, I will know that it was through the love and support of many remarkable individuals that helped me along the way!

Sincerely,

Cindy T. Gonzalez

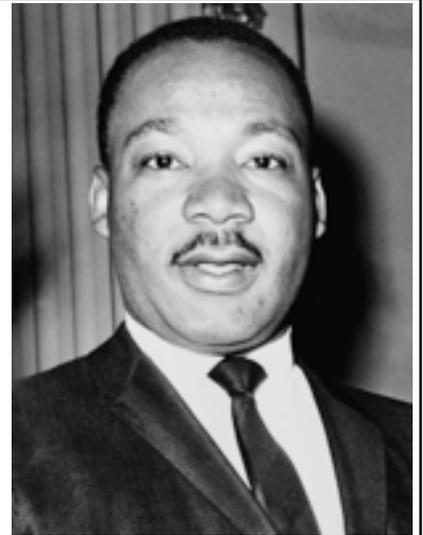


"There is neither Jew nor Greek,  
there is neither slave nor free,  
there is no male and female,  
for you are all one in Christ Jesus."

*Galations 3:28*

## What is the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service?

After a long struggle, legislation was signed in 1983 creating a federal holiday marking the birthday of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. In 1994, Congress designated the Martin Luther King Jr. Federal Holiday as a national day of service and charged the Corporation for National and Community Service with leading this effort. Taking place each year on the third Monday in January, the MLK Day of Service is the only federal holiday observed as a national day of service – a "day on, not a day off." The MLK Day of Service is a part of United We Serve, the President's national call to service initiative. It calls for Americans from all walks of life to work together to provide solutions to our most pressing national problems. The MLK Day of Service empowers individuals, strengthens communities, bridges barriers, creates solutions to social problems, and moves us closer to Dr. King's vision of a "Beloved Community."



## Who was Martin Luther King, Jr.?



Martin Luther King Jr. was a civil rights activist in the 1950s and 1960s. He led non-violent protests to fight for the rights of all people including African Americans. He hoped that America and the world could become a colorblind society where race would not impact a person's civil rights. He is considered one of the great orators of modern times and his speeches still inspire many to this day.

“The Christian life is not a constant high.  
I have my moments of deep discouragement.  
I have to go to God in prayer with tears in my eyes,  
and say, “O God, forgive me,’ or ‘Help me.’”

*Billy Graham*

We are looking for sock donations for our annual Sock Walk. Every year, Oasis sends volunteers out in the Winter to give socks to the homeless community.

Please bring new, plain white socks to Church on the Hill any time during business hours or on Sundays.

If you are interested in helping hand out socks, please talk to Mike or Craig in the office.

617-523-4575

There are a lot of freezing people out there and it is only going to get colder.

Please give what you can.



# *Simple Acts of Kindness...*

## **Homeless Czech Man In NYC Just Wanted To Go Home, So These People Put Him On A Plane**

This weekend's frigid temperatures in New York City inspired some members of the Whatever video team to hand out clothes from the Thread Society to people in need. Their mission took an unexpected twist, however, when they ran into a 53-year-old homeless Czech man named Jaroslav.



Jaroslav, who does not speak English, told them through an interpreter that he had originally come to the city from the Czech Republic in search of a job, but had been robbed. He lost everything, and soon after found himself helpless on the streets of Manhattan.

All he wanted was to go home to see his son and daughter again.

Inspired by viral stunts like the homeless veteran time-lapse, the Whatever team decided to perform their own giant act of kindness.

The group immediately bought Jaroslav a haircut and shave, a nice hotel room, and then, one plane ticket back to Prague for the very next day!

Jaroslav's reaction is heartwarming and a nice reminder that people end up on the streets for all kinds of reasons. Many share Jaroslav's misfortune, and deserve a second chance.

# Annual Members Meeting

Sunday, February 23 ~ 12:30 PM



Church on the Hill is holding our Annual Winter Members Meeting after our fellowship luncheon on February 23. All church members are encouraged to attend and anyone looking to become a member should get a letter to a Church Council member or the church office stating your intentions by February 4.

Here are the correct answers from last month's sudoku puzzle.

I hope everyone enjoyed doing this sudoku puzzle, I know these puzzles are very popular right now.

The winner of last month's sudoku puzzle is...

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

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7	2	4	8	3	6	9	1	5
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4	3	6	9	1	7	5	2	8
9	7	8	5	2	3	4	6	1
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6	8	9	7	5	1	2	3	4
1	4	7	3	9	2	8	5	6



Church on the Hill choir  
caroling in Dewey Square on  
Dec. 12th (above)



Church on the Hill choir  
caroling outside of the church  
on Thursday, Dec. 5th



# Church Calendar Events 2014

All are welcome. Come as you are.

## January 2014

Wednesday, January 1		<b>New Year's Day</b>
Sunday, January 5	11:00 AM	Church Service and Communion
Wednesday, January 8	4:00 PM	Church Council Meeting
	5:00 PM	Board of Trustee Meeting
Sunday, January 12	11:00 AM	Church Service
Wednesday, January 15	12:00 Noon	Senior Lunch
Sunday January 19	11:00 AM	Church Service
Sunday, January 26	11:00 AM	Church Service



## February 2014

Sunday, February 2	11:00 AM	Church Service and Communion
Wednesday, February 5	4:00 PM	Church Council Meeting
	5:00 PM	Board of Trustee Meeting
Sunday, February 9	11:00 AM	Church Service
Friday, February 14		<b>Valentine's Day</b>
Sunday, February 16	11:00 AM	Church Service
Wednesday, February 20	12:00 Noon	Senior Lunch
	7:30 PM	Vagabonds Open Mic Coffee House
Sunday February 23	11:00 AM	Church Service
Sunday, January 26	11:00 AM	Church Service



## Sudoku -

Fill in this box so that the numbers 1 - 9 each only appear once in each line (up and down and side to side) and only once in each of the 9 small boxes.

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	9						5	8
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8	6						3	
					3		2	

Whoever fills it out correctly will be entered in a raffle to win a \$50 Gift Certificate.

GOOD LUCK!

Either copy this onto another piece of paper 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**

