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*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 2014*



*Valentines Day  
February 14*

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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,

February is here and is supposed to bring some frigid weather with it. I hope everyone has stayed warm and safe, January had some extremely cold days and nights.

Church on the Hill sponsored the Oasis Monday Night Dinner on January 27. Mike, Kevin, and I spent the day cooking 9 trays of shepherd's pie for the meal (see page 9). We also bought tiramisu for dessert. We fed almost 200 people and everybody loved the meal and all 9 trays of food got eaten. Church on the Hill will be sponsoring the dinner again on March 31 if anyone is interested in helping us cook or serve.

We have our annual Winter Member's Meeting on February 23 at 12:30 PM. These meetings are very important to attend because the church members are the voice of the church. We highly recommend all church members attend.

We had a group of 10 college students from St. Norbert College, Wisconsin stay in our space for a week. They used it as a home base while they were out in the city doing volunteer work. They were very nice and left us a nice hand drawn thank you note when they left (see page 9). This is the fourth year in a

row that we have let this group send students to us.

On February 11 at 7:30 PM, Church on the Hill will be hosting a Max Reger Concert featuring Rachele Schmiede and Alexandra Dietrich. They are both members of our choir and are extremely talented singers. This is a free concert and donations to the Max Reger Foundation are welcome.

Valentine's Day is on February 14th and our voicemail is full of messages looking to take Mary out that night. Sorry everyone, but I asked her first so she and I will be going out that night. If you are interested in taking Mary out on Valentine's Day 2015, I recommend you get a call in by February 15, 2014.

A few friends of mine will be driving down to Brazil for the World Cup to film a documentary about the importance of soccer in Latin American countries. It will take them 3 months and they are looking for donations. You can donate at <http://www.indiegogo.com/projects/american-futbol-an-uncensored-journey-to-the-world-cup>. Every bit helps.

My band is going to be featured on a Dropkick Murphys tribute album. I recently went into the studio to record the song and the rest of my band goes in soon. The album will come out around St. Patrick's Day of this year. The album is going to have about 20 different bands on it and each band is going to be covering a Dropkick Murphys song. I'm really excited about this because there are going to be some pretty big bands on this and I hope it can get my band some good publicity.

Craig

# AQUARIUM UPDATE

## WEEK ONE

It's Alive!! This week we have added our first animals into the aquarium. These initial groups of additions are "test pilots" of the population to begin stabilizing the water quality within the aquarium. The animals will begin establishing their new habitat.

The population is comprised of Chromis, Damselfish, Dottybacks and a pair of cleaner shrimp; As the aquarium matures look for new fishes and invertebrates.

Further updates next week!



Chromis



Damsels



Dottybacks

## *From the Minister of Music -*

Come and warm your heart and spirit. There are two upcoming events that will do this; they will bring a smile to your face and joy to your heart.

The first will be a Max Reger Foundation of America Concert, here at The Church On The Hill. The event (concert) will take place on Tuesday, February 11, 2014 at 7:30 PM. The concert is free and open to the public. You have heard the three women, participating in this concert, sing many times at our Sunday morning services. On February 11<sup>th</sup> you will get to hear them sing some of their favorite music. Let me tell you a little bit about each woman.

-Alexandra Dietrich's recent performances include: Tisbe in "La Cenerentola" and Jade Boucher in the New England premiere of "Dead Man Walking"; featured soloist with the Brown University Orchestra for Beethoven's Ninth Symphony.

-Lindsay Conrad has performed with the Boston Modern Orchestra Project, Boston Midsummer Opera, Monadnock Music Festival, Odyssey Opera, Boston Classical Orchestra and has recently made her acting debut at The New Repertory Theatre as "Sharon" in Terrence McNally's "Masterclass".

-Rachele Schmiede will sing Gilda in "Rigoletto" with Cape Cod Opera Outreach during the 2013-2014 concert season, Amy in "Little Women" with Opera On The James, as well as performances with the Boise Philharmonic, Cape Cod Symphony, Akron Symphony Chorus and touring with Hubbard Hall Opera Theatre.

The second event is just as special as the first. This event will take place at Jordan Hall (Boston's Historic Concert Hall at New England Conservatory Of Music) on Saturday, February 15, 2014 at 8:00 p.m. The concert is free and open to the public. This event is near and dear to many of our hearts because the young lady performing a piano solo has received resources from The Church On The Hill, making it possible for her to be a full-time student pursuing a full course load in music theory and private lessons in the New England Conservatory Preparatory Department Certificate Program. Her name is Phuong Nghi Pham. She will be playing the Chopin Piano Concerto No.1 in E minor Opus 11, First Movement with the NEC Youth Philharmonic Orchestra. In appreciation for the generous support she has received from The Church On The Hill she has performed here a number of times and will give a solo concert, at the church, on April 8, 2014. Phuong Nghi is presently a senior at Boston Latin High School. She has appeared on 'From The Top' in 2010; she is a winner of The Max Reger Foundation Of America Ambassador Award; two-time Prizewinner of the Fidelity Investments Young Artists Competition and performed with The Boston Pops, at Symphony Hall in 2011 and 2012.

We hope that you will be able to attend both these events as well as our regular Sunday morning services.

### Carlton J. Doctor Minister of Music

"There is no fear in love.  
But perfect love drives out fear"

*1 John 4:18*



# 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.

Our friend Richard Berman is hosting a continental breakfast to support the Best Buddies Hyannisport Challenge". The breakfast is at St. Paul's Cathedral (238 Tremont St.) on March 24 from 9 - 11 AM. There is a suggested donation on \$5.00 that will go to Best Buddies to directly support the challenge. The "Best Buddies Hyannisport Challenge" is a 5K walk on May 31.

Richard has hosted several events for Best Buddies in the past, including some here at Church on the Hill. Best Buddies is a very good charity and hopefully you can attend.



# NEC Youth Philharmonic Orchestra + Wolff

The perfect program for Valentine's Weekend! Hugh Wolff, NEC's Stanford and Norma Jean Calderwood Director of Orchestras, lead the NEC Youth Philharmonic Orchestra (YPO) in music that celebrates those two most famous young lovers, Romeo and Juliet, plus the first movement of the Chopin *Piano Concerto No. 1*.

The brilliant YPO, the Preparatory School's senior-most orchestra, will demonstrate its virtuosity in selections from Berlioz's *Roméo et Juliette Symphony*, a work inspired by the composer's white hot passion for Harriet Smithson. The actress had portrayed Juliet in a production of the Shakespeare play that enthralled Berlioz who described its effect on him in his memoirs:

... to steep myself in the fiery sun and balmy nights of Italy, to witness the drama of that passion swift as thought, burning as lava, radiantly pure as an angel's glance, imperious, irresistible, the raging vendettas, the desperate kisses, the frantic strife of love and death, was more than I could bear. By the third act, scarcely able to breathe—it was as though an iron hand had gripped me by the heart—I knew that I was lost. I may add that at the time I did not know a word of English; I could only glimpse Shakespeare darkly through the mists of Letourneur's translation; the splendour of the poetry which gives a whole new glowing dimension to his glorious works was lost on me. ... But the power of the acting, especially that of Juliet herself, the rapid flow of the scenes, the play of expression and voice and gesture, told me more and gave me a far richer awareness of the ideas and passions of the original than the words of my pale and garbled translation could do.

The YPO also performs excerpts from Prokofiev's popular ballet, *Romeo and Juliet*, music that vividly illustrates the drama and characters of the story.

**Berlioz:** *Roméo et Juliette*

*Romeo Alone- Great Festivities in Capulet's Palace*

**Chopin:** *Piano Concerto No. 1 in e minor Op. 11*

*I. Allegro maestoso*

Phuong Nghi Pham, piano

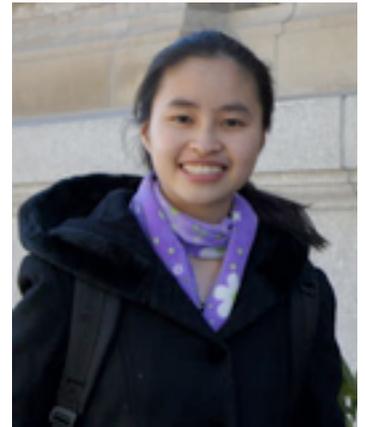
**Prokofiev:** *Romeo and Juliet*, Excerpts from Suites 1 and 2

In the Chopin, the soloist will be Prep student **Phuong Nghi Pham**, who won the Prep School's concerto competition. Phuong began piano lessons at the age of five in Vietnam, where she won many prizes, including First Prize in the Yamaha Cup 2004. She moved to the United States with her parents in 2004. Phuong Nghi has been enrolled in the full Certificate program at the Prep School since September 2006, where she is currently studying with Heng-Jin Park. She appeared on *From the Top* in 2010 and is a Jack Kent Cooke Young Artist recipient as well as a JKC Young Scholar recipient. In 2011, she received the Seth Kimmelman Award from the Prep School. Phuong Nghi is a two-time Prizewinner of the Fidelity Investments Young Artists Competition and performed with the Boston Pops at Symphony Hall in 2011 and 2012. She recently performed at Weill Recital Hall as a First Place winner in the International Crescendo Competition in Jan 2013. In May 2013, she received Second Prize in the Steinway Society Piano Competition for Division 5.

**Date:** February 15, 2014 - 8:00:PM

**Price:** Free

**Location:** NEC's Jordan Hall





Thank you! With the help of generous people like you, Team ST was able to raise \$5,325. The event raised over \$600,000 for the Special Olympics. We couldn't have asked for a better day. With air temp at 44 and the water temp at 38, it made for perfect weather for plunging in the Atlantic Ocean.

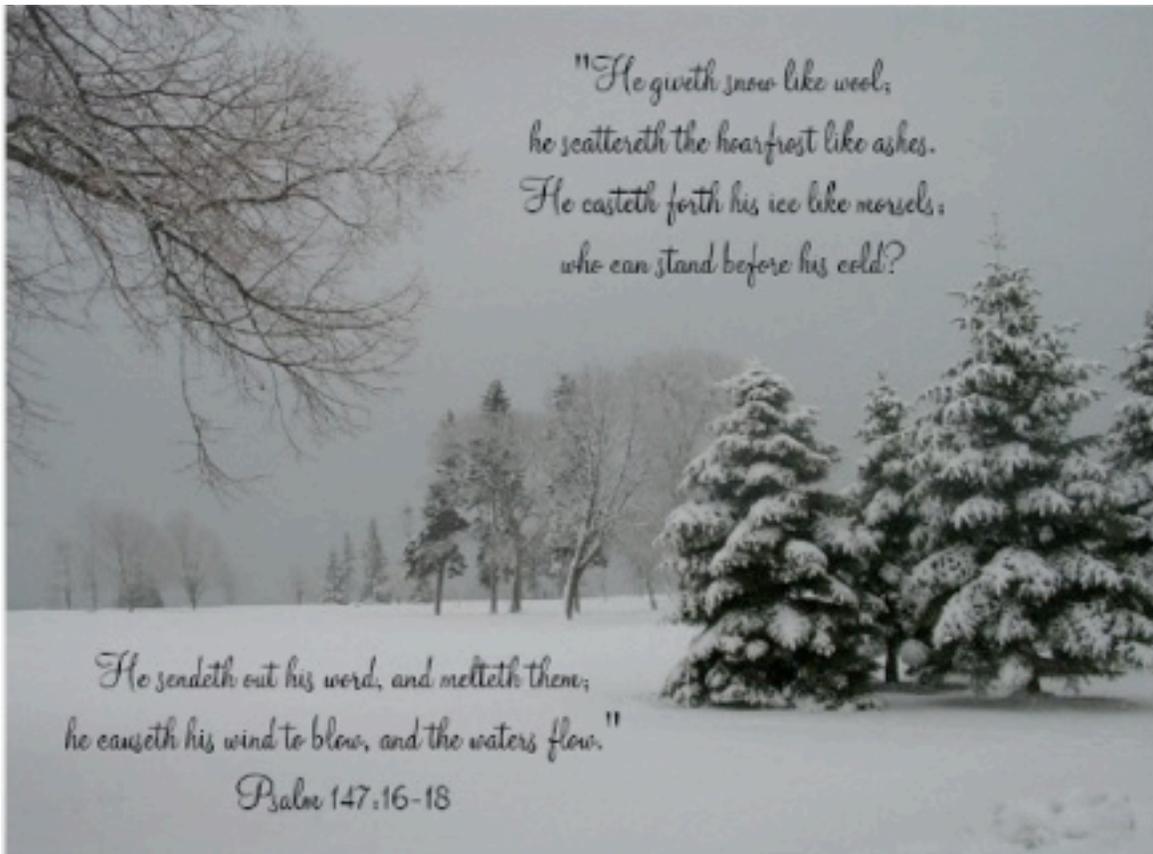
**Thank you for your support!**

Church on the Hill-

Thank you so much for your generous donation to the Penguin Plunge.

Thanks to generous donors as yourself, together we raised over \$100,000 for the Special Olympics!

Thank you!  
Eileen





Dear Mike and Craig,  
 Thank you so much for allowing us to stay at Church on the Hill this week. This trip impacted all of us in so many ways and we hope we made an impact on the Boston community as well. We would not have been able to do this without your help. We appreciate everything you have done for us and all of the hospitality you have shown. We will always cherish the memories we made in this space and will always be grateful. Thank You!

Eric  
 Katie Vander Avond  
 Liz DeLaw  
 Paige B.  
 Becky W.  
 Kacy Spaul  
 DAIKI  
 Becca F.  
 Chris Krummel  
 Paige Bayer



Above and below: Mike, Kevin, and Craig made 9 trays of shepherd's pie to be served at the Oasis Monday Night Dinner on January 27th. Almost 200 people were served and all of the food got eaten, including tiramisu for dessert.





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FOR THE HOMELESS

## SAVE THE DATE!

**JOIN THE MASSACHUSETTS  
COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS  
FOR OUR ANNUAL  
LEGISLATIVE ACTION DAY**

**WHEN:**

**Thursday**

**February 27, 2014**

**9:00 a.m.— 3:00 p.m.**

**WHERE:**

**The Great Hall**

**Massachusetts State House**

**24 Beacon St, Boston, Massachusetts**

For more information, to register, or to volunteer, please go to

<http://www.mahomeless.org/mch-events/2013-02-12-00-05-38>

or contact: [tina@mahomeless.org](mailto:tina@mahomeless.org); 781-595-7570 x23 or

[kelly@mahomeless.org](mailto:kelly@mahomeless.org); 781-595-7570 x17.

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### AGENDA

- Overview of the Coalition's fiscal year 2015 policy priorities
- Analysis/insights from advocates and providers, including Dr. Megan Sandel
- Testimonies from youth and adults facing homelessness
- Visits with your state legislators to speak up for housing, prevention, and safety net resources

### REGISTER AT

[www.mahomeless.org](http://www.mahomeless.org)



Download QR reader on your mobile device.

"As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease."

*Genesis 8:22*

# *Simple Acts of Kindness...*

## **It's Cold, But This Gesture For D.C.'s Homeless Warmed Our Hearts**

Earlier this month, Danika Oriol-Morway felt sad when she passed a pile of dirty, frozen blankets strewn on the ground in McPherson Square in Washington, D.C.

The 29-year-old graduate student from Cambridge, Mass., was on her way to the bus stop on Jan. 7 when she first noticed the mess. She watched a man pick up the blankets and throw them into a big trash can. He was dressed like a city worker, Oriol-Morway told The Huffington Post in an email, but she wasn't sure who he was.



"It was incredibly cold," she told HuffPost. "I just hoped that whoever had been using those blankets was inside somewhere."

But the next day, while on the same route, Oriol-Morway discovered that the blankets hadn't been thrown away after all. Instead, they'd been cleaned, folded and placed on a nearby bench.

"It just made me smile," Oriol-Morway told HuffPost. "I appreciated that this person's stuff was actually taken care of and not just thrown away."

# Scalloped Potatoes and Ham Casserole

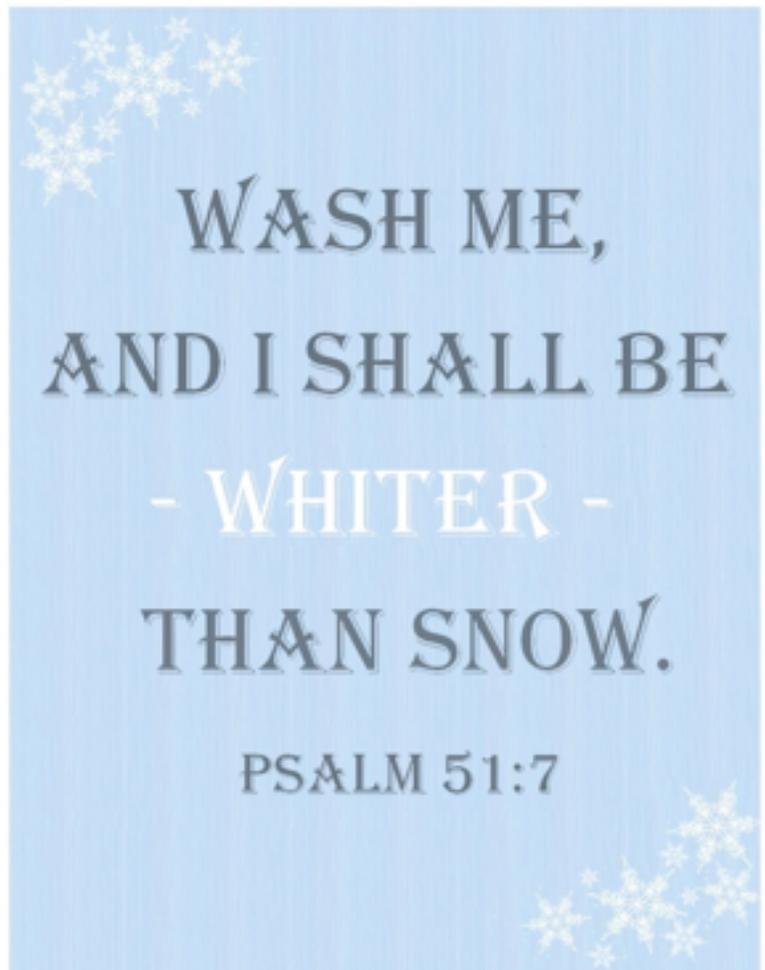
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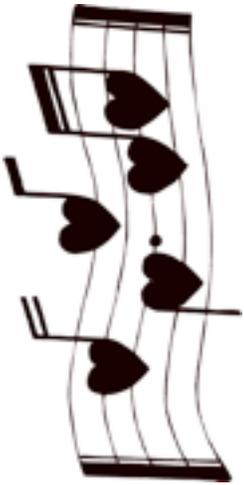
- 3/4 cup powdered nondairy creamer
- 1-3/4 cups water
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 2 tablespoons dried minced onion
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 teaspoon paprika
- 6 large potatoes, peeled and thinly sliced
- 2 cups diced fully cooked ham
- 1 cup (4 ounces) shredded cheddar cheese



## Directions

- In a small bowl, combine creamer and water until smooth. In a small saucepan, melt butter. Stir in the flour, onion, salt and paprika
- until smooth; gradually add creamer mixture. Bring to a boil; cook
- and stir for 1-2 minutes or until thickened.
- In a greased shallow 2-1/2-qt. baking dish, combine potatoes and ham.
- Pour sauce over the top.
- Cover and bake at 350° for 15 minutes. Uncover; bake 40-50
- minutes longer or until potatoes are tender. Sprinkle with cheese;
- bake for 5-10 minutes or until edges are bubbly and cheese is
- melted. Yield: 6 servings.





# The Trouble with LOVE

*Musical Musings for the Covers & the Healers*

Music by Debussy, Strauss, Gounod, Arlen, Porter, and more

Singers: Rachele Schmiege, Lindsay Conrad, Alexandra Dietrich

Pianist: Mark McNeill

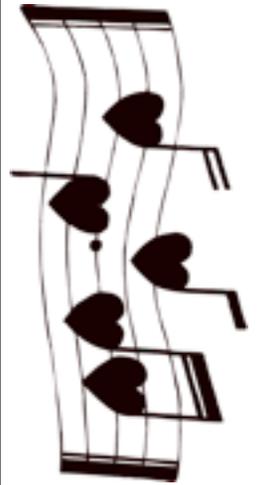


Tuesday, February 11th | 7:30pm

Church on the Hill, 140 Bowdoin Street, Boston, MA

Admission FREE, Reception to follow

Supported by the Max Reger Foundation



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

We had a lot of 100% winners this month as well as some with only a couple of mistakes, and they're going to keep getting tougher!

The winner of last month's Sudoku puzzle is...  
**Chris Nourse!**

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

6	3	5	8	1	2	9	7	4
2	9	1	3	4	7	6	5	8
7	8	4	5	9	6	3	1	2
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1	7	2	6	3	8	5	4	9
4	2	3	7	6	5	8	9	1
8	6	7	1	2	9	4	3	5
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# Church Calendar Events 2014

All are welcome. Come as you are.

## 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 19	12:00 Noon	Senior Lunch
	7:30 PM	Vagabonds Open Mic Coffee House
Sunday, February 23	11:00 AM	Church Service
	12:30 PM	<b>Annual Winters Members Meeting</b>



## March 2014

Sunday, March 2	11:00 AM	Church Service and Communion
Wednesday, March 5	4:00 PM	Church Council Meeting
	5:00 PM	Board of Trustee Meeting
Sunday, March 9		<b>Daylight Savings. Spring ahead 1 hour</b>
	11:00 AM	Church Service
Sunday, March 16	11:00 AM	Church Service
Monday, March 17		<b>St. Patrick's Day</b>
Wednesday, March 19	12:00 Noon	Senior Lunch
	7:30 PM	Vagabonds Open Mic Coffee House
Sunday, March 23	11:00 AM	Church Service
Sunday, March 30	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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	4							3
		6		5	4	7	9	8
								6
	9	4		7		3		

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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**Check Out The New Website at  
[www.churchonthehillboston.org](http://www.churchonthehillboston.org)**

Happy Birthday,  
Lydia!

February 11, 1802



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**

