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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*

# November



**Ministers**

Search Committee

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- ❖ To be a progressive Christian presence in the city of Boston, a reflection of Swedenborgian theology of service and mission, through our commitment to education, social justice, and human rights and the faithful stewardship of our financial resources.
- ❖ To make a difference in the lives of strangers and seekers through our compassion and acceptance by transforming them into members of our community who share our common values.
- ❖ To be a “rock” of stability and support in an uncertain world - a tranquil and peaceful “home away from home”, where you are missed when you are absent, and where you can find comfort, healing, strength, hope, and constancy when things aren’t going well.

*Therefore, we covenant to ~*

- ❖ Show the love, compassion, acceptance, and forgiveness in our common life;
- ❖ Value the diversity and variety of gifts within our community;
- ❖ Seek to consciously understand other points of view by listening deeply;
- ❖ Encourage all to speak and to share our own ideas respectfully as we seek consensus;
- ❖ Strive to be transparent and honest in our personal interactions, communications, and decision-making;
- ❖ Welcome and facilitate the participation of all.

**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,

It is hard to believe that November is already here and there are only 2 more months until 2015! It is also hard to believe that the holiday season is almost upon us. I guess time flies when you keep busy.

We held a scavenger hunt in Salem on October 25 (pg. 12). We had almost 20 people participate and everyone had a great time. It was the busiest day of the year for Salem but that just made the day more exciting. Great job to Eduardo Gonzalez for making the event possible.

We have our last Walking in the Way of Peace Membership Workshop on November 12 from 6-8 PM. This has been a great bonding experience for church members as well as making the roles of being a good member more clear to everyone. If you have been attending, thank you, if not, this will be your last chance.

We have some Max Reger Foundation concerts coming up starting with the Church on the Hill choir's Advent Concert on November 30 at 11 AM (pg. 10). This is a concert that we hold every year and it continually gets better and better. We will be holding the concert in place of our regular Sunday morning church service.

We are hosting the Homeless Memorial Service here on December 19 (pg.7). We have been hosting this event here since 2006. It is a very somber and sobering service as it brings to light just how serious the homeless problem in Massachusetts really is.

I have been hosting the Oasis Monday Night Dinner in our church function room for 6 or 7 weeks now. It has been running incredibly smoothly and everybody has been very respectful of the space. We have been serving about 90-130 people per week and we have yet to have an issue. Thank you to all of the volunteers who make this event possible every week.

Nicholas Tranquillo proposed an idea to me about including a monthly "meet the church members" column. This would highlight a different church member each month. Last month was Janet Forbes and this month is Anthony Auger (pg. 5).

We, the church members who have been attending the membership workshops, have recently changed the mission statement of the church (see inside cover). We felt that it was time to update the statement and make it more true to what we are about, what we hope to achieve, and what we actively do here at the church.

I recently took a vacation to Wisconsin with my parents and grandfather to visit family and friends. It was great to see family members and friends that I had not seen in years and also to finally get to relax.

Go **Patriots!**

Craig

## *From the Minister of Music -*

Dear Church Members,

We all have songs that strengthen our faith. Which are your favorites?

Beginning in January 2015 we will dedicate one Sunday service each month to singing the favorite hymns of the congregation of the Church On The Hill.

There will be a suggestion box, near the piano (every Sunday in November, 2014 and December, 2014) where you may place the titles of your favorite hymns. If you have a favorite song, you can list that, but please be sure to let us know which scripture it relates to. We look forward to sharing our favorite music throughout the 2015 calendar year.



### **Calendar of Events**

We have several exciting, upcoming music events here at our Church On The Hill, so please take note of the following dates:

- ❖ Sunday, November 30, 2014, 11:00 A.M. - Annual Advent Concert. Music will be presented by the Church On The Hill Choir and an invited instrumentalist.
- ❖ Thursday, December 4, 2014 11:30 A.M. We will have our Annual Caroling – Church On The Hill Choir will sing seasonal songs in front of The Church On The Hill.
- ❖ Thursday, December 11, 2014 at 11:30 A.M. - The Church On The Hill Choir will sing Seasonal Songs at Dewey Square (Rose Kennedy Greenway).
- ❖ Thursday, December 18, 2014, 7:30 P.M. - Max Reger Concert Series will present the “Fifth Season” a jazz quartet.

Please be sure to mark your calendars so that you don't miss any of these exciting musical events and we look forward to ushering in the Advent Season with you, during the coming weeks.

Carlton J. Doctor  
Minister of Music

Dear Friends and Fellow Parishioners,

Some of you have been attending The Church On The Hill for many years. Others have recently joined the congregation. This column will be devoted to introducing us to one another. Through our actions to become more acquainted with one another we become strengthened in our Church Community. John Donne expressed this sentiment in his quote "No man [woman] is an island..."

It is our pleasure to hear about: **Anthony Auger**

*Concept by Nicholas A. Tranquillo:*

*Board Of Trustees*

*Church Council*

*Chairman of BostonView*

## MEET OUR CHURCH MEMBER: ANTHONY AUGER



I was born in Bangor, ME on December 13, 1989. Just before I turned one year old my family moved to Massachusetts. Until I was twelve my family and I attended a Roman Catholic Church. In 2002 my parents

separated and through all of the discord my three younger siblings and I ended up in foster homes where we would remain for the next four years. While in foster care I attended a Christian Pentecostal church.

In 2006 my two younger brothers and I returned to living with our father in Braintree, MA. I attended and graduated from Braintree high school.

After High school I went right to work at my father's business. But almost a year later hardships set in. In April 2009 my family's home burned down from one of my younger brother's cooking accident then In May 2009 my mother passed away. My father decided it was time to sell his business and retire.

From 2009 to 2011 I struggled finding jobs and with homelessness. With no sort of network or family structure to rely on it became difficult to even provide basic necessities for myself. The only thing I had left was my faith.

Volunteering and helping others has always been a significant part of my faith. In 2009 I started volunteering with the Oasis Coalition for the Monday night dinners. In November 2011 I became a member at the Church on the Hill where I found a warm welcoming and helpful community. At the Church on the Hill I found a reconnection with spirituality, a second chance to follow the right path, and a new extended family.

I spend most of my spare time finding new ways to help people whether it's helping a friend move furniture or just providing a listening ear. I also enjoy the events hosted by the Church on the Hill like planting the daffodil bulbs every fall, the scavenger hunts, Georges island cookout, six flags trips, and wherever else I can find genuine company and fun.

In the future I hope to be able to go to college and continue contributing to the Church the Hill.

# Remembering The Toms

*Rest in peace Mayor Thomas M. Marino and the Right Reverend Bishop M. Thomas Shaw. Two Amazing men both having lead the people of Boston through dynamic transformations in the span of twenty years.*

## **Mayor Thomas Menino, 53<sup>rd</sup> Mayor of Boston**

I arrived in Boston around the same time (a year later) Mayor Menino was actually Councilor Menino. An effective Councilman for ten years of which he served on many committees. While serving as President of the City Council in March 1993, President Clinton appointed Mayor Flynn to be the United States Ambassador to the Holy See. Mayor Flynn accepted the position, effectively making Menino, who was President of the Boston City Council at the time, acting mayor. On July 12, 1993 Menino became acting Mayor of Boston until the upcoming November 1993 election then winning with 64% of the vote going on to serve five terms, the longest serving Mayor of Boston. I came to Boston for a weekend in 1984 and I never left. That was a different Boston then. Though I loved the old Boston, it is the new Boston that I am so proud of and treasure. Mayor Menino elevated our city in ways that the most creative mind could not have imagined would be created in twenty years.

I will not try to list his achievements as you will be hearing a great deal of over the next couple of weeks. I can say unequivocally that the quality of life that many of us enjoy in this city is a direct result of what our beloved Mayor "Hizhoner" Menino, has accomplished for us. Equality, social justice, labor relations, commerce, safety, greenness and a vibrant energized city that feels like a town. Hizhoner was not without controversy, all of which he confronted with fortitude and an ability to stay in front of, and as they say "cream floats to the top!" Fortunately I, like most Bostonians can say it was a pleasure to have personally met such a compassionate man of action. In 2011 I attended a memorial service for Kip Tiernan. What would have been a painfully sad day, the Mayor turned into a joyful event sharing stories of his encounters with our mutual friend Kip. On April 15, 2013, the Mayor was in the hospital recovering from surgery he had days before. It was this same day that two bombs exploded near the finish line of the Boston Marathon. Against medical advice, the Mayor immediately released himself from the hospital and lead us through the upcoming days like a reassuring father. It



was that same awful day that we Bostonians realized that we had so many heroes in our midst and we would forever be "Boston Strong".

## **The Rt. Rev. M. Thomas Shaw, Monk, SSJE passed away on October 17, 2014.**

Bishop Tom was the 15<sup>th</sup> Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts from 1994 until his retirement in 2014. He was consecrated Bishop following the suicide of his predecessor and for the next twenty years he was the shepherd for a community and diocese going through many changes. For a Monk, he was quite a leader "the Boss" demonstrating concrete management skills and proving to be fiscally proficient. He was a champion of young people and those oppressed. I first met Bishop Tom through my affiliation with Ecclesia Ministries and common cathedral, a ministry that he helped foster. Tom and I were not overly familial, we would speak at various protests and demonstrations over the years and I would attend his service on the Boston Common on Christmas Day. Thirteen years ago, when my niece and I were going to do her kidney transplant, Bishop Tom went into great prayer with me. On one occasion, I was at the Diocese, and I had the elevator locked in the basement while loading it with supplies. The sexton came running down telling me the Bishop was getting upset waiting for the elevator. I immediately unlocked the elevator and brought it up. As the elevator door opened, he displayed this huge smile then said "So its you, you I can forgive" at which point the sexton breathed an audible sigh of relief. A few years ago Tom spoke in our church for the Interfaith Homeless Memorial Service. Shortly after announcing his retirement, like our mayor, he announced that he was diagnosed with cancer. Tom spent the final days of his life at one of his favorite places the Emery House in the care of his Brothers. Br. Geoffrey Tristram, SSJE's Superior, said, "Our brother Tom said during his last days he was so very, very thankful for the life God had given him: for the many wonderful people he had met, for the opportunities and challenges he had faced, and for the amazing grace he had experienced throughout his life." Rest in peace Brother, Bishop, Friend. The peoples of all faith traditions throughout much of the world are grateful for your great works.



*Written by Michael Bancewicz*

December 19, 2014  
Church on the Hill  
140 Bowdoin Street ~ Beacon Hill  
Boston, MA 02108  
12:00 PM

**Please Note that this year's  
Service will be held on  
December 19, not December 21**

**25th NATIONAL**

# Homeless Persons Interfaith Memorial Service



## **HOMELESS PERSONS' MEMORIAL DAY DECEMBER 21 (SERVICE HELD DECEMBER 19)**

The First Day of Winter. The Longest Night of the Year.

Homeless people die from illnesses that affect everyone,  
frequently without health care.

Health care is a human right.

Housing is a human right.

Physical safety is a human right.

Remember our neighbors

and friends who have died

without homes.

Homeless people die from violence,

often in unprovoked hate crimes.

**Remember why they died.**

For more information contact Michael Banciewicz @ 617-304-4848 - moxie12794@aol.com



## Introducing The New Choir Member

### **Junhan Choi - Baritone**

Exceptionally talented in music with a gifted voice, Baritone Junhan Choi from Korea was a student regarded with high expectations. He earned four years of merit-based scholarship from Kyungwon University Voice department and graduated with honors. His first major roles were: **Gianni Schicchi** in the Puccini's opera Gianni Schicchi (during his junior year). Since then, he has magnificently performed **Belcore** of L'elisir d'amore and **Germont** of La Traviata and honed his voice.

After his Master's Degree in New England Conservatory in 2014, he is currently pursuing a Graduate Diploma with a Presidential Scholarship, which began in the of Fall 2014. He is shooting for the world under the teachings of academic advisor Carole Haber.

His roles for NEC include **Monsu Traversen** in La Gazzetta, **Papageno** in The Magic Flute, **Der Tod** in Der Kaiser von Atlantis, **Liberto** and **Littore** in L'incoronazione di Poppea, **Eisenstein** in Die Fledermaus. He has also sung the title role in **Don Giovanni** with Harvard University music department.

## Annual Members Meeting November 2, 2014 ~ 12:30 PM

*We encourage all members to attend as this is your chance to have a voice in church leadership. Anyone looking to become a new member must turn in their letter of intention to Mary Guarino prior to the meeting.*

## Chat with the Treasurer

You are invited to attend an informational meeting  
On Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p. m. after Senior Lunch.

Topic

“Church Finances”

- We will review all the income and expenses.
- Come share your ideas about new ways the church can fulfill its mission and do more for the greater community.
- Share your dreams for the future of the church.

As stewards for the money bequeathed to

Boston Society of New Jerusalem

We must manage the finances to fulfill the mission of the church.

Here are the correct answers from last month's Rebus puzzles.

We had a few 100% winners this month than ever. We also had a few with only a couple of mistakes and they're going to keep getting tougher! Great job everybody!

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

**Patricia Blakeney!**

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

1. Odds and Ends
2. Free For All
3. Count Dracula
4. Wash Up For Dinner
5. Search Above and Below
6. Partly Cloudy
7. Long Johns
8. Tennis Shoes
9. Horse Back Riding



# CHURCH ON THE HILL PRESENTS

## *The Max Reger Foundation Concert Series*

**TUESDAY**  
**SEPTEMBER 9, 2014 ~ 7:30 PM**  
Victor Cayres Mendonca, Piano  
Jeffery Michael Hartman, Tenor

**SUNDAY**  
**NOVEMBER 30, 2014 ~ 11:00 AM**  
Church on the Hill Vocal Ensemble

**THURSDAY**  
**DECEMBER 18, 2014 ~ 7:30 PM**  
Jazz Ensemble ~ A Jazz Christmas

**TUESDAY**  
**FEBRUARY 10, 2015 ~ 7:30 PM**  
Lisa Hadley, Mezzo-Soprano  
Susanne Sheppard, Piano

**TUESDAY**  
**MARCH 17, 2015 ~ 7:30 PM**  
Suzanne Grogan, Soprano

**SUNDAY**  
**MAY 10, 2015 ~ 11:00 AM**  
Church on the Hill Vocal Ensemble

**SATURDAY**  
**MAY 30, 2015 ~ 5:30 - 10:30 PM**  
Max Reger Fundraising Event



**THE CONCERTS ARE FREE  
WELCOMING FREE WILL OFFERINGS FOR  
THE MAX REGER FOUNDATION  
"HELPING MUSICIANS FULFILL THEIR  
DREAMS AND GOALS"**

**REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED AT  
ALL EVENTS.**

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FIND US ON FACEBOOK.**



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Our choir's own Carlton Doctor and Rachele Schmiege performed at the Boston Lyric Opera's production of "La Traviata" at the Schubert Theater in Boston between October 10 and October 19.



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October 29, 2014

Boston Society of New Jerusalem  
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Boston, MA 02108

Dear Friends,

Warm October greetings! We want to thank you for your gift \$1000.00—check number 11573 dated October 29, 2014—recognizing Sister Linda Bessom's 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee as a Sister of Notre Dame de Namur. You have honored Sister Linda's request for gifts to the Photovoltaic Project in two African countries, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Nigeria.

This SND project aims to build and support the necessary infrastructure for potable water and electricity for technology in two of Notre Dame's African provinces. That infrastructure includes roof top panels to collect and store solar energy. It benefits schools, hospitals, and Notre Dame communities in the Congo and Nigeria.

Enclosed is a copy of the *Power of the Sun's* 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary brochure.

Your generosity in supporting this project is heartening and mirrors Sister Linda's. We know our Sister Linda as a tireless advocate of those who are homeless, especially youth. She conducts annual back-to-school collections of school supplies and clothes. Much good is being done by you and Sister Linda.

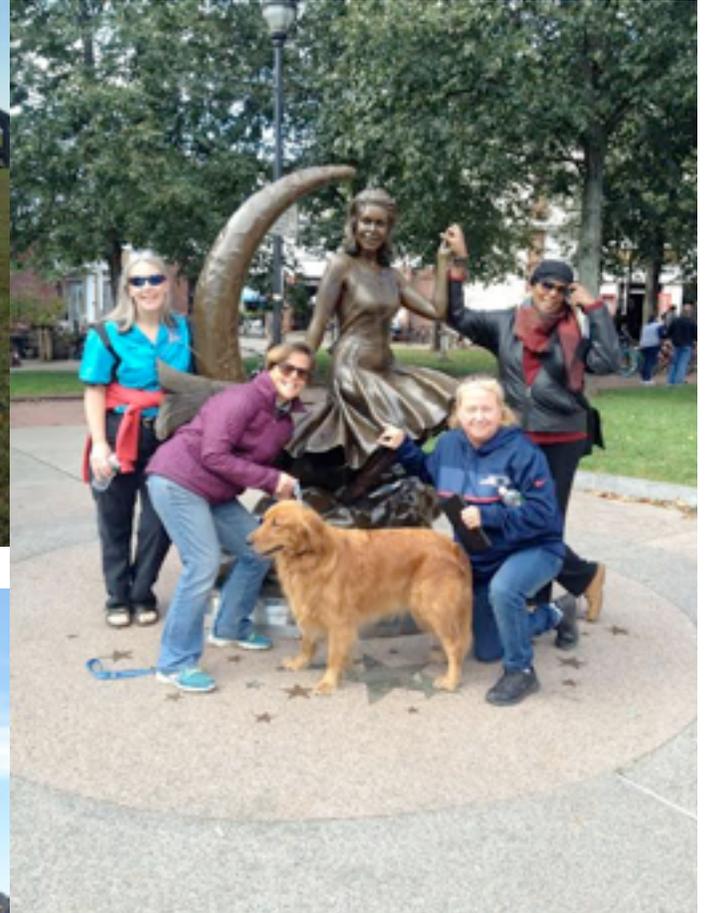
Be assured that your community and ministries will be in our prayers. We ask for God's continued blessings on you all.

With a grateful heart,

Sr. Patricia Conner SNDdeN  
Program Assistant



# Church on the Hill Scavenger Hunt Salem, MA ~ October 25, 2014 Hosted by Eduardo Gonzalez, Youth Leader





Carlton Doctor his nephew Alfonso Doctor (Washington D.C. firefighter of 15 years), and Natalie



Jack Miller, Anthony Auger, and Jessw Nichols "The Little Rascals" in Salem.

"The true privilege of being Mayor is that I have the opportunity to be everyone's neighbor"

*Mayor Thomas Menino*

# Church Calendar Events 2014

All are welcome. Come as you are.

## November 2014

Sunday, November 2		<b>Daylight Savings Time. Turn clocks back 1 hour.</b>
	11:00 AM	Sunday Service and Communion
Wednesday, November 5	4:00 PM	Church Council meeting
	5:00 PM	Board of Trustees meetings
Sunday, November 9	11:00 AM	Church Service
Wednesday, November 12	6 - 8 PM	Walking in the Way Membership Workshop
Sunday, November 16	11:00 AM	Church Service
Wednesday, November 19	12:00 Noon	Senior Lunch
Sunday, November 23	11:00 AM	Church Service
Thursday, November 25		<b>Thanksgiving.</b>
Sunday, November 30	11:00 AM	Max Reger Foundation Advent Concert



## December 2014

Wednesday, December 3	4:00 PM	Church Council meeting
	5:00 PM	Board of Trustees meetings
Thursday, December 4	11:30 AM	Caroling outside Church on the Hill
Sunday, December 7	11:00 AM	Sunday Service and Communion
Thursday, December 11	11:30 AM	Caroling in Dewey Square
Sunday, December 14	11:00 AM	Church Service
Wednesday, December 17	12:00 Noon	Senior Lunch
Thursday, December 18	7:30 PM	Max Reger Foundation Concert
Friday, December 19	12:00 Noon	Homeless Memorial Service
Sunday, December 21	11:00 AM	Church Service
Thursday, December 25		<b>Christmas</b>
Sunday, December 28	11:00 AM	Church Service
Wednesday, December 31		<b>New Year's Eve</b>



## Rebus Puzzles -

Look at each circle and figure out what it says.  
I used to put rebus puzzles in the newsletters in the past and people had a lot of fun with them.

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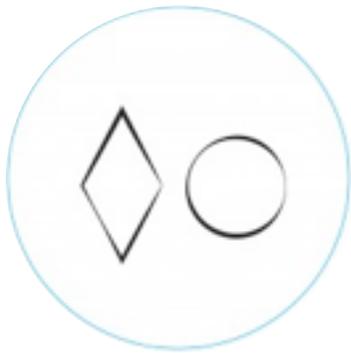
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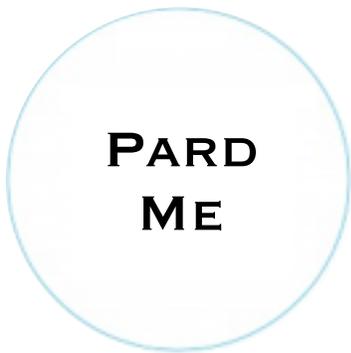
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Whoever gets the most correct will be entered  
in a raffle to win a \$50 Gift Certificate.

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**

