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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 is here ...

and the Newsletter is back!



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A mission for our future: what do we believe God is calling us to do? Our core purpose ~

- ❖ 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.



The elections are over and the country has a new president. As we move forward, it is crucial that we pray for our nation and the 45th President of the United States of America. Below are two prayers attributed to Rev. Billy Graham. We hope they bring you comfort and Gods presence.

Our Father and Our God, we praise You for Your goodness to our nation, giving us blessings far beyond what we deserve. Yet we know all is not right with America. We deeply need a moral and spiritual renewal to help us meet the many problems we face. Convict us of sin. Help us to turn to You in repentance and faith. Set our feet on the path of Your righteousness and peace. We pray today for our nation's leaders. Give them the wisdom to know what is right, and the courage to do it. You have said, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." May this be a new era for America, as we humble ourselves and acknowledge You alone as our Savior and Lord. This we pray in Your holy name, Amen.

Lord ... remind us today that You have shown us what is good in what You require of us; to do justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with our God. We ask that as a people, we may humble ourselves before You and seek Your will for our lives and for this great nation. Help us in our nation to work as never before to strengthen our families and to give our children hope and a moral foundation for the future. So may our desire be to serve You, and in so doing, serve one another. This we pray in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

WHATS INSIDE ...

Hello everone!! We are glad to have the newsletter up and running again and invite you to submit content and welcome suggestions.

Our country is in a period of dramatic transisions. Our church is in a cycle of regeneration and we are in the thick of winter. To help with all of this, we will be quilting the next several issues with inspiring scripture and prayers.

Blessings

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And Much More ...



Kevin's Corner

When I graduated from seminary, I received a little plaque with the verse from Matthew 'you are the light of the world, a city on a hill cannot be

hidden.' This verse also says that I cannot help but reflect on that plaque as I begin a new ministry here at the Church on the Hill. This passage gives me excitement about our future together. I am overjoyed to be called as a pastor to this historic and dynamic church. For almost 200 years, this church has worked to be a beacon on this hill, and the prospects of its future are bright indeed!

I do not know if Beacon Hill was ever an actual beacon hill, but the name is part of the English warning beacon system. Even when preparing for the revolution in the early colonies, beacon fires were setup in sight lines from town to town. While Paul Revere had a wonderful midnight ride, most of the towns were already aware that the British were on their way. His message was more organizational than warning. These beacon fires were sometimes buildings almost like early light houses and sometimes they were just bonfires. Either way, there had to be people there to staff the beacon. Our congregation has been given the gift to be watchful and staff this beacon of light, this church, so it can be a light to our community.

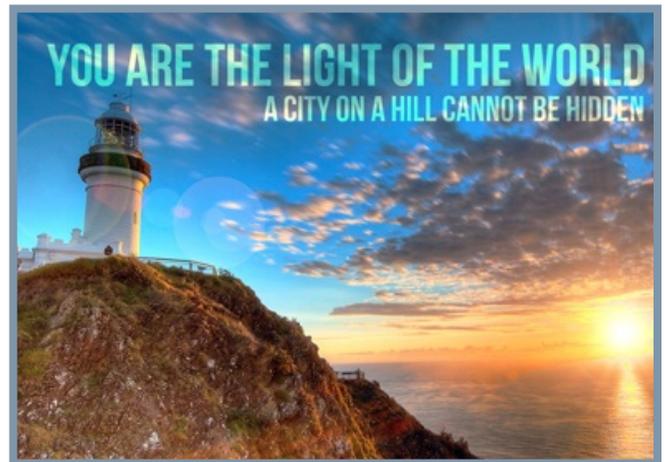
Rev. Leitch and I are here to minister to this congregation to help our beacon shine brighter and brighter with each passing day. This foundation of this is open and honest communication! Everyone in the congregation is encouraged to come to us and talk openly and honestly. We are here to nurture your spiritual life and hope you will come to us when you need council or a listening hear. We



also want to know about your hopes and concerns for our church as we prepare for our 200th year of ministry to this city.

As we worship, laugh, cry, and live together as a church community, we will be a body of Christ living in this world. The more we come together in that spirit, the more our love will radiate from us, and the more we will be a beacon of hope and light for our community. It is a blessing to be with you and I look forward to years of serving the Lord with you all.

Blessings,
Rev. Kevin Baxter



"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people He choose for His inheritance." Ps. 33:12

From Rev. Colin Leitch

Thank you for your vote of confidence on December 18th. I am glad and fortunate to be one of your pastors. I look forward to our work together and I look forward to working with Kevin Baxter. Ours is a co-ministry.

Of Course you know me. (And still you called me!) You may have suggestions, comments, criticisms of my ministry. They are welcome. You may be surprised to find that your criticisms and mine overlap. Let's talk.

Religion is relational, your relationship to God; interactions and cooperation within the congregation; the ministers roles and responsibilities. Talking to one another is important. Your conversations with God (prayer), your conversations with other members of the congregation, your conversations with the ministers are potent possibilities for spiritual growth, for healing for understanding, for bettering our church.

I look forward to talking to you about anything that is on your mind. My door is open and I have time for you. Please phone me at the church or grab me on Sunday mornings and we'll set up a time to meet.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve God on Beacon Hill. It's good to be working with you and with Kevin and with the Board of Governors.

God be with you.

Colin



I ASKED GOD

I asked God to take away my pride.
And God said "No".
He said it was not for him to take away,
but for me to give it up.

I asked God to make my handicapped child whole.
And God said "No".
He said her spirit was whole,
her body was only temporary.
I asked God to grant me patience.
And God said "No".
He said patience is a by-product of tribulations.
It isn't granted, it is earned.

I asked God to give me happiness.
And God said "No".
He said he gives me blessings,
happiness is up to me.
I asked God to spare me pain. And God said "No".
He said suffering draws you
apart from worldly cares and brings you closer
to me.

I asked God to make my spirit grow.
And God said "No".
He said I must grow on my own.
But he will prune me to make me fruitful.
I asked for all things that I might enjoy life.
And God said "No".
He said I will give you life,
that you may enjoy all things.

I ask God to help me LOVE others,
as much as he loves me.
And God said, Ah, finally you have the idea!

Author Unknown

**199th Winter Members Meeting
Boston Society of the New Jerusalem, Inc.**

140 Bowdoin Street ~ Beacon Hill

Boston, MA 02108

Douglas Peebles, President

February 26, 2017

12:45 PM



From the Amended and Restated Bylaws Article VIII MEETINGS;

Section 8.2

b. Winter Members' Meeting

The Winter Members' Meeting shall be held, at the call of the Board of Governors, on a date during the months of January or February for the purposes of the transaction of any business.

The Nominating Committee reports that where as the Secretary has resigned, we will be voting on a new Secretary at this meeting. If you are interested please submit a letter of interest to the Nominating Committee no later than Sunday February 12, 2017. Also candidates may run from the floor.

ARTICLE VI

Section 6.3

- c. **The Secretary/Clerk** shall be authorized to execute all legal documents pertaining to the Church under the direction and supervision of the Board of Governors. The Secretary/Clerk shall be the official custodian of the Church seal and shall have the authority to affix the seal to any instrument requiring it. The Secretary/Clerk shall keep records of all meetings of the Membership and meetings of the Board of Governors; provide the Members of the Church with a copy of the minutes from Board and Membership meetings within five (5) business days upon request; promptly inform the Board or Treasurer of any action requiring the attention of these individuals or bodies; and conduct such correspondence as the Board directs. In the case of death, resignation, incapacity, or refusal of the Secretary/Clerk or another designated Officer to provide notice, the most senior Officer then in office, in the order listed in these Bylaws, shall provide notice. The Secretary/Clerk shall perform such additional duties as authorized by the Church's adopted parliamentary authority and as may be authorized by the Voting Membership or by the Board of Governors.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES as of 1/25/17

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Doug Peebles, President, term expires 2018
Jen Whitmore, Vice President, term expires 2018
Vacancy, Secretary/Clerk, term expires 2017
Susanne Rogers, Treasurer, term expires 2017

Nicholas Tranquillo term expires 2017
Paul Logiudice term expires 2018
Ann Phelps Klein term expires 2018
Vicky Davis term expires 2017
Janet Forbes term expires 2017

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Personnel Committee - appointed by Governors

Paul Logiudice, Chair, term expires 2018
Janet Forbes, term expires 2017
Doug Peebles, term expires 2018
Rev. Kevin Baxter, Ministerial Liaison

Finance Committee - appointed by Governors

Susanne Rogers, Chair, term expires 2017
Stanley Goldstein, term expires 2018
Nicholas Tranquillo, term expires 2018

Nominating Committee

Vicky Davis, Chair, elected by congregation, term expires 2018
Al Cortese, elected by congregation, term expires 2017
Blanca Deleon, appointed by Governors, term expires 2018

Governance/Bylaws Committee

Dr. Mary Kay Klein, Chair, appointed by Governors, term expires 2018
Janet Forbes, elected by congregation, term expires 2018
Rev. Dr. Ted Klein, elected by congregation, term expires 2017

Membership Committee - elected by congregation

Rev. Dr. Ted Klein, Chair, term expires 2017
Al Cortese, term expires 2018
Ora Damon, term expires 2018
Robert Goode, term expires 2017
Ann Phelps Klein, term expires 2018
Pastor, ex-officio with vote

Music Committee - elected by congregation

Lisa Hadley, Chair, term expires 2017
Patricia Blakeney, term expires 2017
Al Cortese, term expires 2018
Valerie Dalton, term expires 2018
Nicholas Tranquillo, term expires 2018
Minister or Director of Music, ex-officio with vote
Pastor, ex-officio with vote

Audit Committee - appointed by Governors

Patricia Blakeney
Cindy Gonzalez
Jen Whitmore

AD HOC COMMITTEES

Education Committee - appointed by Governors

Cindy Gonzalez, Chair	Pat Blakeney
Vicky Davis	Doug Peebles
Ora Damon	Nicholas Tranquillo

Pastoral Search Committee

Lisa Hadley, Chair, elected by congregation
Nicholas Tranquillo, appointed by Governors
Deborah Hammer, appointed by Governors
Vicky Davis, elected by congregation
Doug Peebles, elected by congregation

**Committee to Distribute Sunday Church Offerings - appointed
by previous board**

Jenifer Whitmore, Chair
Janet Forbes
Patty Sacco

The Mystery of the Romero

Prayer

A Step Along the Way

It helps, now and then, to step back and take a long view.

The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is even beyond our vision.

We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work. Nothing we do is complete, which is a way of saying that the Kingdom always lies beyond us.

No statement says all that could be said.

No prayer fully expresses our faith.

No confession brings perfection.

No pastoral visit brings wholeness.

No program accomplishes the Church's mission.

No set of goals and objectives includes everything.

This is what we are about.

We plant the seeds that one day will grow.

We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise.

We lay foundations that will need further development.

We provide yeast that produces far beyond our capabilities.

We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that.

This enables us to do something, and to do it very well.

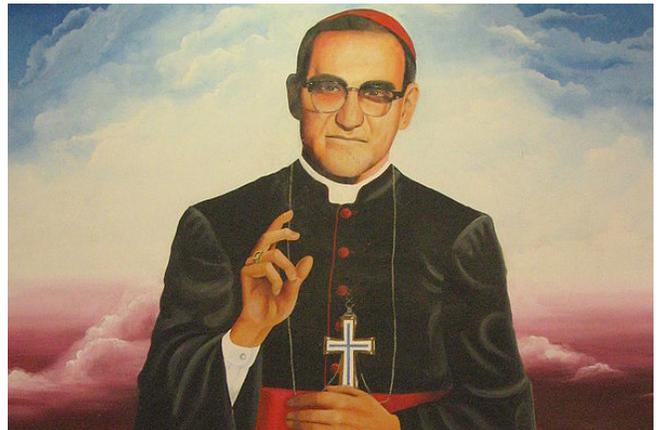
It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.

We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker.

We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs.

We are prophets of a future not our own.

Bishop Ken Untener of Saginaw



The Most Reverend Blessed Oscar Romero

*This prayer was composed by **Bishop Ken Untener** of Saginaw, drafted for a homily by Card. John Dearden in Nov. 1979 for a celebration of departed priests. As a reflection on the anniversary of the martyrdom of Bishop Romero, Bishop Untener included in a reflection book a passage titled "The mystery of the Romero Prayer." The mystery is that the words of the prayer are attributed to Oscar Romero, but they were never spoken by him.

Source: United States Conference of Bishops

From the Minister of Music, Mr. Carlton Doctor



Dear Church Members,

On Sunday, March 5, 2017 the Max Reger concert series will present three talented young musicians in concert. All of these students are enrolled in the New England Conservatory of Music Preparatory School. The New England

Conservatory Preparatory School is an open-enrollment institution for pre-college students. The school offers music classes, ensemble classes and private instruction. The students performing on the March 5th concert are enrolled in the Certificate Program, which allows students to achieve their optimum performance skills, competence in music theory and a knowledge of the literature that includes choral, orchestral and chamber music, as well as solo repertoire. The Preparatory School routinely sends students to the finest conservatories and universities in the world.

Forrest Eimold, pianist; Haig Hovsepien, violinist; and Amir Siraj, pianist, will perform on the 5th. Corpus Christi Watershed describes Forrest Eimold, 17, as a musician “with the technique and poise of someone decades his senior.” Last January marked the completion of his project of learning and performing Massiaen’s five hours of post-war organ works. Forrest has worked with such living composers as Michael Finnissy, John Harbison, Julian Wachner and Judith Weir. He has been featured on NPR’s From The Top in Atlanta, Georgia. Forrest receives funding for his NEC education from The Church On The Hill.

Haig Aram Hovsepien, 17, started playing violin at the age of four with Narine Dolukhanian, continuing on with Anna Korsunsky, Mark Lakirovich,

Jason Horowitz and Kyoko Horowitz. Currently he studies with Lynn Chang and Angelo Xieng Yu at the New England Conservatory Prep School and is a member of the Youth Philharmonic Orchestra and a String Quartet. This year was marked by Haig’s winning several Concerto Competitions: the NEC, Feinberg-Kelly (Brockton), Waltham Philharmonic and becoming the finalist in the BSO Concerto Competition. From a very young age, Haig started to perform at various community and charity events, churches, and nursing homes. Haig receives funding for his NEC education from resources collected via the Max Reger Gala and Concert Series.

Amir Siraj, 16, began studying piano at the age of four. He made his Carnegie Hall debut at the age of ten after being selected as a winner of the American Fine Arts Festival. The following years, he appeared at Carnegie Hall twice more with the Festival. He has performed many world premieres, including chamber works by Stephen Feigenbaum, as well as US premieres of Lera Auerbach. In 2012, he made his orchestral debut with the Metrowest Symphony Orchestra with Beethoven’s Third Piano Concerto. He studies with Helena Vesterman. Amir receives part of his NEC funding from Nicholas A. Tranquillo.

This will be a very special concert, so please make sure you come to The Church On The Hill on Sunday, March 5, 2017 at 4:00 PM for a concert featuring these outstanding young musicians. These students will also perform at the Max Reger Gala on Saturday, March 25, 2017 at 7:00 PM. Information about the Gala is on the Church’s website: www.churchonthehillboston.org.

Respectfully,
Carlton Doctor
Minister of Music

“Music is the divine way to tell beautiful, poetic things to the heart.” (Pablo Casals)



This is crazy!
Who's idea
was this?



We have been in the kitchen practicing for the big game!!!!

FEBRUARY 5th 6:30 PM

Stick around after church or come back. Sure to be a great time in a family environment!

Jalapeno Hushpuppies

PREP TIME: 10 minutes

COOK TIME: 5 minutes

Ingredients:

- 1 4 cups all purpose flour
- 2 1 cup cornmeal
- 3 1 1/2 tablespoons baking powder
- 4 3/4 cup granulated sugar
- 5 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 6 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 7 1/4 cup dried minced onion
- 8 3/4 teaspoon Cajun seasoning
- 9 3 cups whole milk
- 10 3 large eggs
- 11 1/4 cup apple cider vinegar
- 12 1 1/2 cups diced pickled jalapeños
- 13 Oil for frying



Directions:

1. In a large bowl, mix all the dry ingredients.
2. In a smaller bowl, mix all other ingredients. (The vinegar will curdle the milk a little.)
3. Add the wet ingredients to the dry mixture all at once. Stir until just blended.
4. Heat a large pot of oil to 375 degrees F. Drop the hushpuppy mix by the spoonful into the hot oil. Cook for about 4-5 minutes or until golden brown. Check the first few for doughyness. Repeat with the rest.
5. Scoop out of the oil and place on paper towels. Salt if needed.

The absolute best Jalapeno Hushpuppies – Recipe from the famed Okie Dokies Smokehouse in Asheville, North Carolina.



Tuesday February 29th
Potluck ~ Fat Tuesday ...

Maybe?

Simple Acts of Kindness...



The first act ...

Last Friday I was at one of many marches being held in the wake of the recent election/inauguration. It was pouring buckets of rain intermittently, yet everyone gathered had such a beautiful attitude and spirit of unity as we stood together holding

our signs like "Love trumps hate" and "We are all in this together." One woman was in a motorized wheelchair and as the rain started, I went next to her and held my umbrella over her since she just had a jacket on.

After the rain stopped I put my umbrella away and moved to a different space, but I was so touched to see that once it started raining again, there were many others who covered her with their umbrellas. It was like a rotating cast of kindness angels stepping up to take over. That simple act moved me so much, I cannot tell you. We are all here to take care of each other, and seeing that in action was beautiful.



The second act ...

The other day I was doing some grocery shopping and a man, who was unkempt and spent most of the time talking to no one in particular, walked toward a group of us at the checkout stand. I overheard him say to the man in front of me, "I don't wanna steal from this store...would you buy me some food?"

The man in front of me pretended not to hear him; it was as if he were invisible. I waited patiently for my turn to be questioned, but it never came. So I asked him, "Can I buy you something to eat?"

He gladly accepted. The man got a bag and began putting samosas in the bag. As my items were being rung up I watched the man put the samosas into the bag; 1, 2, 3... He finally stopped and I asked him how many he had got and he replied 10.

The cashier looked at me quizzically and then added them to my order. After I was through, the man was wandering around the store; he said he wanted something to drink, too. The cashier seemed to be keeping a close eye on him. I admit I was too, as I didn't want him to steal anything either! I told the cashier that if he got a drink that I'd just pay for it.

In the end, we both ended up leaving the store, but he stood right outside holding the samosas and talking to himself. Or maybe he was talking with someone who he thought was there.

This man's circumstances saddened me. How many of our homeless also suffer from a mental illness? Maybe that's even what led him to be homeless. I also thought about the watchful eye the cashier and I kept over him. Maybe for different reasons, but still. I hope to run into him again someday...maybe we can sit down and have lunch together.

Taken from KindSpring.org *Small acts that change the world.*

PATS WIN!!!!

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6	David	Mike	M	Adan	John	Polly	RO	Mike	ORA	Mike	
7	SEP	May	John	Craig	John	Mike	Mike	ORA	Mike		
1	Oct	Adan	Kevin	F	Mike	CJM	David	Becky	J-		
2	O	CJM	David	Oct	John	Willie	John	Adan	John		
3	Y	Becky	PAT	Nor	Polly	Steve	Becky	CJM	Kevin	Craig	
4	KARA	Willie	Dec	David	PAT	CJM	Willie	John	Mike		
5	Steve	Craig	Nor	Dec	Becky	Polly	Aug	John	Frank	AX	

Super Bowl 51 is for the record books!

The Patriots defeated the Falcon's, 34-28, in the first Super Bowl ever to go into an overtime period.

We had a great time at the church with plenty of food and football squares (prizes were DD gift cards and re-purposed gifts).

The kitchen was a machine putting out great food with at least 8 people putting their talents to work.

On the left you see the squares, the Jumbo fried buffalo wings, and an amazing pull apart bread ring with hot sausage and jalapeño multi-cheese delight!



Church Calendar Events 2017

All are welcome. Come as you are.

February 2017

Sunday, Feb 5	11:00 AM	Communion Service
Sunday, Feb 5	5:30 PM	Super Bowl Party
Friday Feb 10	1:30 PM	Friday Flix
Friday Feb 10	5:00 PM	City Reach through Saturday
Saturday Feb 11	10:00 AM	City Reach Outreach
Sunday Feb 12	11:00 AM	Sunday Worship
Sunday Feb 12	12:30 PM	Board of Governors Meeting
Wednesday Feb 15	12:00 PM	Senior Lunch
Sunday Feb 19	10:00 AM	A Class on Lent
Sunday Feb 19	11:00 AM	Sunday Worship
Sunday Feb 26	11:00 AM	Sunday Worship
Sunday Feb 26	12:45 PM	Members Meeting

Note: Ongoing Events

Every Monday & Thursday the Oasis Women's Group Meets 9:00 AM

Every Monday Night is the Oasis Monday Night Dinner. 5:30 PM

Every Friday is Friday Flix. 1:30 PM

Every Tuesday the BSNJ Children's Choir 3:45 - 4:45 PM

March 2017

Wednesday Mar 1		Ash Wednesday
Sunday Mar 5	11:00 AM	Sunday Worship
Sunday Mar 12	11:00 AM	Sunday Worship
Sunday Mar 12	12:30 PM	Board of Governors Meeting
Wednesday Mar 15	12:00 PM	Senior Lunch
Friday Mar 17		St. Patricks Day
Sunday Mar 19	10:00 AM	Class
Sunday Mar 19		Sunday Worship
Sunday Mar 26	11:00 AM	Sunday Worship





**Church on The Hill (Swedenborgian)
The Boston Society of the New Jerusalem, Inc.**

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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

