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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



Holy Week 2017

- April 9 Palm Sunday
- April 13 Maundy Thursday
- April 14 Good Friday
- April 15 Easter Vigil
- April 16 Easter Sunday

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Donald Gonzalez
Marathon Monday 2016

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Rev. Kevin Baxter

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Victor Cayres de Mendonca, *Organist and Pianist*

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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 organizes 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.



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Kevin's Corner

Happy Easter! This Easter, I am struck by the idea of resurrection in a new way. As I reflected on it, the 127th Psalm came to mind.

*Unless the LORD builds the house,
the builders labor in vain.
Unless the LORD watches over the city,
the guards stand watch in vain.
In vain you rise early
and stay up late,
toiling for food to eat—
for He grants sleep to those he loves.*

Throughout our lives, we have all had to face the trials and tribulations of life. Our stressors come from many different places. Sometimes, the stressors we face are in our control and sometimes they are not. As I reflect on my year, most of the stressors that were the hardest for me were beyond my control. For instance, the people in government office or in other offices that wield power in the world are going to do what they believe is best despite any opposition. As I thought about it, I remembered that the people who have held high office or positions that I supported didn't do what I wanted either.

Psalm 127 says, "For He grants sleep to those he loves." On its literal level, one might think this is talking about sleep, but the poetic nature of the psalm is talking about more than that. The Psalm is talking about the things that we "stress out" about. What it is saying is quite simple. Basically, it is saying when we put our trust in ourselves, we end up toiling (causing work and turmoil) in our hearts and minds.

The first verse of the Psalm gives us insight into what it means to transcend some of this turmoil and pain. What does it mean for us to let the Lord build the house? This is as applicable our own homes (our lives) and our church's life. What does it mean for us to let the Lord watch over our city?

We can understand this to mean that we must do our part in looking to the Lord to understand what it is that the Lord would have us do, as well as to trust in the Lord that if our hearts are in the right place, that we will proceed in the light of the Lord's leading.

Now, that might sound simple, but it is not. It can take a great deal of work to shift from our own ways to the Lord's way. Throughout his ministry on earth, the Lord was working with people who, like us, are struggling to make ends meet. It is easy to be distracted by things we cannot change, so we must put our trust in God. We should save our energy for what we can do right now, in the moment. As we hear in Matthew 6:24, "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

Pastor Kevin

Love consists in desiring to give what is our own to another and feeling their delight as is our own.

- Emmanuel Swedenborg

From Rev. Colin Leitch

Truth or Pilate?

“What is truth?” Pontius Pilate asked Jesus. This is one of the more cynical questions in recorded history. Jesus’ life was on the line.

“I am the way and the truth and the life,” Jesus had said. God is truth. The truth is God. This would have meant nothing to Pilate. His was a world based on power. If you had power, you exercised it. If you didn’t, tough luck. Compassion was nowhere to be considered by the Romans.

Truth is everything to us. In the end, the truth of our lives will be all we have, and it will not be altered. Only you and God will really know the truth of your life. Biographies always fall short of the truth.

Pilate’s tired carelessness appears again in scripture as we live in what some are calling a post-truth era. Fake news has become part of our terrain. People in positions of power speak of alternative facts as if such a thing could exist. Truthful hyperbole is smiled upon as a tool of the successful.

This way of thinking leads, sooner or later, to damnation. All of us struggle to be entirely truthful, to lead honest lives. But to accept the manipulation of truth as a normal course of things is to suppose that we can manipulate God. Thankfully, it won’t in the end work.

We are called in this time of casual opinion and lazy interpretation to work harder to find the truth about the issues of the day.

What did the recently withdrawn healthcare bill contain?

Who will benefit from the upcoming proposed tax cuts?

Which countries pollute most and which countries lead in combating pollution?

Why is there so much violence against women?

Facts are often elusive we know. The pursuit of truth takes diligence and perseverance. It's always worth it, even if we don't like what we find. To accept the idea of a post-truth world is to court catastrophe.

And what of the truth about our individual lives? That is the Lenten question. Are we more like Pilate or Jesus?

Are we faithful to the truth as we struggle to find it, or off hand in our awareness of it? Again, finding the truth about ourselves takes work and self-scrutiny. Whatever we do about the truth now, it's where we are heading. If God is our refuge and God the truth, we dare not tarry.

Have a good Easter with God.

Pastor Colin



Lenten Bible Study Series continues on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM. Coffee will be available.

Everyone will get several chances to give their analysis of the reading.

All Are Welcome!!

Please join us!

Let Me Remember...

*On Easter morning as I awake,
I recall memories that make me quacke,
For long ago on Calvary,
My Jesus died to set me free;*

*I'll never really understand,
Why God made such as a wondrous plan,
That When He saw a humble man,
Jesus fulfilled God's perfect plan;*

*The Crown of thorns upon His head,
The blood that for my soul He shed,
The cries of pain and agony,
It was all to set this captive free;*

*In life and death he bore my pain,
To make a way that life I'd gain,
And when He comes for us again,
The plan of God will be made plain;*

*Those nail- scarred hands and feet,
Were all for us to stop defeat,
For now our soul can soar with Him,
The final Battle we will win;*

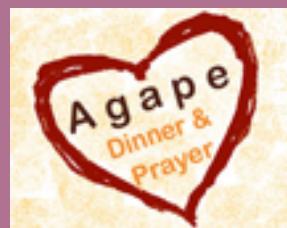
*My eyes will I lift to heaven above,
To catch a glimpse of God's divine love,
Our flight will end in heaven I know...*

~Author Loretta Jane Moore~



Maundy Thursday

April 13 6:00 PM
Service & Agape Dinner
("The Upper Room")



The Maundy Thursday service is a contemplative evening of readings, songs and prayer in which we commemorate the Last Supper of the Lord. Part of our worship will include the sharing of a humble agape meal as a community.



2017 RED SOX SCHEDULE



APRIL						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
2 PIT	3	4	5 PIT	6 PIT	7 DET	8 DET
9 DET	10 DET	11 BAL	12 BAL		TB	TB
16 TB	17 TB	18 TOR	19 TOR	20 TOR	BAL	BAL
BAL ²³ CHC ³⁰	24	25 NYY	26 NYY	27 CHC	28 CHC	29

JUNE						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 BAL	2 BAL	3 BAL
			4 BAL	5 NYY	6 NYY	7 DET
		11 DET	12 PHI	13 PHI	14 PHI	15 HOU
		18 HOU	19 KC	20 KC	21 KC	22 LAA
		25 LAA	26 MIN	27 MIN	28 MIN	29 TOR

AUGUST						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 CLE	2 CLE	3 CWS
				4 CWS	5 CWS	6 CWS
				7 TB	8 TB	9 NYY
				10 NYY	11 NYY	12 NYY
				13 STL	14 STL	15 NYY
				16 NYY	17 NYY	18 NYY
				19 CLE	20 CLE	21 CLE
				22 BAL	23 BAL	24 BAL
				25 TOR	26 TOR	27 NYY

MAY						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 BAL	2 BAL	3 BAL	4 MIN	5 MIN
7 MIN	8	9 MIL	10 MIL	11 MIL	12 TB	13 TB
14 TB	15	16 STL	17 STL	18 OAK	19 OAK	20 OAK
21 OAK	22	23 TEX	24 TEX	25 TEX	26 SEA	27 SEA
28 SEA	29	30 CWS	31 CWS			

JULY						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 TOR	
		2 TOR	3 TEX	4 TEX	5 TEX	6 TB
		9 TB	10 ALL-STAR BREAK	11 TOR	12 TOR	13 NYY
		16 NYY	17 TOR	18 TOR	19 TOR	20 LAA
		25 LAA	26 SEA	27 SEA	28 KC	29 KC

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 NYY	2 NYY
		3 NYY	4 TOR	5 TOR	6 TOR	7 TB
		10 TB	11 OAK	12 OAK	13 OAK	14 TB
		17 TB	18 BAL	19 BAL	20 BAL	21 CIN
		24 CIN	25 HOU	26 TOR	27 TOR	28 HOU
		29 HOU	30 HOU			

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- 7) Consecrated to God [HOLY]
- 4) Swedenborg's spiritual growth [REGENERATION]
- 1) Worship at first light [SUNRISE SERVICE]
- 8) Spring rebirth [RESCRECTION]
- 6) April's sparkling stone [DIAMOND]
- 5) Celebrating the rolling away of the stone [EASTER]
- 3) Hiding new life [EGG]
- 2) Easter's Flower [LILY]
- 9) Giving the government their due. [TAXDAY]
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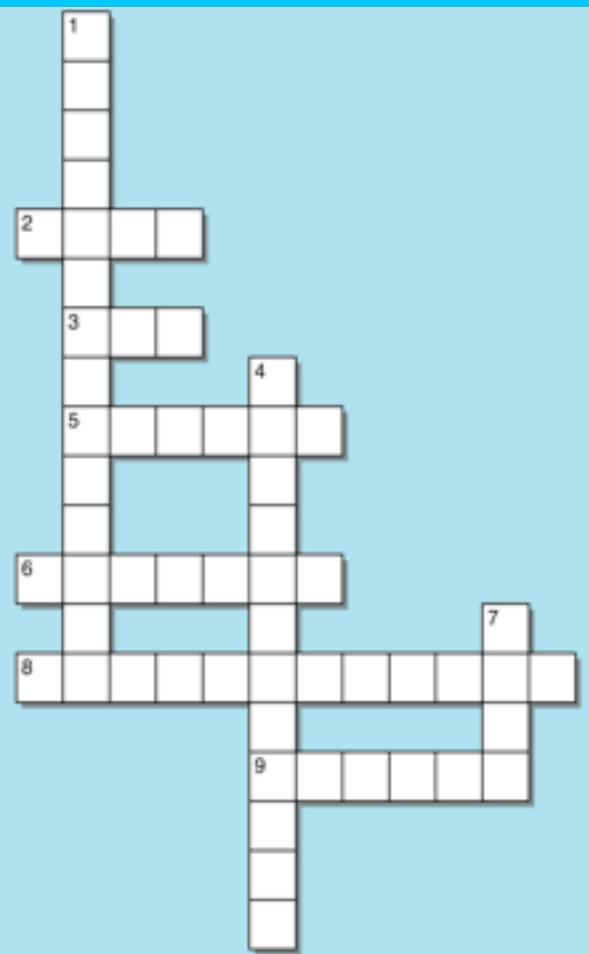
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| Happy Birthday Mike H.
Happy Birthday Cynthia G.
Happy Birthday Maria M.
Happy Birthday Rebecca R.
Happy Birthday Anthony G.
Friends
Rev. Mary Eaton
Rev. Laura Shatzer | 4th
7th
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13th
21st |
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The members of the Church passed the following resolution at the Winter Members' Meeting:

In listening to the fears and concerns of the congregation which arose in response to the recent letter about the Bostonview Board election, the Governance/Bylaws Committee recommends that we postpone the election until the Annual Meeting in June, to provide time for the Board of Governors to appoint a committee to develop a clear and orderly process for nominations and to make recommendations concerning stipends for Bostonview Board members. We further recommend that this committee work on revising the Bostonview Bylaws as a whole prior to December 31, 2017.

Following the meeting, President Doug Peebles, with the approval of the Board of Governors, appointed a Bostonview Review Committee to discuss these issues and to develop recommendations for the June 25 Annual Meeting. Committee members are: Vicki Davis, Janet Forbes, Stanley Goldstein, Lisa Hadley, and Mary Kay Klein.

Please feel free to contact members of the committee to offer input or to ask for information.



Across

- 2) Easter's Flower
- 3) Hiding new life
- 5) Celebrating the rolling away of the stone
- 6) April's sparkling stone
- 8) Spring rebirth
- 9) Giving the government their due.

Down

- 1) Worship at first light
- 4) Swedenborg's spiritual growth
- 7) Consecrated to God

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From the Minister of Music, Mr. Carlton Doctor



Dear Church Members,

March was a very active and exciting month for the Music Program at the Church On The Hill. In addition to the choral, instrumental music and hymns at the Sunday Services, there were two outstanding events, which brought many

guests from our local community into the Church.

On Sunday March 5th the students sponsored by the Church were presented in concert, Amir Siraj, Forrest Eimold and Haig Aram Hovsepian. On Saturday March 25th, we hosted the Max Reger Gala. On that wonderful evening there were performances by Forrest Eimold, piano; Haig Hovsepian, violin; Te Hu, contralto; Fangfei Chen, piano, Timothy McGowan, tenor and Kelsey Debner, soprano. Our special guest of honor, Sharon Daniels, was presented with an award from the Max Reger Foundation and a special proclamation from Mayor Marty Walsh declaring **March 25, 2017 Sharon Daniels Day**. Both of the Church ministers, Rev. Colin Leitch and Rev. Kevin Baxter, were in attendance. Also attending was Tito Jackson, Boston City Councilman.

It is with much pride and respect that I offer my sincere thanks to the Gala Committee. They were Patricia Blakeney (co-chair), Al Cortese, Valerie Dalton, Ora Damon, Blanca DeLeon, Stephen Dyson, Mark Palonen, Patti Sacco, Nicholas A. Tranquillo and Wendy Zinn, who put in many, many hours of work on the planning and execution of our superb event. I must also mention the work of Victoria Davis, who was not on the committee but contributed many hours of work helping with logistics. The Honorary Committee members were Michael Bancewicz, Ran Blake, William Bows, Andrew Garland, Elizabeth Messina and Tod Machover. Offering as much entertainment as the band were Lisa Hadley, dressed as the Wicked

Witch of The East and Elizabeth Hadley, dressed as Dorothy. We all had a wonderful evening.

Please plan on attending the final concert of the 2016-2017 Max Reger Concert Series, on Sunday, May 7, 2017 at 11:00 AM.

I thank you, all, for your continued interest and invaluable support.

Respectfully,
Carlton Doctor
Minister of Music

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

Fuel Assistance

ABCD's Energy Department administers the federal Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). LIHEAP offers financial assistance to qualifying low-income households who require support in paying their home heating bills. Applicants must have a gross income at or below 60% of the state median income.

ABCD's Fuel Assistance Program helps more than 20,000 low-income households in Boston, Brookline and Newton pay fuel bills during the heating season. Read below to learn more about eligibility requirements, and to find out where you can access Fuel Assistance near you.
Call 617-357-6012

Extended until May 12. Apply now.

Hospitality on the Hill



Our partnership with the Oasis Community Dinners were chock-a block full of camaraderie, good will and good eating this month! We had 4 dinners serving on average 200 meals per evening. The menu's this month included, Chicken, ziti & broccoli sponsored by the Church on the Hill, baked chicken by Emily Suggs & St John's, Westwood, Meatballs & sauce with Cynthia Johnson's (MGH) crew and finally hotdogs and beans by Theresa Rasso and her group from St Joseph's! We had volunteers from SUNY Buffalo, Suffolk University & Georgetown as well as COTH, St Pauls Cathedral, Ecclesia Ministries and the neighborhood! Richard Berman made his famous fruit cobbler, Richard Vernon sang for us and both Pastors, Kevin and Colin offered the prayer, as well as pastoral care to all during the evenings. The dinners were full of joy and great cheer and many enduring relationships have been formed. Some of our monthly volunteers have been with us for 25 years! Emily Suggs' children are now grown and join us as well as Alex and Hunter Whitmore who started as National Honor Scholars volunteering here and continue having graduated from college, and bringing their friends from the neighborhood to serve together now. (Maybe we're passing the torch?) For young and old alike, the Monday night dinner provides nourishment for the body and soul. All are welcome. Please join us.

Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

- Hebrews 13:2 (KJV)

Simple Acts of Kindness...

The Touch of the Master's Hand



It was battered and scarred,
And the auctioneer thought it
Hardly worth his while
To waste his time on the old violin,
But he held it up with a smile.
"What am I bid, good people?", he cried,
"Who starts the bidding for me?"
"One dollar, one dollar, Do I hear two?"
"Two dollars, who makes it three?"
"Three dollars once, three dollars twice, going for
three",
But, No,
From the room far back a grey haired man
Came forward and picked up the bow,
Then wiping the dust from the old violin
And tightening up the strings,
He played a melody, pure and sweet,
As sweet as the angel sings.

The music ceased and the auctioneer
With a voice that was quiet and low,
Said "What now am I bid for this old violin?"
As he held it aloft with its' bow.
"One thousand, one thousand, Do I hear two?"
"Two thousand, Who makes it three?"
"Three thousand once, three thousand twice,
Going and gone", said he.

The audience cheered,
But some of them cried,
"We just don't understand."
"What changed its' worth?"
Swift came the reply.
"The Touch of the Masters Hand."

- by Myra Brooks Welch

GROWING OLD

A NOTE FROM MAX LUCADO

Just when the truth about life sinks in, Jesus takes us by the hand and dares us not to sweep the facts under the rug but to confront them with him at our side.

Aging? A necessary process to pass on to a better world.

Death? Merely a brief passage, a tunnel.

There, was that so bad?

Funerals, divorces, illnesses, and stays in the hospital - you can't lie about life at such times. Maybe that's why he's always present at such moments.

The next time you find yourself alone in a dark alley facing the undeniabes of life, don't turn up the TV and pretend they aren't there. Instead, stand still, whisper his name, and listen. He is nearer than you think.

~from God Came Near

*God, you have taught me since I was young. to this day I tell about the miracles you do.
Even though I am old and gray,
do not leave me, God.
I will tell the children about your;
I will tell those who live after me about your might.*

Psalm 71:17-18

*Even when you are old, I will be the same
Even when you hair has turned gray,
I will take care of you
I made you and will take care of you.
I will carry you and save you.*

Isaiah 46:4

*I was young, and now I am old,
but I have never seen good people left helpless or
their children begging for food.*

Psalm 37:25

MANCHESTER BY THE SEA

A movie review by Garret Jordan

Garret hosts the Friday movies at Church on the Hill as well as being the movie critic/review for Spare Change News (SPN).



A gritty little New England fishing village, not far from Boston, is sufficiently important to writer-director Kenneth Lonergan that he makes it the title and the setting of his deeply engrossing new drama. We'd expect to find Manchester's manner and mannerisms on display here, in the brooding characters and scenery alike, and we won't be disappointed.

Brooder-in-chief of his family is loner Lee (Casey Affleck, "The Assassination of Jesse James"), a recently divorced handyman—actually, just a glorified janitor—summoned home by the cardiac arrest of brother Joe (Kyle Chandler, Netflix's "Bloodline"). Joe's alcoholic wife has long been out of the picture, so Lee is named the unwitting, unwilling guardian of Joe's teenage son, Patrick (newcomer Lucas Hedges). It's the last role in the world for which taciturn Lee is prepared: trying to make funeral arrangements while the kid invites pals over for pizza and enlists his "infamous" uncle in a balancing act with his two girlfriends... and counting.

Why is Lee so infamous? Because he picks stupid bar fights? Is he slow-witted, as he seems? Or dazed and suffering from a kind of PTSD after a horrendous event that destroyed his marriage and made him flee from Manchester in the first place?

Director Lonergan is clearly intrigued by dysfunctional guys with a tragic backstory, especially ne'er-do-well uncles as surrogate dads. Such was the case and character of Mark Ruffalo, a similarly Brandoesque brooder in "You Can Count on Me" (2000), with Oscar-nominated Laura Linney, as a brother and sister teaming—and teeming—to raise a problematic fatherless son. His next film, the

controversial "Margaret" (2011), was either a mangled masterpiece or an Orson Wellesian train wreck of excessive length, lateness and lawsuits.

At two and a quarter hours, "Manchester" is likewise long, but Jody Lee Lipes' cinematography helps fill and capture that time nicely, aided by a classical score utilizing Albinoni's immortal Adagio and Handel's "He shall feed his flock" from "Messiah."

But what most elevates the film is its performances. Lucas Hedges is terrific as sharp-tongued, self-absorbed Patrick, forever texting and plotting to get in the pants of multiple girlfriends, and otherwise constantly hitting his uncle Lee up for money or sexual advice. Most stunning, in the end, is Mr. Affleck's quiet delivery, with his deceptively long or dangerously short fuse—depending on the moment. The portrayal of deep, incapacitating numbness, paralyzed by guilt, amounts to his best-ever performance. But it's Dawson's Creek alum Michelle Williams (as Lee's ex-wife Randi) who really makes you reach for the Kleenex, especially when she bares her soul in a truly stunning final monologue.

"Count on Me" and "Manchester" are both infused with beautifully wry, intelligent writing. "Count on Me" is the better movie of the two. (My favorite exchange in it: "Wanna smoke some pot?" Mr. Ruffalo asks Ms. Linney. "No, I don't," she replies with firm disapproval, adding after a beat, "Why? You got some?")

Humor and heartache inform each other. Mr. Lonergan's skill at character development is a rare thing, like his attention to detail, which goes beyond the minimum necessary for plot advancement. A crabby wife tells a playful husband to let the sleeping baby alone—"Don't stir him up!" The excruciating business and mechanics of a death in the family. The awkward, halting conversations—full of painful pauses. All the horses, boys and men can't put this Humpty named Lee back together again. There's no facile, feel-good redemption here. But there may be hope. At least this critic's hope of ending the year on a high note came true.



The Senior Blog

Last month senior lunch had “a no school day” due to the forecasted blizzard. Fortunately, we did not get the predicted blizzard; however, the cold was unbearable, so better safe than sorry!

Senior Computer class continues to grow and progress. While some of us are still using pen and paper, our teacher has a lot of patience so we continue to progress.

We are eager to continue to help the seniors in our community to obtain free cellphones. We know that many who qualify for assistance through outside programs are unaware of them, so the struggle is to inform and assist those in the community who qualify.

We are focusing on starting the “wellness chain” that was mentioned in last month’s newsletter. The chain is a daily call to seniors and others who live alone and may need a simple call, which will help them stay safe and connected.

We welcome anyone who would like to join the chain, even if you do not need a call yourself. Helping ensure the well-being of those in our community is a simple and easy way to show our love.

We are beginning the planning stages for a senior outing. If you have any suggestions, please let Pat Blakeney know, we need your ideas.

If you are interested, we are always welcoming volunteers to assist with our senior events. Please let senior coordinator know.

Pat Blakeney
Senior Coordinator



If you would like to either walk , run or volunteer as part of “Team Church on the Hill” please call the office. There are also opportunities to sign walkers in at the finish line.



A few of the participants of the Senior Computer Class enjoying some laughs.

Church Calendar Events 2017

All are welcome. Come as you are.

April 2017

Sunday Apr 2	11:00 AM	Worship with Rev. Kevin
Wednesday Apr 5	7:00 PM	Bible Study with Rev. Colin
HOLY WEEK		
Sunday Apr 9	11:00 AM	Worship Palm Sunday with Rev. Colin
	12:00 PM	Board of Governors Meeting
Thursday April 13	6:00 PM	Agape Dinner Maundy Thursday
Friday Apr 14	12:00 PM	Prayer Good Friday
Saturday Apr 15	6:00 PM	All Night Easter Vigil (see blue box below)
Sunday Apr 16	6:01 AM	Easter Sunrise Service with Rev. Colin
	11:00 PM	Easter Worship with Rev. Kevin
Monday Apr 17	----	Patriots Day, Marathon Monday (Church Admin. Closed)
Wednesday Apr 19	12:00 PM	Senior Lunch
	1:00 PM	Chat With the Treasurer 1:00 PM
	6:00 PM	“The Richard Berman Variety Show”
Sunday Apr 22		Earth Day
Sunday April 30	11:00 AM	Worship with Sr. Marie “Tess” Brown, SCN

The Easter Vigil will begin Saturday evening at 6:00 PM with an intimate informal service and a time of reflection. All are invited. Some members will be spending the night preparing for the Sunrise and Easter Services. Some will be watching movies and or reading. Maybe dying some Easter Eggs or other related activities.

Race on the river

April 30, 2017

Run of the Charles offers a variety of canoe, kayak, and paddleboard races for all skill levels and a finish-line festival with food, music, prizes, and displays at Artesani Playground.

Japanese festival

April 30, 2017

Japan Festival Boston has Japanese drumming, folk music, arts & crafts, dancing, speakers, exhibitors, and food vendors at Boston Common (Charles St. & Beacon St.). Free.

Church Calendar Events 2017

All are welcome. Come as you are.

May 2017

Sunday May 7	All Day 11:00 AM 1:00 PM	Walk for Hunger Church on the Hill Choir Spring Concert Board of Governors Meeting
Sunday May 14	All Day	Mothers Day
Wednesday May 17	12:00 PM	Senior Lunch
Sunday May 20	10:00 AM	Swedenborgian Class with Rev. Kevin Baxter
Friday May 26	9:00 AM	Mass. Coalition for the Homeless Monthly Meeting
Monday May 29	----	Memorial Day (Church Admin. closed.)

And more to come ...



Below are addresses of members and friends whom you may want to visit or send a card to.

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Note: Ongoing Events

Every Sunday
11:00 AM Worship

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 Wednesday is
Computer Class
1:00 PM

Every Friday is Friday
Flix. 1:30 PM

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



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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

