

The Gnu's Letter

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Not a lot going on right now at church. This weekend in Florida the Swedenborgian Road Angels make their expedition to Bonita Springs on Saturday and Fort Myers on Sunday. This may expand as more Swedenborgian retirees living in Florida get connected with us. In Cincinnati there is a weak effort proceeding to check out if it is practical to have our Something Wonderful Art Show again this year. Covid has thrown a wrench in that as we have lost touch with many of the participating artists from past years. It could happen – but probably not until October.

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UPDATES TO ANNOUNCEMENTS Well, all of the announcements from the August 21st bulletin are still except that the Study Group continues to meet and so next date has been set...

Swedenborg Study Group. We meet **tomorrow at 7:00-8:30 pm.** – We are now at pg. 47 of *When Tragedy Strikes*. Call Gloria if you need the link. BTW, each meeting we start on fresh material, so a newcomer is in no danger of finding themselves coming in on an ongoing discussion. Check it out.

Pulpit Schedule. A reminder for those who keep track of Sunday we have worship, though it hasn't happened yet, the time to switch to our new schedule is getting closer. Recall starting in December we will be changing our 1st-3rd-5th Sunday worship plan to a 2nd-4th-5th worship plan.

Religious Education. The announcements of August 21st included contact information on the British Conference's Swedenborg Open Learning Centre, along with a couple other suggestions. We would like to hear from anyone who does or has gone to their site and let us know what they discovered.

PLANNING FOR 2023 The calendar for 2023 is already being put together in advance of the Annual Meeting in November. The full 2023 Worship Plan has been laid out, not with worship leader names, but with Sundays allocated to member clergy Sherrie and Ron, by guest ministers from farther afield, and "other." Pete has already started to recruit 2023 guest ministers, so now is **YOUR OPPORTUNITY to let him know** if you have any particular ministers you would like to see invited or invited back. Here is a list of those who have participated in the last few years' programs. In **blue font** are others we have had on our recruiting list. Add a name?

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| Rev. Kevin Baxter | Rev. Kit Billings | Rev. Dagmar Bolinger | Rev. Cory Coberforward | Rev. Betsy Coffman |
| Rev. Julie Conaron | Pastor Robin Ferriman | Rev. Catherine Lauber | Rev. Dr. Jim Lawrence | Rev. Renee Machiniak |
| Rev. Dr. Jonathan Mitchell | Rev. Dr. Jonathan Rose | Rev. Terry Schnaar | Rev. Jane Siebert | Rev. Rich Tafel |
| Rev. Colin Amato | Rev. Chris Barber | Rev. Dr. David Fekete | Rev. Carla Friedrich | Rev. Shada Sullivan |

THE CALENDAR At the monthly Board of Director’s meetings, we review the calendar of programs and events for the next few months. Here is a list of all the events scheduled as of today, between now and the end of the year. All times listed are EDST. Cincinnati hosted services are identified by the **worship leaders of the golden font**, and are at 11am. A new addition is Sue Ditmire has agreed to lead the service for the Harvest Feast in November.

- Saturday Aug. 27 Rev. Ron Brugler - Swedenborgian Road Angels service in Bonita Springs, FL
- Sunday Aug. 28 followed by a service in Fort Myers, FL
- Sunday Sept. 4 Pastor Robbin Ferriman
- Sunday Sept. 11 Rev. Clark Echols - Glendale Worship / Also Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**
- Saturday Sept. 17 Bahá’í Presentation**
- Sunday Sept. 18 Rev. Dagmar Bollinger
- Saturday Sept. 24 Community service project – 11am Matthew 25 Ministries
- Friday Sept. 30 Joint Ohio / Michigan Association Meetings run from Friday evening through lunch Sunday
- Saturday Oct. 1 Talk & Tour of the Islamic Center of Greater Cincinnati**
- Sunday Oct. 2 Ohio Association Sunday in Almont, MI (no local service) & Glendale Worship Service
- Sunday Oct. 16 Guest Minister*
- Sunday Oct. 30 Rev. Dr. Sherrie Connelly*
- Sunday Nov. 6 Pete Toot / Annual Meeting of the Corporation
- Sunday Nov. 20 Sue Ditmire / Harvest Feast
- Sunday Nov. 27 Rev. Dr. Sherrie Connelly (1st Sunday of Advent)
- Sunday Dec. 4 Rev. Clark Echols - Glendale Worship
- Sunday Dec. 11 Rev. Ron Brugler
- Sunday Dec. 18 Rev. Catherine Lauber

*Subject to change as arrangements for Guest Ministers are confirmed.

** Sacred Connection events are free but registration is required.



CINCINNATI FOLKS – REMEMBER TO REGISTER FOR THE SACRED CONNECTION VISITS BELOW,

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints 🌀 **Sep. 11, 2022, Noon** 🌀 [8250 Cornell Rd, Montgomery, OH 45249](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/locations/ohio/montgomery)

Noon - 1pm Worship meeting / 1 - 2pm - Presentation of beliefs and Q&A / 2 - 2:30 pm - Munch & Mingle

Baha’i Presentation 🌀 **September 17, 2022, 4:30 pm** 🌀 [Cincinnati Bahá’í Center](https://www.bahai.org/locations/ohio/cincinnati)

2723 Montana Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio-45211

4:30pm Meet and Greet / 5-6pm: Talk on ‘Baha’u’llah’s vision of humanity’ / 6 - 7:30pm: Dinner & Conversations

Talk and Tour of the Islamic Center of Greater Cincinnati 🌀 **October 1, 2022, 1pm** 🌀 www.icgc.us

8092 Plantation Drive. West Chester, OH 45069 🌀 Host/Hostess - Shakila Ahmad/Shabana Ahmed

1 - 2pm Talk on Islam & Muslims / 2 - 2:30pm Witness 2nd prayer in the Mosque / 2:45 - 3:30pm Refreshments/Discussion

THE WORD FIND PUZZLE A bit easier than the Bible Jumble, see if you can find all the below words in the matrix to the right. Words run horizontally, vertically, and diagonally; and can be spelled left to right, right to left, up to down, or down to up. Two words are shown as examples.

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| ANGEL | CART | EXEGESIS | HEARTS | JESUS | OTHER | ROARS | SHUN | TRUTH | WILL |
| ANIMUS | CHURCH | FAITH | HEAVEN | JUST | OWN | ROBE | SINS | UNION | WISER |
| ARCANA | COAT | FEAR | HELL | LOVE | PSALM | ROTE | SMART | UNIVERSAL | WISDOM |
| AREA | DELIGHTS | FIRE | HUMAN | NEAR | REGIONS | SASH | SPIRIT | VASTATION | WORSHIP |
| AVARICE | DIVINE | GNU | HUMBLE | OATH | REPENTS | SERVICE | TASTE | WALK | WOVEN |

BIBLE JUMBLE Provided for Jumble Gymnasts of the Swedenborgian persuasion. The usual rules apply. Unjumble the letters to make 5 key words and then arrange the circled letters to solve the Bible question.

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 G I N F E R ○ _ ○ ○ _ _
 G E W E D _ ○ ○ _ _
 G Y O B E _ ○ _ ○ _
 S N A K H ○ ○ _ ○ _



Where was Daniel tested that he came through without a scratch?
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Last issue’s Bible Jumble solution: (One clue was in the picture – the key words related to the senses. Key words were: Vision, Flavor, Sensor, Thermal, and Tongue
 Gnu-man said, “When David confronted Goliath, what ammunition did he use for his sling?”
 The answer was “five smooth stones.”

Here is the story of David and Goliath as found in in 1 Samuel 17:38-42, 48-51 ³⁸ So Saul clothed David with his armor, and he put a bronze helmet on his head; he also clothed him with a coat of mail. ³⁹ David fastened his sword to his armor and tried to walk, for he had not tested them. And David said to Saul, “I cannot walk with these, for I have not tested them.” So David took them off. ⁴⁰ Then he took his staff in his hand; and he chose for himself five smooth stones from the brook, and put them in a shepherd’s bag, in a pouch which he had, and his sling was in his hand. And he drew near to the Philistine. ⁴¹ So the Philistine came, and began drawing near to David, and the man who bore the shield went before him. ⁴² And when the Philistine looked about and saw David, he disdained him; for he was only a youth, ruddy and good-looking.

⁴⁸ So it was, when the Philistine arose and came and drew near to meet David, that David hurried and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine. ⁴⁹ Then David put his hand in his bag and took out a stone; and he slung it and struck the Philistine in his forehead, so that the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell on his face to the earth. ⁵⁰ So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone, and struck the Philistine and killed him. But there was no sword in the hand of David. ⁵¹ Therefore David ran and stood over the Philistine, took his sword and drew it out of its sheath and killed him, and cut off his head with it. And when the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled.”

A MEMORY FROM THE OLDEN DAYS

Once upon a time, the New Church of Montgomery was really in Montgomery, on East Kemper Road not too far east of Montgomery Road. However, even before that, with the church in the same spot, it was Montgomery that wasn’t there. The church was in Loveland. That was as planned, it was told, because Loveland just sounded right for where our church should be. The property was picked out sometime after the church at Oak and Winslow was taken by eminent domain for the construction of Interstate 75. The church thrived in the new location, had quite a few kids, and some of our current members still recall the Sunday School. A favorite curriculum was based on each week being themed according to the alphabet, with a Sunday for “Angels,” then “Beauty,” and so on. The kids painted T-shirts with pictures of a mouse and their class name, the “Kemper Rodents”, appropriate for a church on Kemper Road. Quite a few field trips were taken with the class decked out in their posh uniforms. A pleasant memory from the ‘70s.

