

glad tidings

a newsletter of
the first spiritualist
church of salem

muriel karolides, pastor emeritus

class: when the time is right

by steven quintiliani, p_{sy}.d.

I started taking classes and sitting in circles almost 20 years ago after being introduced by my best friend to the First Spiritualist Church of Salem in 1985. I greeted his invitation with hesitation, skepticism, and fear. I wondered what I would do if one of the “mediums” gave me a message. Would I be embarrassed or happy about the message? What if she told me something I wasn’t ready for others to know? What if she told me something that I was not ready to know?

At church, I noticed there were a lot of women and very few men and that women were running the service. Later, I learned that in the 1800’s, it was the Spiritualist church that first gave women the opportunity to speak to the public from the pulpit. That evening, the women serving from the platform were the Rev. Gladys Worsencroft and Mrs. Eno Lambert. Mrs. Lambert gave the lecture and served as the message worker. I found the lecture enlightening—and what I found even more remarkable was that she did it without preparation. It was Spirit telling her what to say. She also gave me a message that night that was so evidential that it was obvious she had connected to a Spirit loved one who knew me.

I found the principles of Spiritualism to be elegant and practical. The service was beautiful in its simplicity. I began to attend church regularly, became a member a year later, and started taking development classes. Slowly and surely my communication with spirit developed. I decided to sit in class this

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Editor’s Note:

Look inside this issue for several articles written by the Wednesday night class members as they share their experiences with you. Articles may be edited. Submissions are published at the discretion of the editor and teachers.

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building community through healing

pat cizewski, editor

This year, with the revamping of the church newsletter design has also come a refocus on the purpose of the newsletter toward building community. Our community consists not only of our little church, or even the beautiful neighborhood in which we are located, but “community” has broad implications in Spiritualism. We know that whatever happens in this world happens, at some level, to us. Because we are all created from the same substance, because we all originate from the same source (Infinite Intelligence) we recognize our interconnectedness. Therefore, when the tragedy took place at Virginia Tech, when the explosion in November rocked Danvers, when lives are lost, property damaged, rivers fouled, the earth ravaged...its impact is felt on each of us at the most profound level of all...the spiritual level.

Beginning with this issue, a section of this newsletter is dedicated to healing. Included this month are the names of individuals listed with the National Spiritualist Association of Churches (NSAC) Spiritual Healing Center as well as a few names submitted to me for inclusion in the newsletter...these are individuals who need our healing thoughts and prayers. Please take the time to send them absent healing. After much deliberation, I will not automatically list those individuals whose names have been placed in our healing book. If you want like to submit a name for the newsletter healing list, please send it via email to: SpiritualistGuild@hotmail.com and write in the subject line: To the Editor.

Though a church is a private organization, the newsletter is not a private document; it is mailed to individuals outside of the church, distributed to other churches, and is available to the public. Therefore, to protect the privacy of your loved ones, only first names will be printed in the newsletter healing list. When more than one of the same name is listed, either a last name initial will be included or, if no last name was provided, the same first name will be repeated.

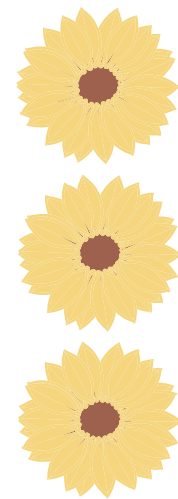
If you have other ideas about how to help build community through this newsletter, please submit them through our email at SpiritualistGuild@hotmail.com.

Your feedback is encouraged.

Emails can be sent to SpiritualistGuild@hotmail.com with the subject line, To the Editor. You can also submit newsletter materials through this same email address.

declaration of principles

1. We believe in Infinite Intelligence.
2. We believe that the phenomena of nature, both physical and spiritual, are the expression of Infinite Intelligence.
3. We affirm that a correct understanding of such expression, and living in accordance therewith, constitute true religion.
4. We affirm that the existence and personal identity of the individual continue after the change called death.
5. We affirm that communication with the so-called dead is a fact, scientifically proven by the phenomena of Spiritualism.
6. We believe that the highest morality is contained in the Golden Rule, “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.”
7. We affirm the moral responsibility of individuals, and that we make our own happiness or unhappiness as we obey or disobey Nature’s physical and spiritual laws.
8. We affirm that the doorway to reformation is never closed against any soul here or hereafter.
9. We affirm that the precepts of prophecy and healing are Divine attributes proven through mediumship.



pastoral committee letter

by nancy karolides, certified medium

a prayer for new beginnings

As spring sheds its warmth with the sunlight all around us; as we breathe in the sweet smelling air; as we listen to the birds as they sing their beautiful songs, and start to build their nests and mate; as we watch the buds form on the trees and look at the pussy willow and forsythia as they begin to flower; as we see the crocus and tulips as they peek through the ground and transform into beautiful flowers; may we, as individuals, look forward to new beginnings with promise and shed our light to the world around us.

Keep us ever mindful that we humans can transform ourselves by trying different strategies and planning new interests to keep ourselves motivated. Nature shows us how to go about it—may we transform ourselves as the butterfly does. May we follow nature in its footsteps by reaching out to our friends, neighbors, and acquaintances with new ideas and with the promise for a better self, community and world.

We give thanks for those April showers that came our way, enjoying them as nourishment for this wonderful earth that we inhabit bringing about the greening of the grass, trees, and flowers and filling the reservoirs so we can have water to drink.

Most of all, let us give thanks with gratitude for all that we have and all that we are. As the sunshine and rain is nature's way of taking care of this wonderful earth, may we enjoy each day just for the enjoyment of it.



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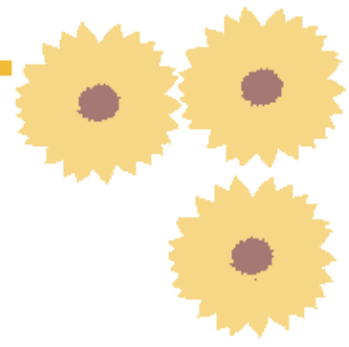


photo gallery

it is never too late to join in the fun!

next event, may 22, the "mechanics of mental mediumship" with british medium john alexander.

angel seminar



church members enjoy camaraderie (above and right) at the angel seminar given by carol marcotte (below)



class night (below)

students enrolled in development classes serve at the annual class night service. left to right (back row): steve quintiliani, mary ciaramitaro, tony lombardo, laurie drake, rev. brad gosselin, gerry ganey, priscilla herrick (teacher), gary hansen, lisa cheney, (middle row) pat cizewski, janice kaplan, sue hinckley, (seated) joyce defazio, rev. elizabeth gosselin, deb mcgee, patti brooks, nancy karolides (teacher)



events

workshop
mechanics of mental mediumship
with john alexander

may 22 at 7 pm

all are welcome
rsvp suggested, call rev. betty gosselin, 978-774-1571

\$25, workshop and refreshments, see separate flyer for more information

the drawing room

private readings with spirit-inspired drawings by rev. betty gosselin. \$40 donation, saturdays by appointment only. rsvp 978-774-1571.

mediums day

rescheduled from may 5 to june 2

noon to 4 p.m.

nationally certified church mediums and student mediums give private readings, \$20 for 15 minutes. therapeutic chair massage and reiki also available, lunch counter, gift table. readings scheduled first come, first served.