

# glad tidings

a newsletter of  
the first spiritualist  
church of salem

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## in a new light

*by pat cizewski*

**W**elcome back for the start of the 2010-2011 church season! Hopefully, your summer has offered you a bit of respite. Typically, the summer is the time when we take what we have learned through guidance in our classes and Sunday services and dedicate ourselves to applying that learning to our daily lives. It is also a time for rest, vacation, and recharging our “batteries.”

This year, however, has been anything but typical.

It began on Memorial Day Weekend when, during the exceptional Carole Lynne workshop, one of the fluorescent lighting fixtures in the sanctuary caught fire. Thankfully, everyone responded quickly and precisely right so that the church suffered no significant fire damage. We are exceedingly grateful for the rapid and professional response of the Salem Fire Department whose management of the situation kept us all safe.

The fire required that we shut down the fluorescent lighting for the remainder of the 2009-2010 season. With daylight savings time and the somewhat longer days, this did not prove to be too much of a problem; in truth, the end of the evening services was quite beautiful with our weekly candle lighting ceremony to provide another light source. Singing “Let There Be Peace On Earth” to candle light each week during the month of June was a lovely way to close our church season.

As we begin this new season, our lighting has been repaired in the sanctuary and you may notice that the effect is somewhat softer and easier on the eyes. The upgraded fixtures add a nice, gentle atmosphere to the beauty of our sanctuary.

May this new light in our sanctuary symbolize for us a new light within ourselves individually and collectively as a church community. May it represent the beacon of light that we send out to the world in peace, harmony, and healing. May we shine forever bright!

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## pardon our appearance

*by pat cizewski*

**W**ith the restoration of the lighting upstairs, the board needed to turn its attention to another pressing problem that had been brewing in the basement. Mold had apparently been growing for some time behind a basement window. Had the window been accessible, this might not have been much of an issue; however, some many years ago fake tile board was installed along one wall and a kitchen installed in front of the tile board. Indeed, the mold grew between the window and the tile board. However, the mold growth was not contained to that hidden window alone. After professional mold testing was conducted, both upstairs (in the sanctuary and the study) and downstairs, the heaviest growth of mold was detected by the old stove hood. Apparently, the “vent” had been leaking water into the kitchen at a rate significant enough to provide the dampness that mold requires to thrive.

By mid June, the board of trustees dedicated themselves to attending a series of emergency meetings to establish a plan of action to remedy the mold situation to protect the health of the church’s congregants and reconstruct a safe and modern kitchen facility. Well aware that there was not enough time to fully remedy and reconstruct the kitchen prior to the start of the new church season, the board courageously moved ahead to take right action...though it would be costly and drain the small savings of the church. Nonetheless, the board of trustees voted unanimously to remediate the mold valuing the health of the congregation over the health of the bank account.

When you proceed downstairs to Olmstead Hall, you will see a work in progress. Though ugly to behold at first, the beauty is at the core...the mold has been remediated and the initial plan for renovation has been drawn up. Board Trustee Deb McGee graciously volunteered to lead the remediation and renovation effort. Her expertise can be seen in the sanctuary, study, and foyer of the church from past renovation efforts she has led. With her appointed team of Laurie Drake and Patti Brooks, she will present kitchen renovation options to the Board of Trustees at a future meeting...the date and time for which have yet to be determined.

The Board of Trustees asks for your support as well as for your forbearance as the next phases of the renovation unfold. Until there is running water available in the kitchen, there is no food service available. The restrooms are accessible and fully functional. When needing to access Olmstead Hall, please use the utmost caution and refrain from entering or exploring the renovation area.

We often say that Spirit works in mysterious ways. We can only trust that these issues presented at the right time for right corrective action. In addressing the challenges the mold and electrical issues have presented to us, we can do our best to, as our healing prayer states, do our part. More information will be forthcoming as the project unfolds. Each of us stands to play a vital and positive role in the renovation and revitalization of our church community.

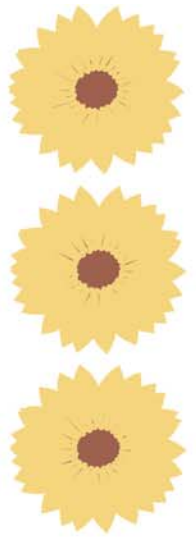
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## declaration of principles

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.

# president's report



**M**any friends and members of the church have stepped up and offered their expertise and/or support during these renovation/repair challenges facing the church. I'd like to give a heartfelt special thanks to:

**Rachel Popok**, for her expertise in testing for the mold. Her efforts saved the church thousands of dollars in testing fees.

**Patti Brooks, Kathleen Byrnes, Joyce De Fazio, Laurie Drake, Rev. Elizabeth Gosselin, Janice Guilford, Helen Riley and Steve Quintiliani** for packing up and prepping the kitchen for demolition.

**Jeff Ganey**, for his tireless landscaping work. Not only does the church thank Jeff, but the neighbors have expressed their appreciation as well.

**Joyce De Fazio, Naomi Ellis and Janice Kaplan** for their Herculean effort and accomplishment to complete the NSAC annual report and submit it by deadline.

**Janice Guilford and Rev. Elizabeth Gosselin** for preparing the sanctuary for opening day.

**Deb McGee**, for her gracious offer to lead the mold remediation and kitchen renovation project. I'd also like to thank her team members, **Patti Brooks and Laurie Drake**. In addition, **Deb** volunteered to prime and paint the back stairs to protect them from further weathering.

**Board of Trustees: Naomi Ellis, Janice Kaplan, Joyce De Fazio, Gerry Ganey, Laurie Drake, Deb McGee, Janice Guilford and Patti Brooks** for your flexibility, endless energy, dedication, and courage to meet and rise to the challenges these issues presented.

**Rev. Bradley Gosselin**, for his accommodating our emergency meeting schedule to provide historical perspective and some guidance regarding meeting protocols. Your continued interest in the business of the board is appreciated.

**Steve Bruno and Kevin Talbot**, our contractors for the kitchen and electrical work, for their honest good work and immediate attention to our repair needs.

**Salem Fire Department and Police Department** for their professional and rapid response to our call for help.

**The members and friends of the First Spiritualist Church of Salem** for their ongoing support to sustain and grow this church community. Every effort, no matter how small or large, be it physical or monetary, is valued and appreciated.

If you are interested in the way that you can provide meaningful support to the church during these challenges, please speak with me following Sunday services, or email me at [info@firstspiritualistsalem.org](mailto:info@firstspiritualistsalem.org).

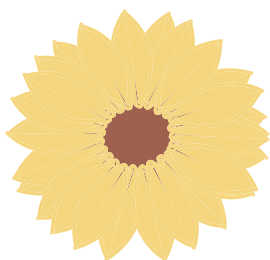
If I have inadvertently missed thanking you for your efforts, please inform me of the omission so that I may have the opportunity to give you my thanks in the next edition of our newsletter.

In loving service,

Pat Cizewski, president

## board of trustees

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## Healing

If you know of someone who is in need of healing, please submit the name through our website at [info@firstspiritualistsalem.org](mailto:info@firstspiritualistsalem.org). Place "healing" in the subject line. Names that are submitted are forwarded to the healers of our church to be remembered in their healing meditations as well as being placed in our newsletter. Please take the time to send your healing thoughts and energy to those on our healing list:

### for our loved ones

Anthony	Brookie	Frank C.	Frank H.
George	Helen	Jason	Jen
Judy	Karen	Kayla	Kim
Kristen	Kristen S.	Madesyn	Mark
Millie	Norman	Peg	Phoebe
Stas			

*We also place the names of our companion animals on our healing list. If you have an animal in need of healing, please do not hesitate to place it on our healing list.*

**Millie, the dog**  
**Sidney, the cat**

## upcoming healing saturdays

The First Spiritualist Church of Salem is open one Saturday each month from 2 pm to 3:30 pm for healing. Come in for 5 minutes or for the full 90 minutes. Meditate, pray, send absent healing, and/or receive a healing by laying-on-of-hands.

**sept 18 • oct 16 • nov 20 • dec 18**



## the olmstead healing center

David LeClair, certified spiritualist healer  
private healing by appointment only

28 riverside street

danvers

978-774-2559

## prayer for spiritual healing

I ask the Great Unseen Healing Force to remove all obstructions from my mind and body and to Restore me to Perfect Health. I ask this in all Sincerity and Honesty, and I will do my part.

I ask this Great Unseen Healing Force to help both present and absent ones who are in need of help, and to restore them to perfect health. I put my Trust in the Love and Power of God.

## healing services

Healing is available every Sunday evening beginning at 6:30 pm. The healing service begins with prayer and song followed by a meditation, at which time our healers are available to give healing through the laying-on-of-hands.

The congregation participates by contributing their own healing thoughts and prayers during the meditation and in sending absent healing to those whose names have been placed in the healing book.

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## sunday services

all services are open to the public  
newcomers welcome

## student service 5:30 pm

students enrolled in development class demonstrate mediumship  
by inspirational speaking and spirit greetings.

note that the food service between the student service and the  
regular evening service is temporarily suspended while the kitchen  
is being renovated.

## regular service begins with healing at 6:30 pm

featured guest speaker and message medium schedule as follows:

### september 12

rev. bradley gosselin, nst  
rev. elizabeth gosselin, nst

### september 19

april sheerin

### september 26

jacqui belleville

### october 3

patricia cizewski

### october 10

rev. eleanor fisher

### october 17

joyce de fazio

### october 24

sue gehling, cm

### october 31

rev. steven hermann

## save the date: october 23

A fascinating seminar on EVP is being offered by  
leading EVP researchers, Brian and Lynn Kent.  
More details to follow. Stay up-to-date on this event  
and others by checking our website:

[www.firstspiritualistsalem.org](http://www.firstspiritualistsalem.org)

## events

classes for spiritual  
unfoldment are offered  
for church members and  
non-members.

classes begin in october.

the non-members class  
meets on tuesday  
evenings, taught by  
priscilla herrick, cm.

the members class meets  
on wednesday evenings,  
co-taught by rev. bradley  
gosselin, nst and rev.  
elizabeth gosselin, nst.

for more information  
about these classes or  
other church-related  
questions, email:

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