

glad tidings

a newsletter of
the first spiritualist
church of salem

muriel karolides, pastor emeritus

forward with a communal heart *by pat cizewski*

Welcome! 'Tis a new season at the First Spiritualist Church of Salem. It is always exciting when, after the hiatus of summer, we rejoin with one another to participate in all that Spiritualism and this church community offers.

This year holds great promise and excitement as we venture forth with new programs to actively pursue our individual and collective spiritual growth. Historically, Spiritualists have been among the most progressive, open-minded members of society. The early Spiritualists were at the forefront of every progressive movement of their time. They ventured where no one had ever been by gathering together, often facing great resistance and oppression. We honor them by remaining true to those same principles of progress and open-mindedness.

This year, we are enthusiastically introducing many new workers to our platform at the regular evening services. Visit our website at www.firstspiritualistsalem.org to see the full slate of scheduled speakers for the 2011-2012 season. From New York City to our own local mediums, there are both new and much loved workers for spirit ready to grace our pulpit.

In addition to the weekly regular evening services, which begin with our healing service at 6:30 pm, we are introducing a monthly Sunday morning service. This allows folks whose schedules cannot accommodate an evening service or who have young children (who need to be to bed early) to still be a part of the family of the First Spiritualist Church of Salem. The speakers schedule for the morning service will differ from that of the evening service, but the same format with an inspirational talk and spirit greetings will be a part of the morning services. The morning services are being held on the first Sunday of every month, beginning November 6, at 10:30 am.

The Guild has been planning an exciting slate of activities for the church community. See the Guild article on Page 5 for details.

The First Spiritualist Church of Salem opens its doors and its communal heart to everyone who enters. We look forward to getting to know you and to join with you in creating a loving and harmonious community.

Editor's Note:

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reflections on 9-11

by naomi ellis

It was 10 years ago when shock and numbness came our way, out of the blue came on the fateful day—two planes—two towers came down that day. We, the people of this great nation, watched in horror. How could this be? Our hearts cried out in unison, for the fire and smoke and debris—how could any survive that devastation?

It was like the “shot heard around the world.” People from all corners of the world shared in the pain and shock. How could this be, how could this happen? Many prayers were sent out, “God how can this be, please help.”

There were many here that fateful day, fire, police, rescue, and people on the street all helping in any way they could—angels one and all.

Many people in the days, weeks, and months that followed went to the site, to gawk, observe, pray, lay flowers and take photos.

For me, it was three years ago when I took a bus trip to upstate New York. One of the “things to do” was to take a tour into the city to visit the area. I thought at the time I now was ready and had the courage visit “Ground Zero” as it is called, and I did want to honor all those who lost their lives that day.

As the elevator climbed up in the building across the street, amidst the babble of voices, approaching this floor-to-ceiling windows, the talking of the tour director, the people talking, the clicking of photos, I went numb—I faded back into a secluded corner away from my group. As I gazed across and down, I felt the silent tears flowing down my face, holding back the sob caught in my throat. Oh, dear God, the energy was still strong...the anguish so deep. I was caught in time, not just my body vibrating—but to still feel this after seven years was amazing. I connected with spirit and sent out my prayers, also to the ones who survived that day, for you know a part of them died that day, not only knowing the souls that were lost but just to witness the devastation—it was a testament to the people of New York who bonded together and showed how strong they could be through all of this.

Sometimes 10 years seems like an eternity, but even now reflecting on that day, it is like the first day.

Many things have grown from that day, but the most I became aware of was the renewed patriotism in this country—all the people stood as one as old glory passed them by hands across the hearts or saluting the flag. At all kinds of events, whether sporting, concerts or functions in halls—at half time, our national anthem plays and people stand and sing.

What a tragic loss for our great nation to be reminded of the gift of freedom we take for granted at times. Good did come from this in many ways. People have reached out of their comfort zone to ensure that this can never occur again. People remember the power of prayer, reaching out to God, angels, or whatever their belief system may be. We are truly one people of this great planet earth we call home. For a few days after that fateful day, the planes stopped flying, in the night sky the stars shined brightly—a testament to the souls lost, twinkling away, life continued.....

Your feedback is encouraged. Emails can be sent to info@firstspiritualistsalem.org 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.

president's message

by *patricia cizewski*

Many hands and many hearts were busy throughout the summer months preparing first for a wedding, then a memorial service, and finally, the first Sunday of the new church season.

Thanks go to Deb McGee, who brought the kitchen renovation project to a successful and beautiful conclusion. To those members and friends of the church who gave their time to both the inside and outside beautification projects including sanding, painting, cutting, weeding, and cleaning, cleaning, cleaning I thank you: Patti Brooks, Joyce De Fazio, Laurie Drake, Naomi Ellis, Gerry and Jeff Ganey, Janice Guilford, Corrinne Hamilton, Janice Kaplan, Deb McGee, Kevin Nicholson, Dawn Richards, and Helen Riley. If I have inadvertently omitted a name, my sincere apologies...please let me know so that I can offer my thanks to you both personally and publicly.

I wish I could say our work was done...

In addition to some finishing details with Olmstead Hall, the church fought a carpenter ant infestation in one of the front church pillars. They were hungry, voracious critters who rapidly made sawdust of one pillar base and part of the attached railing. Not one to easily or quickly turn to insecticides, there really was no other way to stop the infestation. It took two months to finally rid the columns of the ants, but not before considerable damage was done to the pillar base. Hopefully, the base can be replaced before the snow flies, but we don't yet know what that might entail. Stay tuned...

Congratulations to the church delegates for the NSAC Convention:

Delegates to this year's annual convention are: Gerry Ganey, Jeff Ganey, and the Rev. Elizabeth Gosselin. Thank you for answering the call to serve in this capacity and represent your church at National Convention.

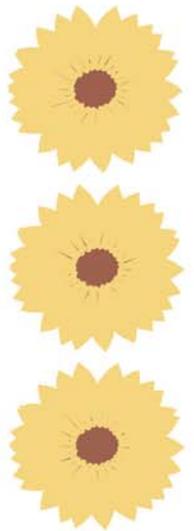
If you are an active member in good standing of the First Spiritualist Church of Salem and want to serve as a delegate or alternate to the NSAC convention, please speak with Patricia Cizewski. We a couple of seats open if you are interested in attending this year's convention. The 119th Annual Convention is October 2 to October 8 in Buffalo, NY (Millennium Hotel). The host for this convention is the 100-year old First Spiritualist Temple of East Aurora, NY.

Delegates attend convention meetings and vote on issues of policy and finance helping to set the direction for the entire body of NSAC churches. It is a wonderful opportunity to network, meet Spiritualists from around the country, and do your part to influence and direct the future course of Spiritualism in this country.

For more information regarding the convention visit the NSAC website at:
<http://www.nsac.org/>

As the new church season begins, I'd like to welcome you. If you are newcomer to our church and/or to Spiritualism, we invite you to ask questions and visit our website to learn more about the church and Spiritualism. To returning congregants, friends, and members, welcome back! I invite you to help the board of trustees build a harmonious and progressive community of Spiritualists moving ever forward for the highest and best.

Many blessings,
Pat



2011

meeting schedule

**meetings are held in
olmstead hall**

guild meeting

september 25

meeting begins 3:00 pm

member's meeting

november 20

meeting begins 1:00 pm

to submit ideas email
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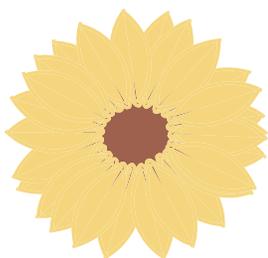
patricia brooks

laurie drake

gerry ganey

janice guilford

debra mcgee



Healing

If you know of someone who is in need of healing, please submit the name through our website at 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	Corrinne	
Frank C.	Helen	Jason	Jeff
Jen	Jim	Karen	Kayla
Kim	Kristen	Kristen S.	Linda
Mary H.	Millie	Norman	Peg
Rick	Stas	Taylor	

Frank Herrick for a smooth transition to Spirit.

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.

upcoming healing saturdays

The First Spiritualist Church of Salem is open one Saturday each month from 11am to 12:30 pm for healing. Come in for 5 minutes or for the 90 minutes. Meditate, pray, send absent healing, and/or receive a healing by laying-on-of-hands.

**september 17 • october 15 •
november 12 • december 17**



the olmstead healing center

David LeClair, certified spiritualist healer

private healing by appointment only

28 riverside street

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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.

a class act

The First Spiritualist Church of Salem offers opportunities for those individuals who are interested in their spiritual development and the Spiritualist practices of healing and mediumship.

This year, the First Spiritualist Church of Salem is expanding its roster of opportunities, while also continuing its established classes. Classes will begin in October and the specific dates will be announced at a future time.

Tuesday nights Priscilla Herrick will continue teaching her non-members class.

Wednesday nights, Rev. Betty Gosselin will continue teaching the members class.

Thursday nights, a Morris Pratt study group will be introduced and facilitated by Pat Cizewski. Students who attend this class must be current members in good standing of the church and *actively* enrolled in MPI. (Students of the MPI class may sit in the Wednesday night class as well, if they so choose.)

Monday nights, once-a-month circle for newcomers. If you have never sat in circle and want to learn more about development, but are not yet ready for a weekly commitment, this circle is for you! Joyce De Fazio, facilitator.

For more information, write to the pastoral committee at: info@firstspiritualistsalem.org.

Your inquiry will be forwarded to the appropriate teacher/facilitator for enrollment and to answer any questions.

For more information about any of the church's programs, activities, services, or to contact a member of the pastoral committee, teacher, or board member, email info@firstspiritualistsalem.org.

To offer feedback, please visit our website and complete one of the feedback forms at:

www.firstspiritualistsalem.org

Our website is also registered with PayPal for a fast, convenient, secure way to register and pay for events or to make a donation to the church.

catch the salem spirit

by guild president, patricia brooks

The Guild met over the summer to begin planning activities for the new season at church. Lots of ideas were floated for this year and our first activity will be a Karma Kafe with singer/songwriter Antara.

Some of you may remember **Antara** from her performance in January...and if you missed her then, be sure to catch her this time! **September 30 at 8pm**. A \$15 donation will be taken at the door and it includes all the coffee/tea you can drink and **free pastries**. There will be no spirit greetings with this Karma Kafe.

In October, **Rev. Thomas Kearns** of Albany, New York, will be doing a weekend of events for the church. On **Friday, October 28**, he'll conduct a **red light séance** for transfiguration. Then, on **Saturday, October 29**, he's running a full day **seminar on astrology**. The morning session will be on the basics of astrology and how to read your own birth chart. The afternoon session will be on the transits to your chart. The cost and times are still being worked out, as well as housing for Tom. **If you can sponsor Tom for the weekend, please contact board president, Pat Cizewski.**

Lots of other ideas from our summer meeting include:

A **holiday sing-a-long** led by church congregant and musician Sara German in December.

Reiki I and Reiki II classes.

Reiki Master class.

A **Chef-prepared dinner** with a cooking lesson by the chef.

Victorian clothing making workshop in preparation for this year's Victorian Weekend.

Angel writing class.

Spring **Karma Kafe** with a **featured poet** and **participatory poetry slam**.

Animal communication seminar.

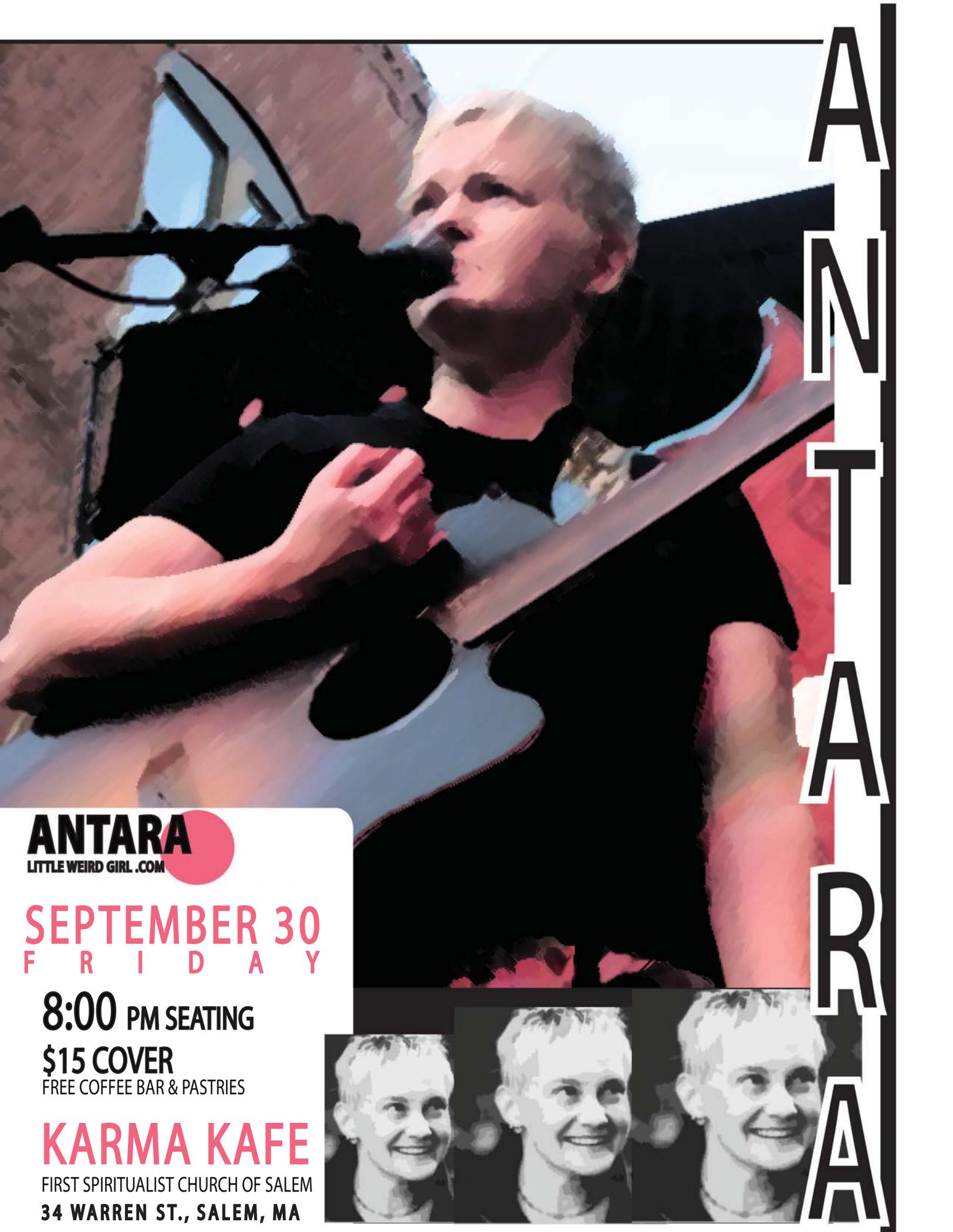
To discuss these ideas and new ones, the Guild will hold its first **meeting** of the new year on **Sunday, September 25 at 3pm** in Olmstead Hall. Please join us. We are open to both friends and members of the First Spiritualist Church of Salem and enjoy exploring new ideas.

Last, but not least, I want to thank everyone who rolled up their sleeves this past season for a short, but very successful Guild season. No one person can plan and do all of the work that is needed to bring exciting and fun activities to the church...but together, we can move mountains. Thank you to each of you...we moved some pretty big mountains last year! This year, we invite you to catch the Salem spirit...see you on September 25!



Antara rockin' the house at the January Karma Kafe. **Don't miss her this September 30 as she does it again!**





ANTARA

ANTARA
LITTLE WEIRD GIRL .COM

SEPTEMBER 30
FRIDAY

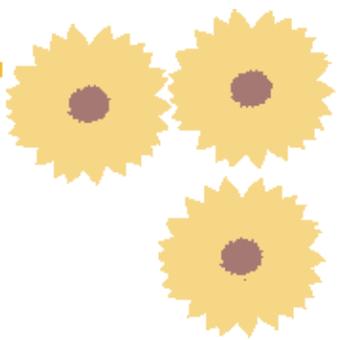
8:00 PM SEATING

\$15 COVER
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KARMA KAFE

FIRST SPIRITUALIST CHURCH OF SALEM
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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.
a light lunch is served following the early student service.

regular service begins with healing at 6:30 pm

featured guest speaker and message medium schedule as follows:

september 11
9-11 commemoration

november 6
tba

september 18
laura bonetzky-joseph

november 13
rev.'s brad and betty gosselin

september 25
patricia cizewski

november 20
joyce de fazio

october 2
janet kennedy

november 27
rev. rita berkowitz

october 9
patricia mellman

december 4
rev. carole lynne

october 16
rev. irene harding

december 11
pamela edmunds

october 23
sirry berndsen

december 18
candle light service

october 30
rev. thomas kearns

e v e n t s

karma kafe with Antara, friday, september. 30, 8pm

red light séance with rev. tom kearns, friday, october 28

astrology workshop with rev. tom kearns, the professor of astrology, saturday, october 29

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