

glad tidings

a newsletter of
the first spiritualist
church of salem

muriel karolides, pastor emeritus

class: the spirit connection

by mary ciaramitaro

I sit in class with the hope of expanding my awareness and developing a relationship with those in Spirit who help me to be of better service to myself and others.

In developing my relationship with Spirit and focusing on the positive, it has helped me to share with others that which Spirit gives to me.

In opening my awareness to the spiritual realm, it helps me to identify things that push me forward in life and the things that hold me back. That which holds me back is recognized by those in Spirit as they work with me to let go and move forward. It is the understanding that life is continual and that love never dies; nothing ever dies, it just changes form and moves forward.

I do not have a goal or expectation in my connection with Spirit; however, I do have a yearning to be a good healer and to share the healing and love energy with those who are in need. To share with others the knowledge and compassion of Spirit so that they may enrich their lives with the love and energy and support of all who are so willing to be of assistance to us in our everyday lives.

more personal stories on page 4

Editor's Note:

Look inside this issue for several articles written by the Wednesday night class members as they share their experiences with you. If you are a member of the Tuesday night development class and would like to participate in this series of articles about the reasons you sit in class and the benefit you gain from it, please submit your writing to your teacher or to the editor. Articles may be edited. Submissions are published at the discretion of the editor and teachers.

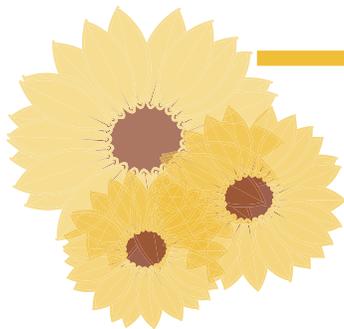
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find me a friend

pat cizewski, editor

Everyone needs a friend. At least one...two is better. In friendship, the adage, "more is better," really does apply.

A church needs friends, too; the more friends, the better.

The previous issue of *Glad Tidings* sported a new design and a renewed purpose: to help build and maintain a vibrant church community. Realizing that purpose necessarily depends on the quality and quantity of individuals this little church can count as its friends.

This month, the Guild is trying a new and different fund-raiser: A Pampered Chef Cooking Show scheduled for Saturday, February 10 at 2 pm. All are welcome, and everyone who attends is encouraged to bring a friend. This event is a fun, light-hearted and easy way for folks who have been curious about our little church to see the kinds of people who attend and maybe even make a new friend or two.

Through that connection resides the potential for the church to find another friend.

- A friend who attends Sunday services
- A friend who contributes to the lunches
- A friend who decides to explore healing or mediumship through our classes
- A friend who contributes mightily and generously his or her ideas, efforts, energies, and yes, monetary support

A community is defined by its people. A community of like-minded individuals is a powerful force, especially when that community is built upon the principles of love, healing, peace and Spirit guidance. Imagine Sunday services with the church pews filled to capacity. Imagine the need for classes to be held every night of the week because there are so many people interested in spiritual development. Imagine one new friend after another seeking and finding fulfillment amid the embrace of this little church.

This church was once a Friends' Meeting House before Spiritualists purchased it. In many ways, it remains a friends' meeting house for the people who gather here—many souls reaching as one voice and one heart for the highest and the best—growing friend, by friend, by friend.

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.



president's report

by rev. bradley gosselin

Our semi annual members meeting is fast approaching and will be held in March in compliance with our by laws.

march 4 members meeting

In anticipation of the members meeting to be held on March 4 in Olmstead Hall, the Board of Trustees will meet on February 25. If you have any items for discussion or consideration by the Board of Trustees for the members meeting, I encourage you to forward them to the Board Secretary, Nancy Karolides, for inclusion on the agenda. We'll be preparing a preliminary agenda at the February meeting, and though all of our meetings are open member forums and it is not necessary or mandatory to submit items prior to them, it is helpful to the board to have an idea of the scope of the agenda to facilitate a smooth meeting.

by law proposal

Already on the agenda is a by law proposal from the November members meeting which will be presented for a vote at this meeting. A second proposal will also be submitted for a vote in November.

nsac convention delegates: portland, maine

The other important business for the members meeting is the election of delegates for the annual NSAC convention. Scheduled for October, the convention will take place in Portland, Maine, and several individuals have expressed an interest in attending as delegates. We are allotted four (4) delegates for the convention.

Respectfully,
Reverend Bradley Gosselin, NST, President

board of trustee officers

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meeting schedule

board meetings

board and church members only

sunday, february 25

following the regular evening
service, olmstead hall

guild meetings

everyone is welcome

sunday, february 18

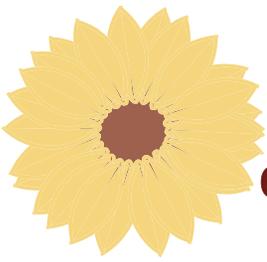
3:30 pm, olmstead hall

members meeting

board and church members only

sunday, march 4

time tba, olmstead hall



class: healing hands

I wanted to become a medium and I wanted to learn more about the religion of this beautiful little church.

These are the reasons I decided to take classes.

When I first started attending church, the messages I received from those in my family who had passed helped me more than I could ever say. It was also deeply touching for me to see the reactions of others in the congregation when they received messages from their loved ones. I remember sitting in church thinking how wonderful it would be if I could become a medium and bring Spirit messages to those who really needed to know that their loved ones were with them always, even though they couldn't physically see them any longer.

As it has turned out, I am not helping people in the way I originally planned, but it doesn't matter. Even though I am not yet a medium, I am helping people to heal mentally, emotionally and physically by serving as a conduit for God's healing energy. I have been a student healer for five seasons now and it is a wonderful journey. I have learned so much, but I still have a great deal to learn.

Learning to become the best that I can be so that I can be the best conduit for the healing energy is what I have dedicated myself to since I came to this church. If I am not the best I can be physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually, then I cannot be a good channel to help those who need God's healing energy. It's really hard work, but it is so worth it! I am so very blessed and I thank God and Spirit every day.

by laurie drake

I took this class for the meditation, the healing and the relaxation. I wanted to learn more about Spirit. My goal is to learn more about Spiritualism and healing.

by tony lombardo

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.



the olmstead healing center

David LeClair, certified spiritualist healer

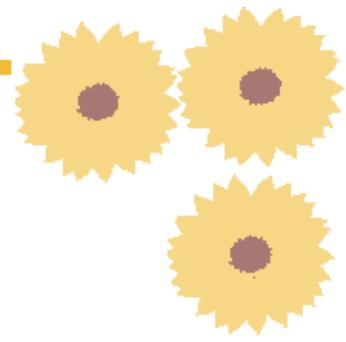
private healing by appointment only

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sunday services

all services are open to the public
newcomers welcome

early service begins at 5:30 pm

students from enrolled in development class demonstrate mediumship by inspiration speaking and spirit greetings. a light lunch is served following the early service.

healing service begins at 6:30 pm

service includes meditation, prayer for healing, and spiritual healing given by the church's healers

regular service begins immediately after healing service

featured guest speaker and message medium schedule as follows:

february 4
rev. betty and rev. brad gosselin

february 11
mary ciaramitaro

february 18
priscilla herrick

february 25
tba

march 4
maria halverson

march 11
rev. eleanor fisher

e v e n t s

pampered chef cooking show fund-raiser

february 10 at 2 pm

all are welcome
please rsvp by email to
SpiritualistGuild@hotmail.com

special gift to those who bring
a friend

the drawing room

private readings with spirit-
inspired drawings by rev.
betty gosselin. \$40 donation,
saturdays by appointment
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all message circle

held one monday per month,
these all message circles are
conducted by the rev. betty
gosselin and nancy karolides,
certified medium. limit 12
participants per circle, \$15
donation. call 978-774-1571
for schedule and rsvp.

valentine's raffle

two items are being raffled
for valentine's day, a basket
of tlc items and a pair of
cuddly, snuggly stuffed
animals. tickets for sale
before classes and at the
lunch between the early and
evening sunday services.