

glad tidings

a newsletter of
the first spiritualist
church of salem

muriel karolides, pastor emeritus

charter sunday

by priscilla herrick, cm

As we enter the month of June with our church season drawing to a close, we are reminded that it was on June 4, 1894 that this church was issued its original charter by the National Spiritualist Association, later and currently known as the National Spiritualist Association of Churches.

One can only look back in awe at the history of love and sacrifice that has brought us to this point in time. Those many devoted Spiritualists who gave of their time and monetary gifts to insure that this church and its declaration of spiritual truths would endure for future generations. Their labors of love solidified the very foundation upon which we stand. A foundation created not only of brick and mortar but of dedication and perseverance.

As the torch of truth has been passed to each new generation it continues to be fueled by the enduring inspiration of our predecessors. Leaders who, through the inspiration and guidance of Spirit, have preserved for us this glorious abode and have earned their place in our hearts and in the hearts and memories of all those who have been touched by their efforts.

As we celebrate another year, let us reflect on our own journey and of the sanctity of that which has been entrusted to us to pass on to future generations.

Editor's Note:

This year we ran a series of articles written by students of the Wednesday night development class. Next season, look for a series by friends and members of the church on the fulfillment they receive from Sunday services.

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'tis the season

pat cizewski, editor

't is the season when the First Spiritualist Church winds down for its summer hiatus allowing each of us to recharge our spiritual batteries during the summer months of July and August.

However, just because the church functions are at rest does not mean an absence of activity among its friends and members. Blessedly, the church was spared any flooding problems this spring, but we are still planning on some renovation and rejuvenation projects both inside and outside the church structure. Look for calls for work crews being sent out through email, regular post, and the church website.

As Spiritualists, we know that there are lessons in every situation. When the church flooded last year destroying Olmstead Hall, church members and friends donned work boots and bandanas and slogged through months of cleanup and rebuilding. In that effort, we rebuilt the spiritual community of the church. Established friendships were strengthened and new friends made. People gave...as is often the case in trying times...their effort, talent, and monetary support...to restore, rejuvenate and revitalize Olmstead Hall. We didn't realize how sorely that restoration was needed until it was completed and we could all stand back and see what a difference we had made, not only in the physical environment, but in the human/spiritual environment, too. We grew stronger in our bonds as a Spiritual family.

Continuing that vibration into the new church season, we ushered in a redesign of the newsletter and the ongoing effort (still behind the scenes) to create a new, more expansive website. Students in the Wednesday night members' development class answered the call to participate in developing the newsletter by writing very personal articles about their experiences in taking classes and being touched by Spirit. We tried new types of seminars and fund-raisers. Success builds upon success.

No doubt, there will be more opportunities over the summer and throughout next season to pull together to renovate, rejuvenate and revitalize our church materially, financially, and spiritually. As these projects are announced, let each of us continue to answer the call in any and every way that we are able. Though we are nearing the end of our church season, the truth is, every season 'tis the season for giving, growing, loving and rejoicing.

Your feedback is encouraged.

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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 letter

by rev. brad gosselin, nst

The church season is rapidly coming to a close. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their contributions to a successful spiritual and financial season. So many have contributed when and as they could; this makes for a successful season.

Elizabeth and I will be away for most of June as my NSAC Board responsibilities and commitments to serve other churches are fulfilled. While we will be away the first Sunday in June, know that our love and prayers will be with you and our founders as you celebrate Charter Sunday.

We have a legacy and tradition to live up to as we celebrate our 113th year as an NSAC chartered church. I know there will be more about this elsewhere.

As you relax, refresh and reinvigorate yourself this summer, take time to visit our camps local or out of state. There is a listing in the *The National Summit* and information is available through our NSAC website located at www.nsac.org.

When we return in September, the new season starts with a return visit from our friend from New Zealand, John Goldingham. John will be doing a workshop and then the evening service on September 16th. Information will be available on our website and our newsletters as details become available.

In closing, a special thanks to our newsletter editor for keeping us so well informed and to Pat Cizewski and Laurie Drake for working so hard to take over and update our website.

Enjoy the summer.

Rev. Bradley Gosselin, NST
Church President



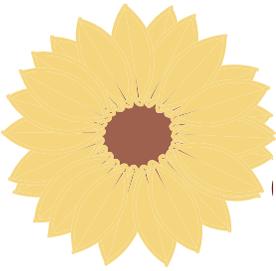
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healing requests

This section of the newsletter is dedicated to healing. Included this month are two lists: human and companion animal. Spiritualists recognize that our beloved animals possess their own, unique spirit energy and can, like people, be in need of healing. Furthermore, The First Spiritualist Church of Salem recognizes the dedication of humans to their companion animals through the support and loving care they give to the Infinite's wondrous creatures.

Our healing thoughts and prayers are needed. Please take the time to send those on our healing lists absent healing. To submit a name for the newsletter healing section, please send it via email to:

SpiritualistGuild@hotmail.com and write in the subject line: To the Editor. Indicate if the name is for an animal, and if so, the particular species (cat, dog, and so on).

Names are not taken from the church healing book and placed in this newsletter. To protect the privacy of your loved ones, only first names are 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 the same first name will be repeated.

human friends

- Jen
- Millie
- Helen
- Daniel
- Aunt Helen
- Peg
- Jim
- Mark

companion animals

- Cocoa (cat)
- Maggie (horse)
- Timmy (cat)



the olmstead healing center

David LeClair, certified spiritualist healer

private healing by appointment only

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prayer for spiritual healing

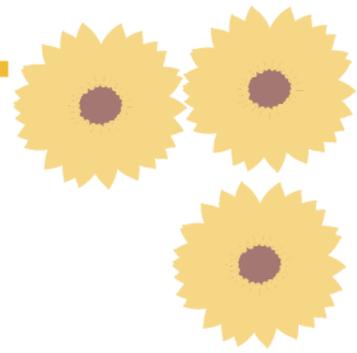
I ask the Great Unseen Healing Force to remove all obstructions from my mind and body and to Restore me to Perfect Health. I ask this in all Sincerity and Honesty, and I will do my part.

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.



sunday services

all services are open to the public
newcomers welcome

early service begins at 5:30 pm

students enrolled in development class demonstrate
mediumship by inspirational 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:

June 3
Phyllis Brown, featured speaker
with musician Brad Mehring

June 10
TBA

June 17
TBA

June 24 (closing Sunday)
Rev. Elizabeth Gosselin, featured speaker

e v e n t s

lily dale informational meeting

Sunday, June 10
4:30 p.m.
Olmstead Hall
(downstairs at the
church)

an informational
meeting for all those
who are registered for
the trip to Lily Dale

annual church picnic

tentatively scheduled
for August 26 at the
Willows, more details
to come

church grounds clean-up day(s) TBA

a June flyer and midsummer
issue of the newsletter will
be released with more
details on summer projects,
the annual picnic, the
church reopening in
September, and early fall
activities