



# glad tidings

a newsletter of  
the first spiritualist  
church of salem

muriel karolides, pastor emeritus

## the joy i find in spiritualism: conclusion

I am going to include my father's story of healing because he gave such a good example of a man's strong faith in Spirit These are my father's words: *by debbie leclair*

All the world has known of the greatest hands-on healer ever. He could heal the blind so that they could see, heal the crippled so they could walk...Jesus. Today, Spirit's hands-on healers take the healing power from Spirit and transmit their energy into the bodies of those who seek their help. There are many times that Spirit must put that power into the hands and minds of Earth doctors, though this is unknown to them. This is done to help them prescribe the right medicines and make the right decisions.

I was born a Spiritualist. In fact, my birth was foretold to my father. My father was told that he would be buying a white house, and in that house a baby boy would be born. It was twelve years since his last child was born, so he had his doubts. My parents did buy that house and I was born in that house. My father became a strong Spiritualist and medium and he instilled in me my strong beliefs.

At the time of the Korean War, I was getting ready to go into the army. My mother received a message from Spirit and was told that if I wore the gray uniform, I would not return. For unknown to me or anyone else, I had already developed tuberculosis. I was admitted into the sanitarium in very poor condition. The doctors told my mother that they had their doubts that I would ever recover. Spirit told my mother that if I ate everything put before me and did everything I was told by the doctors, I would be fine. To the amazement of the doctors, I was released nine months later, cured. I entered the sanitarium weighing 130 pounds and left weighing 200. Boy, did I eat!

The next 30 years was like heaven on earth. I married, had two children and was enjoying life.

In 1985, I was diagnosed with cancer and all preparations and treatments were to be done at Salem Hospital. My wife went for a reading and was told by Spirit that they saw me going to Massachusetts General Hospital for treatments and that there would be two trips. We were in a dilemma: How do we tell the doctors

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### Editor's Note:

This series of articles is written by members of the First Spiritualist Church of Salem about what attracted them to Spiritualism and this church. Visit our new website at [www.firstspiritualistsalem.org](http://www.firstspiritualistsalem.org) and share your thoughts about what you'd like to see on the website and read in the newsletter. Email at [info@firstspiritualistsalem.org](mailto:info@firstspiritualistsalem.org).



## share the esprit, share the spirit

*by pat cizewski, editor*

**T**he anticipation of spring with its bright colors and mellow temperatures is palpable...so, too is the reawakening of activity and esprit at the First Spiritualist Church of Salem. It's true. You can virtually feel it in the air. Esprit—the liveliness of spirit!

From the excitement being generated by the hat making/Victorian dress-making workshop on April 5 in preparation for the church trip to Lily Dale to the psychic art workshop on April 26 to welcoming Leonard and Amalia FourHawks on May 17, the energy of the First Spiritualist Church of Salem is raising spirits (no pun intended), raising funds, and raising spiritual awareness.

In addition to the workshops and Lily Dale trip, the First Spiritualist Church of Salem also introduced its Saturday Healing Center during the annual Peace Week celebration in early March. Beyond the Sunday Healing Service conducted weekly at 6:30 pm, the doors of the church are now open for healing one Saturday per month. **The next healing Saturday is scheduled for April 12 from noon to 4 pm.**

Healing represents not a small part of Spiritualism. We understand that healing comes in many forms and people have different needs and comfort levels. Spiritualism does not require that the recipient of healing be a believer...not of the healing energy itself nor of any particular religion or philosophy; anyone and everyone, Spiritualist or non-Spiritualist, is invited to visit the church. Stay for five minutes or the entire four hours and

- Pray for whatever you might need: healing for yourself, for others, for Mother Earth, for peace...
- Sit in quiet meditation.
- Receive a healing from one of the church's healers via laying-on-of-hands.
- Send an absent healing to someone in need.

Most especially, be a part of the excitement and spread the word...let your friends and family know that there is a dynamic community dedicated to upliftment, unfoldment, learning, spirituality, and healing at the First Spiritualist Church of Salem. Introduce someone new through the workshops, the Saturday Healing Center, or Sunday services...but let's not keep it all for ourselves. Both *Spirit* and *esprit* are meant to be shared.

*Your feedback is encouraged.*

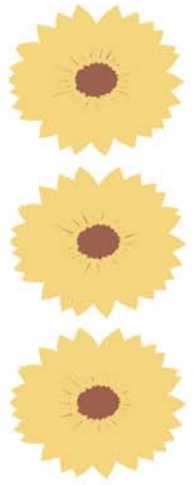
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## declaration of principles

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 report

*by rev. bradley gosselin*



Our semi-annual members meeting was held on March 2, 2008. The members selected Nancy Karolides, Mary Ciaramitaro, Sue Hinckley, and Rev. Elizabeth Gosselin as delegates to represent this church at the National Spiritualist Association of Churches (NSAC) Annual Convention. Priscilla Herrick and Gary Hansen were selected as alternate delegates. We still have an openings for two alternate delegates. If a member of the church is interested in filling one of these positions, please contact me as the church president so that I can bring your name forward to the board of trustees. The convention is scheduled for the week of October 6 through October 11 in Phoenix, Arizona.

During the meeting all existing committee positions were filled. In addition, I appointed a new committee: the long range planning committee with Pat Cizewski chair and Gary Hansen co chair. Any member wishing to contribute to the efforts of the Long Range Planning Committee, please contact Pat or Gary for more information.

Plans have been finalized for the Lily Dale visit in July. Information is available on our website or you can speak with trip organizer, Pat Cizewski if you have any questions.

We are looking forward to the annual class night on March 16 (Palm Sunday). This is always a very special night for our church because the evening service features our members who sit in unfoldment classes; some who are serving from the platform for the first time.

In love, light and healing,  
Rev. Bradley Gosselin NST  
Church President

## Upcoming Events:

**April 5 Victorian hat & dress  
making starts at noon**

**April 26 Psychic Art Workshop**

**May 17 Leonard and Amanda  
FourHawks Workshop**

## 2008 meeting schedule

### board meetings

board and church members only

to be announced

### guild meeting

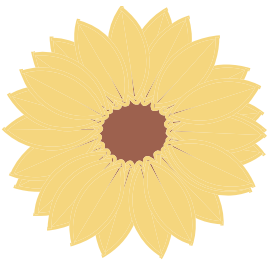
open to everyone

sunday, april 6 at 4 pm,  
olmstead hall

### board of trustees

rev. bradley gosselin, president  
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joyce de fazio, treasurer

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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*

Amy Rose	Anthony	Carol B.	Don H.	Elizabeth
Elizabeth	Francesca	Frank	George	Helen
Howard P.	Jason	Jeff	Jen	Jim
Joan P.	John	Joshua T.	Judy	Kathy Z.
Kayla	Kerry	Kim	Kristen	Kristen S.
Lynda	Madesyn	Mark	Mary P.	Millie
Pauly	Peg C.	Phoebe	Phyllis & John	
Raymond	Sandy	Stas		

And the homeless, may they have a hot meal and a warm and safe place to lay their heads.

Special prayers for Brookie and her loved ones as she makes her transition to the Spirit side of life.

### *And for our companion animals*

Timmy (cat) Louie (cat) Tigger (cat)

## healing center: April 12th

One Saturday a month the church is open for healing from noon to 4 pm. Stay 5 minutes or 4 hours, sit in meditation, pray, receive a healing by laying-on-of-hands, or send absent healing to a loved one. Pray alone or pray together. You needn't be a Spiritualist to participate. Bring a friend or loved one in need. Open your heart to healing Saturday, April 12.



## the olmstead healing center

David LeClair, certified spiritualist healer

private healing by appointment only

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## prayer for spiritual healing

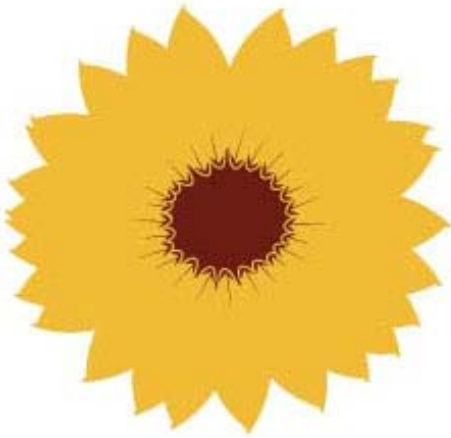
I ask the Great Unseen Healing Force to remove all obstructions from my mind and body and to Restore me to Perfect Health. I ask this in all Sincerity and Honesty, and I will do my part.

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.



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# pastoral committee

### the natural laws

by mary ciaramitaro,  
pastoral committee member

## psychic art workshop



**saturday april 26**

**1 pm to 4 pm**

**\$25**

## discover

- blot paintings
- touch paintings
- auragrams

**no drawing skills are needed**  
**all materials provided**

**call Rev. Betty Gosselin to reserve your  
place in the class. Class limited to 14.**

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**for more information in the  
"what we offer" menu for a  
full course description**

**M**any are looking and wanting to experience change within their lives. We look to shed the heaviness of painful memories and unwanted burdens from our hearts and minds. We wish to experience within ourselves a sense of freedom and new sense of vibrancy.

Many look outwardly for this change through the media and through self-improvement techniques. The media has brought forth the teaching of the Natural Law in the so called *new* revelation of the Law of Attraction.

The Natural Laws of the Universe are not new, they are in use everyday within our lives and the world around us. A definition of Natural Law states that "Natural Laws are simple statements of the orderly working of the universe and all that is in it" (Morris Pratt Lessons).

The Law of Continuity tells us that the Natural Laws on the physical side of life are the same as the laws on the spiritual side of life and that the law remains steady and constant without interruption. It tells us that life is continuous and that there is no death and there are no dead.

The Natural Law of Vibration tells us that everything vibrates, both on the physical plane as well as the spiritual plane. The difference is the rate of vibration. The physical plane operates with a lower and denser vibration, whereas the spiritual plane operates on a higher and faster vibration. We create our own vibration with our thoughts, words, and deeds and the way we treat ourselves and others.

To achieve freedom and vibrancy for ourselves, we must look within ourselves and create that which we seek. We are the creators of our individual worlds. As our seventh principle states, "We create our own happiness or unhappiness as we obey or disobey nature physical and spiritual laws."

It is by forgiving and loving ourselves that we achieve that which we seek. It is by allowing the "spark of the divine" to filter the light of love into our hearts and it is through sharing that we receive true happiness within our lives.

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*Debbie LeClair's grandfather was a respected medium in the early days of the First Spiritualist Church of Salem and raised her father in the religion of Spiritualism thereby making Debbie a third generation Spiritualist. Debbie shares with us her memories as well as some of her father's words.*

in Salem that I wanted to go to Boston? Well, the doctors in Salem had a discussion with me stating that they felt that the best cancer doctors were in Boston, and they felt that I should receive my treatments there. Thank God and Spirit that I did.

When I went to Boston to be prepared for radiation treatment, they performed what is called simulation. Simulation is where they mark the treatment area with tattoo-like markings. This is why Spirit wanted me to go to Boston, because when I was initially simulated in Salem for treatment, they simulated an area twice the size of the treatment area determined by Boston. I was told by a technician in Boston that my treatment was the strongest rads ever given to anyone he had worked on up until now. With the help of Spirit healers and my guide, Dr. Lang, I made it through my treatments.

I was back to work and enjoying life when four years later, the cancer returned. As foretold to my wife, I made my second trip to Boston. My treatments consisted of chemotherapy, radiation, and nasal implants....The biggest test of my faith came when I developed a brain abscess. I was operated on and was told by my family that they were advised to make my final arrangements. I was also told that days after my operation, while I was unconscious, family was by my side constantly, and during this time they observed me mumbling and puckering my lips as if kissing someone. Spirit was obviously close. I awoke and was known as the miracle man of the hospital.

I have had a few more mishaps, and I am still battling the side effects of my treatments. Today, I bowl, golf and work in my yard. There is no doubt in my mind that I owe my earthly life to Spirit. Spirit works wonders if you believe and have the faith—you can conquer anything.

My father then had to battle his third fight with cancer. He would receive many healings from Dave [LeClair], and after every healing he would say, "Thank you one and all." You see, we are all working together for whatever cause we are faced with.

My father spent five weeks in the hospital and passed to Spirit in January 2001. It's funny I don't remember my father as having cancer. I remember his strength and the trust he had in spirit. HE was a strong man because of it. He was a wonderful man, a man I admire. Word has it from Spirit that my father is now working with the doctor he saw in Boston. Was this his mission in life? To have cancer while he was here on the earth plane so that when in spirit he could work with the earth's doctors so others would not have to suffer? It's a nice thought.

My father's Indian doll is now in our healing center. Another strange thing, my father was given that Indian doll in that same room that is now our healing center. It is like the doll has come home.

I miss my father and I think of him every day. I take comfort in knowing that his suffering is over, that he is well, and he is progressing in to a new life.

Whenever I find an opportunity to express my love for spirit, I drop a seed. Some people choose to let it grow others dismiss it, and that is okay, too. At least they are aware and if ever needed they will know where to find comfort.

I am so grateful for the love my family instilled in me for spirit. Trust in Spirit. They are around to help guide and support you. Find the joy.

## **victorian hat & dress making april 5**

*beginning at noon*

**for lily dale trip participants only:  
join rev. elizabeth gosselin and your fellow  
travelers to make your victorian garb for the trip.**



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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:

### march 16

annual class night featuring students from the unfoldment classes

### march 23

priscilla herrick, cm

### march 30

mary ciaramitaro

### april 6

beth carter

**saturday, april 12: healing center open  
noon to 4 pm**

### april 13

sirry baldursdottir

### april 20

rev. ken wingood

### april 27

rev. graham connolly

### may 4

patricia cizewski

## e v e n t s

### saturdays, the drawing room

private readings with spirit-inspired drawings by the rev. elizabeth gosselin, nst.

by appointment only  
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### monday circles

held one monday per month, space is limited to 12 participants.

call 978-774-1571 for the schedule and to reserve your place.

circles are conducted by the rev. elizabeth gosselin and nancy karolides, cm.

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