

glad tidings

a newsletter of
the first spiritualist
church of salem

muriel karolides, pastor emeritus

class: when the time is right

by steven quintiliani, p_{sy}.d.

I started taking classes and sitting in circles almost 20 years ago after being introduced by my best friend to the First Spiritualist Church of Salem in 1985. I greeted his invitation with hesitation, skepticism, and fear. I wondered what I would do if one of the “mediums” gave me a message. Would I be embarrassed or happy about the message? What if she told me something I wasn’t ready for others to know? What if she told me something that I was not ready to know?

At church, I noticed there were a lot of women and very few men and that women were running the service. Later, I learned that in the 1800’s, it was the Spiritualist church that first gave women the opportunity to speak to the public from the pulpit. That evening, the women serving from the platform were the Rev. Gladys Worsencroft and Mrs. Eno Lambert. Mrs. Lambert gave the lecture and served as the message worker. I found the lecture enlightening—and what I found even more remarkable was that she did it without preparation. It was Spirit telling her what to say. She also gave me a message that night that was so evidential that it was obvious she had connected to a Spirit loved one who knew me.

I found the principles of Spiritualism to be elegant and practical. The service was beautiful in its simplicity. I began to attend church regularly, became a member a year later, and started taking development classes. Slowly and surely my communication with spirit developed. I decided to sit in class this

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Editor’s Note:

Look inside this issue for several articles written by the Wednesday night class members as they share their experiences with you. Articles may be edited. Submissions are published at the discretion of the editor and teachers.

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building community through healing

pat cizewski, editor

This year, with the revamping of the church newsletter design has also come a refocus on the purpose of the newsletter toward building community. Our community consists not only of our little church, or even the beautiful neighborhood in which we are located, but “community” has broad implications in Spiritualism. We know that whatever happens in this world happens, at some level, to us. Because we are all created from the same substance, because we all originate from the same source (Infinite Intelligence) we recognize our interconnectedness. Therefore, when the tragedy took place at Virginia Tech, when the explosion in November rocked Danvers, when lives are lost, property damaged, rivers fouled, the earth ravaged...its impact is felt on each of us at the most profound level of all...the spiritual level.

Beginning with this issue, a section of this newsletter is dedicated to healing. Included this month are the names of individuals listed with the National Spiritualist Association of Churches (NSAC) Spiritual Healing Center as well as a few names submitted to me for inclusion in the newsletter...these are individuals who need our healing thoughts and prayers. Please take the time to send them absent healing. After much deliberation, I will not automatically list those individuals whose names have been placed in our healing book. If you want like to submit a name for the newsletter healing list, please send it via email to: SpiritualistGuild@hotmail.com and write in the subject line: To the Editor.

Though a church is a private organization, the newsletter is not a private document; it is mailed to individuals outside of the church, distributed to other churches, and is available to the public. Therefore, to protect the privacy of your loved ones, only first names will be 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, if no last name was provided, the same first name will be repeated.

If you have other ideas about how to help build community through this newsletter, please submit them through our email at SpiritualistGuild@hotmail.com.

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.

pastoral committee letter

by nancy karolides, certified medium

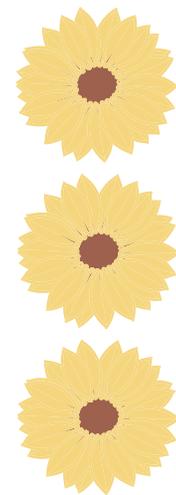
a prayer for new beginnings

As spring sheds its warmth with the sunlight all around us; as we breathe in the sweet smelling air; as we listen to the birds as they sing their beautiful songs, and start to build their nests and mate; as we watch the buds form on the trees and look at the pussy willow and forsythia as they begin to flower; as we see the crocus and tulips as they peek through the ground and transform into beautiful flowers; may we, as individuals, look forward to new beginnings with promise and shed our light to the world around us.

Keep us ever mindful that we humans can transform ourselves by trying different strategies and planning new interests to keep ourselves motivated. Nature shows us how to go about it—may we transform ourselves as the butterfly does. May we follow nature in its footsteps by reaching out to our friends, neighbors, and acquaintances with new ideas and with the promise for a better self, community and world.

We give thanks for those April showers that came our way, enjoying them as nourishment for this wonderful earth that we inhabit bringing about the greening of the grass, trees, and flowers and filling the reservoirs so we can have water to drink.

Most of all, let us give thanks with gratitude for all that we have and all that we are. As the sunshine and rain is nature's way of taking care of this wonderful earth, may we enjoy each day just for the enjoyment of it.



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the dancing pumpkin

by naomi ellis

In the fall of 1982, I was early for my dance class as were two of my classmates. We began to discuss esoteric subjects of all kinds. Healing was mentioned—a subject that has always held my interest—and during that conversation, I learned that there was a place that actually taught and practiced hands-on-healing...WOW! They gave me information about the First Spiritualist Church of Salem and I signed up for the Tuesday night non-members class that began in October. I knew nothing of Spiritualism.

Because I was involved with the new “love of my life,” we wanted to spend as much time together as possible, so he signed up to take the class, too, though he had absolutely no idea about esoteric subjects.

The first night of class, Rev. Gladys Worsencroft was teaching. After she completed her class lesson, she crossed the room and turned off the lights. This was a complete surprise to both George (my love) and I. We hadn’t expected this at all...complete darkness.

Unbeknownst to us, Rev. Worsencroft had been holding a flashlight in her hand...a flashlight with an orange head. Holding her fingers over the top of the flashlight, she flicked it on to guide her way back to her seat. But to us, in the dark, it looked like a dancing pumpkin floating through the air and coming our way! Being in Salem at Halloween time with a floating, glowing pumpkin was enough to send George and me running for the nearest exit.

Rev. Worsencroft stood, and in her commanding voice directed at George she said, “You are to become a HEALER.” Then, she turned and sat down.

Both of us were in shock, and he had no idea what she was talking about, and all I could think of was, “What about *ME?*” Much later, I was told that I was already a healer and she thought I knew that.

It was such an honor being in Rev. Worsencroft’s class. She was a lady in a class of her own...she was my pioneer that led me into Spiritualism*.

Today, I continue to enjoy sitting in the Wednesday night members’ class because of our dear teacher Nancy Karolides. She is a gentle soul with a heart so large and filled with love for all of us. I continue to learn and grow because of our dear Nancy and my classmates. We have formed a bond of trust and understanding, encouraging each of us to grow and reach higher.

**Editor’s note: The founder of The First Spiritualist Church of Salem, Mrs. Olmstead, and her daughter, Rev. Gladys Worsencroft, serve as guides to this church from the Spirit side of life. Next year’s Glad Tidings will pay tribute these great women. If you have a story, a photograph, or other piece of information honoring Mrs. Olmstead and/or Rev. Worsencroft, please forward copies to: The First Spiritualist Church of Salem, 34 Warren St., Salem, MA 01970, attn: Editor. DO NOT SEND ORIGINAL MATERIALS because we cannot be responsible for their condition nor their return.*

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year because I knew it was time for me to make the commitment to consistent attendance; something I was not willing or able to do for some time. It has been years since I last sat in class, but 2006 was a year of significant life challenges, transitions, endings, and beginnings in my life.

One door closes and another door opens. One has to let go of things in life for new, positive things to come into that life. Things happen with a rhythm and reason that only Infinite Intelligence, Spirit, and the Universe shape and know, guiding us along the way in good times and not so good times.

I believe that everything happens for a reason and that reason is for the fulfillment of our soul’s development and purpose on the Earth plane. That is why Spirit led me back to class this year—to enhance my knowledge about Spiritualism and further my innate abilities at intuition, healing, and spirit communication so that I can return to the platform and do the work Spirit has intended for me.

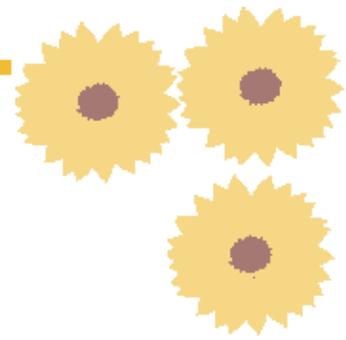


photo gallery

it is never too late to join in the fun!

next event, may 22, the "mechanics of mental mediumship" with british medium john alexander.

angel seminar



church members enjoy camaraderie (above and right) at the angel seminar given by carol marcotte (below)



class night (below)

students enrolled in development classes serve at the annual class night service. left to right (back row): steve quintiliani, mary ciaramitaro, tony lombardo, laurie drake, rev. brad gosselin, gerry ganey, priscilla herrick (teacher), gary hansen, lisa cheney, (middle row) pat cizewski, janice kaplan, sue hinckley, (seated) joyce defazio, rev. elizabeth gosselin, deb mcgee, patti brooks, nancy karolides (teacher)



events

workshop
mechanics of mental mediumship
with john alexander

may 22 at 7 pm

all are welcome
rsvp suggested, call rev. betty gosselin, 978-774-1571

\$25, workshop and refreshments, see separate flyer for more information

the drawing room

private readings with spirit-inspired drawings by rev. betty gosselin. \$40 donation, saturdays by appointment only. rsvp 978-774-1571.

mediums day

rescheduled from may 5 to june 2

noon to 4 p.m.

nationally certified church mediums and student mediums give private readings, \$20 for 15 minutes. therapeutic chair massage and reiki also available, lunch counter, gift table. readings scheduled first come, first served.



more photo gallery images

pampered chef® cooking show church fund-raiser



above: pampered chef regional director nancy freedman (left) with event organizer pat cizewski



Even before the show closed, folks were already requesting a second show...look for news of another pampered chef fund-raiser coming in the fall (just in time for your holiday shopping!).





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healing list

Anyone who is in need of healing, regardless of their beliefs may be added to our healing list. Names submitted through the First Spiritualist Church of Salem are printed by first name only. Names forwarded via the NSAC are presented as they were printed on the NSAC healing list: Rev. E. Ann Otzelberger~Rev. Sandy Portmiller~Rev. Jean Hamner~ Tim~Kelsey~Marrah~Lori~Sandy~Joanne~Maria~Ken Chaisty~Pat Green Stevenson~Lisette Johnson~Lizz Coppin~Anise Browne~Joseph Velasco~Henry DesRoscher~Michael Knowlton~Sandy Dulmage~Murray McLean~Frank Jennings~Bernie Mimnaugh~Al Pillsbury~Judy Knowlton~Maytie & Jimmy Nawrocki~Clifford Alfred Pagel~Bob Leo~Barbara Rivellini~Virginia Seever~Matt Thomas~Patrick Johnston~Carol Elizabeth~Coffey Harvey~Tom Mooney~Amanda Pappas~Joyce Smith & family~Shawn H~Linda B~Rob~Lillian J~Lillian S~Reyn~Mary S~Robert~Ufot Markson Isip~Georganna Louise, Allie O. & Obie McClintock~Donald Richard Austin, Jr.~Ruben Zaragosa~Robert~Angela Lynch~Gloria Anderson~Amber~Gwen Abbot~Arthur~Swani Abuja~Debra Boring~Carol B~Brainard family~Paul Baillargeon & family~George Brenna~Theodora Bliss~Reginald & LB Scott Benoit~Madeleine Bazinet~Barkins~Irene Cairnes~Wayne Connolly~Sandra Coval~Douglas Coombs~Cardillo family~Clinton Cady~Catherine~Chester & Eileen~Don Cross~Joe Cavalcante~Mataji Desai~Duffy~Carol Dodson~Carr Lila Dizefalo~Ed & Simone Ducharme~Carol Dodson~Frances Delaney~Bonnie Ellmore~Eva~Frank & family~Bea, John Frantoni & family~Deb Fratoni & family~Joseph Gerachi~Paul Glemboski~Gloria & Gardner~Gibeons~Gabriel~Chloe Harris~Mary Herman~Wendy H~Sandra H~Jackie~Jan Jr.~Jackie J~Jim & Ariez~Kathy~Christopher King~Heather Kennedy~Knapps~Keith & Ron~Ram Kripaulu family~Jr Blanche Lavoie~Rick & Edie Limpest~Lara Le~Wilhemena Linn~Andrew Limpest~ Roland Lambert~Lignos~Mary Lewis~Lily~Lois & John & family~Kathy & Anthony Larry~Liappes family~Lemaire family~Pauline & Andre Linto~Dola Lewis~Mary Lewis~Claire Laitres~Wendy L~ Lora Lee~Kim Martin~Kelly McInnis & her people~Maguerite & Daisy~Morrissette family~Kristen McKenzie~Michelle & family~Mikey & family~Ron Merklinger & family~Barbara Morgan~Joan Norton~Orcutt family~Dustin O~Janet Orowson~Oegeons~Pentels~Frank Park~Orpheus Phyllos~Keith Pence~Susan Pappas~BJ Podurgiel family~Mary Paradis~Roger & family~RD~Ronnie~Haley Rose Russell~Betty Rokowski~Sun Camp & its workers~Sandy & family~Linda Schramm~Erick Stott~Roy & Jeannette Small~Art & Diane & Aimie Spicer~Dorothy Smith~Kathy Sullivan~Sonia & babies~Soto family~Rita Spear~Maria Swaik~Frank Staats & Harmony~Seflecki family~Theroux family~Janet Trombley~Dawn & Romona Torres~Paul Turner ~Ernest Taggart & family~Scott Repod~Trine~Richard Wolf~Jean & Harold Walker & family~Sheri Wray~Wendy~Wendy, Joey & family~Willimantic Church & family~Jason Ibarra~Stanley Zuzel & family~Zinewicy & family~Peg & Frank~Helen~Phoebe~Jim & Mark~Jeff~Muriel~Gracie~Timmy.



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David LeClair, certified spiritualist healer

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prayer for spiritual healing

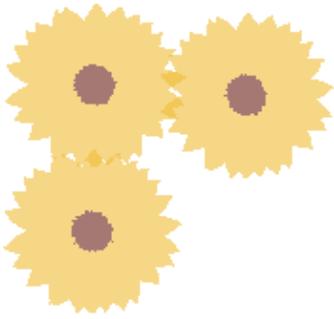
I ask the Great Unseen Healing Force to remove all obstructions from my mind and body and to Restore me to Perfect Health. I ask this in all Sincerity and Honesty, and I will do my part.

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:

may 6
marcel "buddy" routhier

may 13
jacquie belleville

may 20
john carroll (from the UK)

may 27
dorothy thurlow

june 4
phyllis brown

events



british medium john alexander

tuesday, may 22

7 pm

***the mechanics of mental
mediumship***

with john alexander

\$25, incl. refreshments

rsvp 978-774-1751

saturday, june 2

mediums' day

noon to 4 pm

***private readings \$20 for
15 minutes; therapeutic
chair massage; reiki; gift
table; more!***

***lily dale informational
meeting for those
registered for the group
trip. date/time to be
announced.***

***fund-raising trip to lily
dale, june 29–july1. no
more spaces are
available at this time.***