



glad tidings

a newsletter of
the first spiritualist
church of salem

muriel karolides, pastor emeritus

a winding path of learning

by nancy karolides, cm

When I became a member of the First Spiritualist Church of Salem it was 1957. Spiritualism became my life and I could not get enough of it. My husband and I sat in class each week until I had our first child. When she was about 10 months old, I was able to join class again and the only time I missed class after that was to take a few weeks off to have another baby.

Class and church are where I received my strength and energy for the week. It filled a void that had been missing in my life, and there was always a lesson about living, loving and going forward. It is where I found my answers to life's questions not only through messages, but also through the lectures and lessons, and most important, in learning to listen to that small voice inside myself.

It wasn't always easy as I tried to live the Principles of Spiritualism. It seemed as though every day I would mess up either through words, thoughts, or my actions. Being young and not feeling good enough to deserve help from Spirit, I was consequently striving to be better, do better and do more. It took me a long time to realize that I just had to be me.

In 1979, we moved to Washington State and I went to the church there, but it was not the same, so after about a year of sitting in class and going to church, I took a break from Spiritualism. That is when I learned to be myself. I still felt Spirit because they never leave us, and I truly became in tune with them and my own life. That is when I learned to trust Spirit with my body and soul.

In 1983, when we returned from Washington State, there was so much going on in my life (building a house, finding a job, getting the children settled) that I didn't go back to church on a regular basis. Muriel Karolides had a class of about five people and I sat with them for several years. When that class ended, I came back to church full force again. I cannot now imagine not sitting in class or going to church as it is my life and keeps me going, and to this day, it is always teaching me because there is so much more to learn.

Nancy Karolides is secretary of the Board of Trustees and facilitator of the Wednesday night members development class.

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 and share your thoughts about what you'd like to see on the website and read in the newsletter. Email at info@firstspiritualistsalem.org.

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doing our part

by pat cizewski, editor

We affirm with each recitation of our healing prayer that, "I will do my part." Spiritualism teaches that we each have a spiritual path to walk, and as so honestly expressed in the article by Nancy Karolides, it is a path of learning and growing. Sometimes the path is smooth and direct, other times it twists and turns...but ever leads us forward.

Generations of Spiritualists have done their part by serving as mediums and healers, spreading the word of Spiritualism, comforting the bereaved and healing those who ail in body, mind and spirit. It is no different for Spiritualists today. We do our part through participating in the work of Spirit.

Doing our part as members and friends of this church also includes supporting the activities and programs of the church. It means participating in events, generating ideas for new activities and programs, attending Sunday services, contributing materially and spiritually to the well-being of the church. Sometimes this means digging up weeds from between the cobblestones, or writing an article for the newsletter, or speaking up so that our voices are heard and considered in the business, mission and vision of this church.

And I will do my part.

The newsletter and website have been developed to help in the effort to build a vibrant Spiritualist community at the First Spiritualist Church of Salem. Each of us has a part in how that community is defined and shaped.

And I will do my part.

These are not empty words; but how they are given their meaning and how that meaning takes shape in the physical world is solely dependent upon how we manifest its meaning individually and collectively within our lives, our Spiritualist community, and the greater community in which we live.

This year promises to give each of us ample opportunity to do our part. May we greet that opportunity with renewed and sustained commitment and vigor.

Your feedback is encouraged.

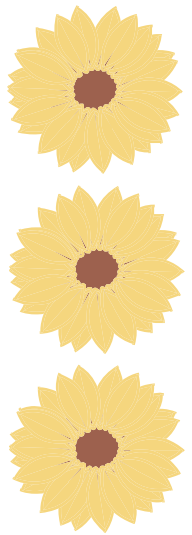
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declaration of principles

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



Welcome back!!

Our church season has opened with two wonderful teaching workshops which were exciting and well attended.

Elizabeth and I will be leaving shortly for the National Spiritualist Association of Churches annual convention, so I want to take this opportunity to impress upon you the importance of our semi annual members meeting. Please plan to attend.

board of trustees meeting

Sunday, November 4th at 8:15 pm, our board will meet prior to our members meeting. Members may attend board meetings, but if they wish to address any issues, please notify the secretary or the president to have it placed on the agenda prior to the meeting. The board has much business to address so it is important to restrict all discussions to the agenda.

members meeting

Sunday November 18th at 3 pm (time subject to change depending on the agenda). The correct starting time will be in your members notice. This is an important meeting as we will be electing a new secretary (Nancy has decided to stand down) as well as two trustees. We will also be electing a new Pastoral Committee to serve for three years.

There is a difference in the duties of the church board which is responsible for the business aspects of the church and the Pastoral Committee which, in lieu of a Pastor, is responsible for the Spiritual activities of the church. Both are elected by the membership and are available to the membership to answer questions and address concerns.

Sincerely,

Rev. Brad Gosselin NST
Church Board President

2007 meeting schedule

board meetings board and church members only

**sunday, november 4
8:15 pm, olmstead hall**

members meeting church members only **sunday, november 18 3 pm (tba), olmstead hall**

board of trustees

rev. bradley gosselin, president
mary ciaramitaro, vice president
nancy karolides, secretary
elizabeth gosselin, treasurer
patricia cizewski, trustee
joyce defazio, trustee
naomi ellis, trustee
sue hinckley, trustee
david leclair, trustee

upcoming activities

look for flyers for more details

october 20 (saturday) mediums day (readings, reiki, therapeutic chair massage)

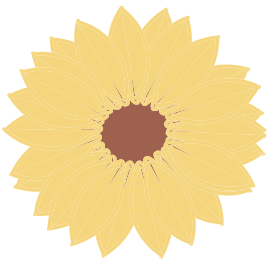
november 3 (saturday) the law of attraction seminar and pizza night, \$30

november 6 (tuesday) non-members development class begins

november 7 members development class begins

november 17 (saturday) pampered chef fund-raising party

december 15 (saturday) concert featuring the original keyboard music of brad mehring



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

Kelly
Helen
Phoebe
Millie
Jim
Mark
Jeff
Jen
Kim

Roseanne and Rick
Charlotte
Amy Rose

And for our companion animals

Cocoa (cat)
Timmy (cat)
J (cat)

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

28 riverside street

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978-774-2559

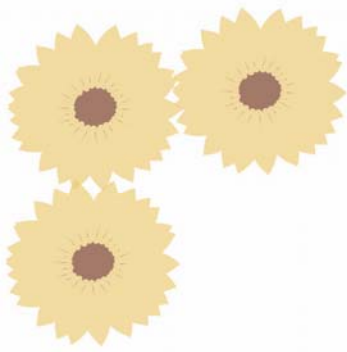


photo gallery

more photos at www.firstspiritualistsalem.org



church picnic

left: ice cream salute; from l. to r. brad gosselin, betty gosselin, pat cizewski, joyce defazio, steve quintiliani

below: kicking back front l. to back r.: naomi ellis, steve quintiliani, patti brooks, nancy karolides



church cleanup

jeff ganey paints, gerry ganey weeds



trance workshop

facilitator john goldingham (l) and brad gosselin (r)



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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 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 healers

regular service begins immediately after healing service

featured guest speaker and message medium schedule as follows:

october 7

john baumhoff

october 14

mary ciaramitaro

october 21

priscilla herrick

october 28

rev. steve herman

november 4

tba

november 11

rev. brad and rev. elizabeth gosselin

november 18

rev. joyce barlow

november 25

deodi and oshada

events

mediums day

saturday, october 20

noon to 4 pm

private readings, reiki,
therapeutic chair massage
see flyer for details

saturday, november 3

5:30 pm

pizza night and seminar: the
law of attraction with dr. al
tatarunis, \$30

saturday, november 17

2:00 pm

pampered chef party

for more information go to:

www.firstspiritualistsalem.org

for questions, comments,
feedback, or to give us your
ideas contact us at our church
email:

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all emails are read

