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NEWSLETTER

Church of Peace, A Spiritualist Center, NSAC



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A Message from the Director

Charvonne Carlson, NST, CM, CH

Hello All,

March has arrived! The promise of new beginnings, feeling the sun longer on our skin and the rebirth of flowers and gardens thawing, (in the Northern Hemisphere). I hope All are enjoying all of the flutter of activity that Spring brings to us.

This month is Womens' History Month. Where we take the time to reflect, learn and honor women and who have contributed to our society. Please take this month to learn more about various women and their contributions to your community. And should you do this, please share with us. We would love to know and perhaps feature in another newsletter a woman Pioneer who has inspired you.

Due to unforeseen changes and flurry of activities in the lives of the Pastoral Committee, we will be pausing once again the classes and workshops we were planning to place on the website. We still intend on adding a class or and a workshop at a self pace status. We will let you know when one is added.

March is also the 175th Anniversary of the Advent of Modern Spiritualism. A lot is planned for the celebration, both in person at Hydesville Memorial Park and online. See the NSAC Newsletter at nsac.org for more information.

Wishing you all a Happy and Joyous Spring!

Many Blessings,

Charvonne

Charvonne Carlson, NST, CM ,
CH

Director, Church of Peace, A
Spiritualist Center





Church of Peace is a Spiritualist Online Church, registered with the National Spiritualist Association of Churches,

We focus on the educational and spiritual development of Spiritualists through the foundation of Modern American Spiritualism.

“You must find the place inside of yourself where nothing is impossible” - Deepak Chopra

Upcoming Events

Church of Peace, A Spiritualist Center. NSAC
Sunday Services 9am CST

Our Members Take the Service

Speaker and Medium



Allison E. Bell, JD Vice President and member of the Pastoral Committee for the Church of Peace, A Spiritualist Center

March 5, 2023
April 2, 2023
May 21, 2023
July 9, 2023
September 17, 2023
December 17, 2023



Rev. Rosmary Calderalo PHD, NST, CM, CH NSAC Board Treasurer and member of the Church of Peace, A Spiritualist Center

March 19, 2023



Angela Gunshore, MA Secretary and member of the Pastoral Committee for the Church of Peace, A Spiritualist Center

February 26, 2023
March 26, 2023
June 11, 2023
August 13, 2023
October 29, 2023
November 5, 2023
December 3, 2023

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HYDESVILLE

Memorial park

March 31, 2023

Celebrate the 175th Anniversary of the Advent of Modern Spiritualism

Link for more details and to RSVP

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoD4EA8A92AA7FBC61-come>

Church of Peace is always open to members and supporters who would like to recommend articles, recipes, classes or workshops, and any avenue to study and practice Spiritualism for the Newsletter or for the Church.

Send all recommendations to churchofpeacespiritual@gmail.com

Sunday Morning Spiritual Service

Sunday Morning
9 am CST, 10am EST, 7am PST

Email: churchofpeacespiritual@gmail.com
or
website to join

Church of Peace, A Spiritualist Center
churchofpeacespiritualistcenter.org

Church of Peace, A Spiritualist Center NSAC
Sunday Morning Healing Service
8am CST



4th Sunday of every Month
Can Register on Eventbrite
churchofpeacespiritualistcenter.org

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A Spiritualist Center

Let's Talk Online Lyceum

Thursday, March 23rd, 2023
8pm EST, 7pm CST, 5 pm PST

Email: ChurchofPeaceSpiritual@gmail.com
for more information on this Lyceum

If interested in joining our church, please fill out a membership application below

[General Membership Application](#)

(for other memberships see website)

Annual dues for Church of Peace is \$30 .00 for General Membership

Contact churchofpeacespiritual@gmail.com

Recipes to for your Saint Patty's Day

Irish Soda Bread

Recipe by [Kara Zauberman](#)

Ingredients

2 1/2 c. all-purpose flour

1 c. cake flour (or substitute 1 cup all-purpose flour plus 2 table-spoons cornstarch)

1/4 c. sugar

1 tsp. baking soda

1 tsp. salt

1 stick cold salted butter, cut into pieces

1 large egg

1 1/2 c. buttermilk

1/2 c. golden raisins

1/2 c. dried cranberries



Step 1: Preheat the oven to 375°. In the bowl of a mixer, combine the flour, sugar, baking soda, and salt. Using your fingers, work 4 tablespoons cold butter into the flour until the butter is in small bits.

Step 2: In a separate small bowl, whisk the egg into the buttermilk and pour into the flour mixture. Using the paddle attachment, mix on low speed for a few turns, until the dough is barely incorporated; there will still be some dry flour in the bowl. Add the raisins and cranberries and bring the dough together with your hands, kneading until the dough comes together and there aren't any dry bits of flour left.

Step 3: Form the dough into a round and place in a medium-size cast-iron pan. With a sharp knife, cut a large X on the top of the dough (this will help it bake through). Bake for 50 to 55 minutes, until the top is golden brown and the bread sounds hollow when you tap on it.

Step 4: Melt the remaining 4 tablespoons butter. Remove the pan from the oven and brush the top of the bread with the melted butter.

<https://www.thepioneerwoman.com/food-cooking/recipes/a35277720/irish-soda-bread/>

NSAC Newsletter

To be informed on the latest activities, events and movements in the National Spiritualist Association of Churches, please read their newsletter at the link below

[Newsletter](#)

Healing Requests

Church of Peace would like to remind members to send all healing requests to

churchofpeacespiritual@gmail.com

by Tuesday each week.

Please use first names only.

During our Sunday service we will read the names aloud so our healers and members can send healing energy to those in need..

Remember the fourth Sunday of the month at 8 am CST is a healing service is offered by the

Church of Peace.

Church of Peace
A Spiritualist Center

A Spiritualist Circle

Online

March Saturday dates:

11th and 25th

7pm EST, 6pm CST, 4 pm PST

Email: ChurchofPeaceSpiritual@gmail.com
for more information on this mediumship circle

Womens Progressive Movement & Spiritualism

Spiritualism was a religious and cultural movement that many suffragists and women's rights advocates were drawn to because of its emphasis on equality and its rejection of traditional religious hierarchies. The word "progress" for Spiritualists has two meanings, one that means spiritual advancement and the other with the individual as they become more attuned with the spiritual world or develop greater awareness of spiritual matters through mediumship and healing.



The Progressive movement that started in the later 1880s and would fully develop after WWI, was filled with Spiritualists leaders who wanted to spiritually progress people to have a more inclusive, equal and diverse society. The Philadelphia Progressive Women's Club was a women's organization founded in 1912 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, with the goal of promoting social and political reform. The club was primarily made up of middle-class and upper-class white women, but they also actively sought to include African American women in their activities. The club was known for its involvement in a variety of social and political causes, including women's suffrage, education, and labor rights. They also had an interest in spiritualism, which was a popular movement in the late 19th and early 20th centuries that claimed to communicate with the dead and the spirit world.

In the case of African Americans and spiritualism, the Philadelphia Progressive Women's Club was one of several organizations that supported the creation of a Spiritualist church for African Americans in Philadelphia. With the first established Spiritualist church being in Philadelphia in 1852, with prominent social justice speakers such as Harriet Tubman, Sojourner Truth and Frederick Douglass, Philadelphia will become a cornerstone for Spiritualism's activism.



Womens League of Voters Newport, RI

African American women were also an integral part of the progressive, suffrage and women's rights movements, although they often faced discrimination and exclusion from mainstream organizations, they found a voice in Spiritualism. Women such as Sojourner Truth, Harriet Wilson, and Dr. Gertrude Curtis (the first African American Female Dentist) were prominent voices for suffrage and women's rights, and they often connected their struggle for equal rights with the broader struggle for racial justice.

One example of the intersection of spiritualism and African American suffrage activism can be seen in the life of Harriet Tubman. Tubman was a former slave who became a leading abolitionist and suffragist, and she also had a deep connection to spiritualism. Tubman believed that she received messages and guidance from God through visions and dreams, and she often attributed her success in the Underground Railroad to her spiritual connection. Later Tubman would take the platform at Spiritualist gatherings such as the First Association of Spiritualists of Philadelphia to speak about equality and the right to vote.

Another example of the connection between spiritualism and women's rights can be seen in the work of feminist and spiritualist Victoria Woodhull. Woodhull was the first woman to run for president in the United States in 1872, and she also founded the first women-owned brokerage firm on Wall Street. Woodhull was a vocal advocate for women's suffrage and sexual liberation, and she also believed in the importance of spiritualism and the ability to communicate with the spirit world.

Overall, the suffrage and women's rights movements were deeply influenced by the ideas and beliefs of Spiritualism, and African American women played a crucial role in advocating for women's rights and connecting their struggle with the broader struggle for racial justice.

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Check out and subscribe to **Church of Peace YouTube Channel**

for past lyceums, services and discussions at

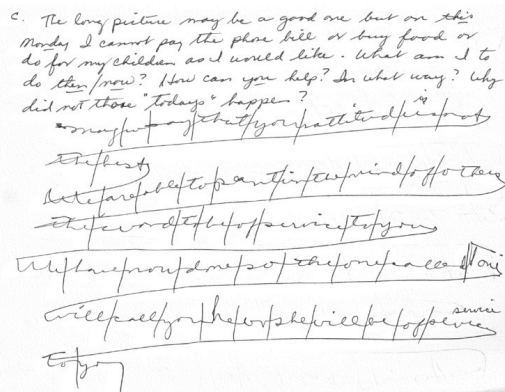
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCulMYzK67Bmv_KS_tEcqvUw/featured

Lucille Clifton— Moved by Spirit to write (1936-2010)

Lucille Clifton (1936-2010) was an American poet, educator, and author who is best known for her powerful and deeply personal poetry. Born in Depew, New York, Clifton grew up in Buffalo, where she attended Fosdick-Masten Park High School before studying at Howard University in Washington, D.C and then returning to the Buffalo area to attend SUNY-Fredonia. She lived near Lilydale, Rochester and the birthplace of Spiritualism, at Hydesville, New York. Due to her upbringing and location, Clifton was aware of Spiritualism.



Clifton's contributions to literature and her spiritual themed writings have been recognized with numerous awards and honors, including the National Book Award, the Ruth Lilly Poetry Prize, and the Robert Frost Medal. In addition to her poetry, Clifton was a highly regarded educator and taught at several universities, including Coppin State College, the University of California at Santa Cruz, and St. Mary's College of Maryland.



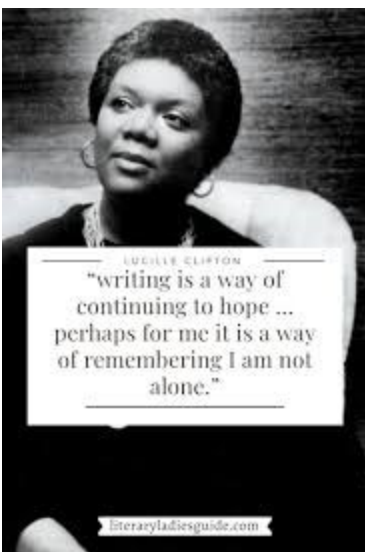
Example of her automatic writing during channeling

Throughout her career, Clifton was known for her exploration of matters related to African American identity, family, and spirituality. She was deeply interested in the subject of spiritualism and believed in communication between the living and the dead. Clifton's interest in spiritualism is reflected in her "spirit writings," a collection of notes and messages that she believed were communicated to her by spirits through automatic writing, channeling and mediumship.

She often referred to herself as a "Two-Headed Woman", a term carried over from Africa and used throughout the South to describe a woman with the gift of sight (mediumship and prophecy). During her time in Baltimore, Clifton would open up her home to offer spirit communication and discussions.

In her poetry, Clifton often used images of spirit and spiritual transformation to explore issues related to race, gender, and identity. By 1979, her mediumship will transform to channeling and prophetic writings. By 1980s, her channeling showcased interviews with a collective group of spirits she referred to as "the Ones" who gave her prophetic warnings of things to come. According to Dr. Marina Magloire (2015), an Emory University professor: "Clifton's spirit communications foreshadow contemporary global issues like climate change and the rise of the far right, and they position Black women at the vanguard of addressing these issues." They came back "to remind human beings that they are more than flesh."

One example of this is her poem "My Mama Moved among the days," which reflects on the idea of spiritual transformation:



My Mama moved among the days
like a dreamwalker in a field;
seemed like what she touched was hers
seemed like what touched her couldn't hold,
she got us almost through the high grass
then seemed like she turned around and ran
right back in
right back on in

Lucille Clifton's spirit writings are available online through Emory University's Manuscript, Archives, and Rare Book Library. The collection includes a notebook in which Clifton recorded her experiences with spiritualism, including messages that she believed were communicated to her by spirits. The notebook is available in digital form on the Emory University website and can be accessed through the following link: [Lucille Clifton's Spirit writing, 1976-1987 Boxes 29-31: https://findingaids.library.emory.edu/documents/clifton1208/](https://findingaids.library.emory.edu/documents/clifton1208/)

Lucille Clifton would transition in 2010, leaving behind a legacy of powerful and deeply personal poetry and spirit writings that continues to resonate with readers today. Clifton's work can be read along with 300 more female poets at Marilyn Sewell's book: *Cries of*

Spirit: A Celebration of Women's Spirituality at <https://archive.org/details/criesofspiritcelo00ounse/page/n9/mode/2up>

Here is a link to a video with Lucille Clifton reading her poem: "Won't you celebrate me" at <https://www.youtube.com/>

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Magloire, J. (2015). "Conversations with Ghosts: Lucille Clifton's Spirit Writings." *Obsidian*, 41-42, 53-63.

Church of Peace: Psychical Research Science Society



In following Spiritualism, Church of Peace started a Psychical Research Science Society. Our goal is to shed light on the current studies, scientific findings, technology and groups that have proven the existence of life after physical death.

Starting in 2023, we will offer speakers throughout the year for a fee. Due to changing our format, the current membership will be suspended after June, to make the society open to all who are interested in attending the events, webinars and trainings. To register for events with PRSS in the COP Newsletter and on our website page

<https://www.churchofpeacespiritualistcenter.org/prss>

Church of Peace Psychical Research Science Society Disclaimer

The views and opinions expressed by Presenters do not necessarily reflect the views or positions of Church of Peace , PRSS or the NSAC.

Psychical Research Science Society Presents:

PRSS Monthly Meeting

March 4th, 2023

at 11 am EST



Special Guest Speaker

BOB GINSBERG

Founder of Forever Family Foundation,
Author and Researcher for the evidence for
the survival of consciousness

Bob Ginsberg started researching the evidence for survival of consciousness soon after his daughter died in 2002. Devastated by the loss, he needed science to tell him if she still existed in some form. In 2004 Bob and his wife Phran founded Forever Family Foundation (foreverfamilyfoundation.org), a global not for profit that educates the public about evidence that we are more than our physical bodies. Bob hosts the Signs of Life radio show, is past editor of Signs of Life Magazine, heads the foundation's Medium Evaluation Certification Program, writes a blog at beyondthefivesenses.com, and is the author of The Medium Explosion. Bob, Phran and the foundation are currently featured in the Netflix Docuseries Surviving Death.

PRSS members attend for free
Non-Members cost is \$10

Church of Peace presents
Psychical Research Science Society
February 4th, 2023, Meeting



Guest Speaker:

Psychic Medium, Paranormal investigator and
Spirit Photographer

Joe Giaquinto

www.joegmediumpi.com

Check out the February 2023 PRSS Meeting

Speaker: Joe Giaquinto

Psychic Medium, Paranormal Investigator and Spirit Photographer

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Js5TVelH4Y>

To register for these events please check out <https://www.churchofpeacespiritualistcenter.org/prss>



Equal Spirits

Equal Spirits focuses on equality among all living spirits. In the mission of Spiritualism, Church of Peace's goal is to create an equal and diverse community and presence in our global majority world. Our center focuses on topics each month that reflect our belief in celebrating the heritage and contributions of all people.

We are looking for articles, information on events or organizations and even news about topics related to diversity, equity and inclusion. If you are interested in

contributing to our newsletter or website please message us at

churchofpeacespiritual@gmail.com.

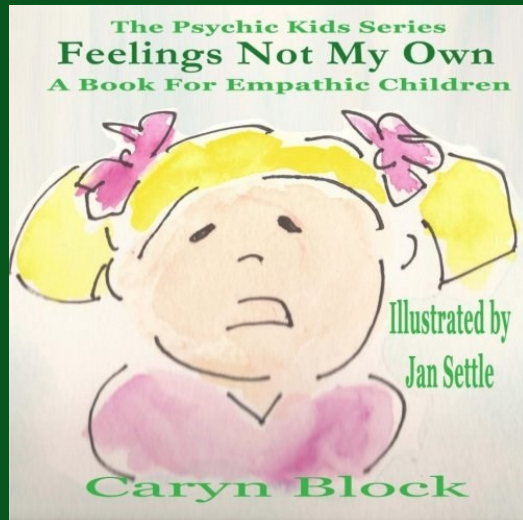
Church of Peace's Children's Lyceum Corner

Book of the Month

Children's books

Feelings Not My Own

by Caryn Block



Suzy is overwhelmed when her friends are emotional. Her mother gives her some tips to balance her empathic gifts. This book helps families with kids who get overwhelmed with emotions and need to cope



Check out Psychic Kids United for lessons on how to help your gifted child and ways to learn how to work with your child if they show signs of being an empath, psychic, or a medium:

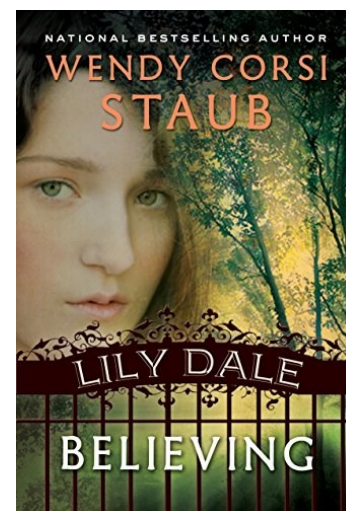
Click the logo to know more.

Book of the Month

Teen Books

Believing: Lily Dale

by Wendy Corsi Staub



After Calla's mother's death, she moves to Lily Dale and will be starting Lily Dale High. Her gifts of sight are more frequent and tells a tale of danger that is near. Can she learn to control her gifts in time before someone gets hurt?

Check out a new organization that supports children with developing intuitive abilities and helps parents understand their child's unique gifts

Highly Intuitive Kids



<https://www.highlyintuitivekids.com/>

Church of Peace's Children's Lyceum Corner

The Anagram Game



Find as many words as you can from the one word listed below
The words can be two, three, four, five, six, seven and even twelve letters.

SPIRITUALISM

Two letter words:

It

Three letter words:

sum

Four letter words:

mail

Five letter words:

Six letter words:

Seven letter words:

Eight letter words:

Nine letter words:

Ten letters or more words:

In honor of Women's History Month.

Please check out the biographies of women from around the world who were suffragettes.

Many of these women were connected to Spiritualism, for our religion helped lead the social justice platform for women voting in America. Our churches and leaders organized to help spread the equity message.

[https://kids.kiddle.co/
List of suffragists and suffragettes](https://kids.kiddle.co/List_of_suffragists_and_suffragettes)

Church of Peace, A Spiritualist Center, NSAC

Sunday Services 9am CST

Guest Speakers

March 12, 2023 - James Bae

Celebrate Life, A Spiritualist Community, NSAC



April 16, 2023 - Rev. Mary Brooks
Pastor, Universal Spiritualist Centre



April 30, 2023 - Ellen Edmondson
Spirit Portrait Artist



May 7, 2023 - Caroline Shola Arewa
Energy 4 Life Wellness Coach and Author



May 14, 2023 - Carol Cesar
The Center for Spiritual Enlightenment, NSAC



June 4, 2023 Rev. Celeste Elliot
Church of Living Spirit Lily Dale, NY



July 23, 2023 - Rev. Amy Majors
International Spirit Rescue Specialist/Teacher/Minister/Intuitive/Healer

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Church of Peace: New April Initiative

We will have an Advice column called

“Ask the Medium”,

where you submit questions to the newsletter and a variety of different mediums will be chosen to answer it .

Remember this is for advice and by no means is it to interfere with your free will or ability to choose the best path for you.

All mediums will be anonymous.

Submit your questions to

Churchofpeacespiritual@gmail.com

Subject line must state: **Ask the Medium**

And indicate in your email if you would like to remain anonymous for the post.

Questions will be selected at random and posted in the newsletter throughout the year

For Entertainment purposes only!!

Articles of interest to Spiritualists

[Waking the Witch: The Feminist History of Spiritualism](#) by Pam Grossman

[African American Women Leaders in the Suffrage Movement](#) by Edith Mayo

[African American Women in the Progressive Era & the Struggle for the Vote](#) by Mary Mac Ogden

[Progressivism, Old and New: The Spiritual Moorings of Progressive Reforms](#) by Dmitri N. Shalin

[Harriet Wilson's Sunday School](#) by Henry Louis Gatre Jr. & R.J. Ellis

[Isabella Beecher Hooker and The Spirits of Reform](#) by Dawn C Adiletta

[Take It On Faith If The Spirit Moves You: A Photo of the Young People's League, First Spiritual Temple, Los Angeles, 18 June 1911](#) by the Homestead Museum

[1880 Professional Spiritualists List from the 1880 Federal Census](#)

[The Language of Mediums and Healers in the Spiritualist Church](#) By Linda Tschanz

Declarations 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.

Healing prayer

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.

Amen



Educational Resources

Online ADEC courses: [https://www.adec.org/page/Pre approved Program](https://www.adec.org/page/Pre_approved_Program)

University of Alternative Studies: [Free certifications and classes in clairvoyancy, parapsychology](#)

Book links on Spiritualism: [Celebrate Life Digital Library](#)

[Spiritualism Library Page](#)

[Assoc. of Independent Readers &](#)

[Rootworkers](#)



Online Schools Links for the Study of Spiritualism, Healing, or Mediumship:

[Damanhur University](#)

[International Metaphysical University](#)

[Tabor Thompson Institute](#)

[Arthur Findlay College](#)

[Arthur Ford School at Delphi University](#)

[International Spiritual Federation](#)

[ISSMPI](#)

[Fellowship of the Spirit](#)

[Spirituality & Practice](#)

[Morris Pratt Institute](#)

[Holistic Studies Institute](#)

[Spirit360- Old Soul Academy](#)

