



# The Wild Flower

JAN./FEB. 2006

Church of the Living Spirit  
PO Box 224, Lily Dale, New York 14752

**Sunday Events**  
**Sunday Morning Worship - 10:30 am**  
**Lakeside Assembly Hall**

**JANUARY**

- 1 Carlton Weber (L,C)
- 8 Gretchen Clark (L,C)
- 15 Cara Seekings (L,C)
- 22 Ellen Bourn (L,C)
- 29 Jack Erickson (L,C)

**FEBRUARY**

- 5 Beverly Burdick Carey (L,C)
- 12 Mary Ockuly (L,C)
- 19 Terry Mayer (L,C)
- 26 Loretta Meredith (L,C)

**MARCH**

- 5 Robin Conners/Jan Dreshman (L,C)
- 12 Jesse Furst (L,C)

**Mediums' Day – 2nd Sunday of the month**

Brunch will be at the Fire Hall on East Street immediately following Church. Mini-Readings at 1:15 in the Assembly Hall. Donation: Lunch \$5 (\$2 for children), Mini-Reading \$7, both for \$10.00

**Philosophy Class - 3rd Sunday of the month**

Held year-round, immediately following church. Attendance is required prior to becoming a church member. Contact Roy Montgomery at 595-3196 or any Board member for more information.

**REGULAR ACTIVITIES**

**Monday**

**7:30-9:30pm Beginning Mediumship Development Circle**  
**Starting on 1/9/2006. Facilitated by Jim Barnum.**  
**Jim, a new resident in Lily Dale is hardly a stranger to Spiritualism. His great-grandmother, grandmother, and mother were all mediums. So, too, was his brother Ed, now in Spirit. He began his "official" studies in mediumship in 1970 at John Carlson Memorial Spiritual Church in Buffalo under the tutelage of Rev. Edith Sandy Wendling, Rev. Hazel Cook, and his "beloved mother" Rev. Donna Barnum. Ordained a Spiritualist minister in 1985, Jim taught development classes from 1989 - 2004. His phone number 595-3644**

**Tuesday**

**7:30 – 9:30pm Spiritual Unfoldment: Awaken Your Soul, Develop Your Mediumship!**  
**Class and Circle 7:30 – 9:30pm**  
**Facilitated by Shirley Yusczyk and Co-Presenters.**  
**Love Donation. Begins 01/10. Contact Shirley at 595-2433.**

**Wednesday**

**7:30pm Community Healing Service at Healing Temple**  
**on East Street, next to the Fire hall.**

**Thursday**

**8:00pm Drumming Circle and Class** First and third Thursday led by George Clees. Second and fourth Thursday led by Craig Duke Thompson. Love Donation

**Sunday**

**3:00 - 5:00pm Intention Circle – with Meditation and Messages.** Led by: Kurt and Kathy Doerflinger. Every second Sunday of the month. Love Donation.  
**6:00 – 7:15pm Trance Circle** (open to new members in January)  
**7:30 – 9:00pm Physical Manifestation Circle** (open to new members in January)

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

### **In Remembrance**

**Dodie Pries** who passed to Spirit on December 4, 2005.

### **Flowers**

If you would like to donate flowers for Sunday Worship to celebrate or remember a special person or event, or just for the joy of sharing, you can do it! Call Kurt @ 595-3908 to arrange date and details.

### **Workshop Policy of Church of the Living Spirit**

The Education & Workshop Committee is currently booking workshops. Committee approval of a workshop is necessary before scheduling a date and time for the workshop. Send your letters for proposed workshops to COLS, PO Box 224, Lily Dale, NY 14752.

### **Suzanne Hamilton**

"I'd like to add a big thank you to all the board and church members for their prayers and healing thoughts, flowers and cards and let everyone know I'm healing and having a speedy recovery and plan to be back soon, sending my thanks, love and blessings for a wonderful Christmas and a Very Happy New Year."

We are looking forward to having Suzanne back in church!

### **New Members**

David Ziehm - Grand Island, New York

### **Church Membership**

The new Church year started on September 1<sup>st</sup>. Please mail your yearly dues and any name or address changes to COLS, PO Box 224, Lily Dale, NY 14752.

### **Healers on Call**

(Area Code 716)

<b>January</b>	Barb Albaugh	962-8325
	Carolyn Sampson (alt.)	483-6334
<b>February</b>	Connie Britton	366-9041
	Barb Albaugh (alt.)	962-8325

### **Ministers for The Church of the Living Spirit**

Year Round	Rev. Neal Rzepkowski	679-7731
Year Round	Rev. Donna Riegel	595-2695
Year Round	Rev. Judith Rochester	595-3526
May - November	Rev. Patricia Price	595-3008
June - July	Rev. John Gordon	595-2742
June - July	Rev. Rose Clifford	595-8252

Our Year Round Ministers are ready and willing to receive any requests for calls or visits. Call one of them or Carol DeChard at 595-3500 with your request.

Church Activities Phone Number	595-3989
Prayer Line	595-2163

**We are in need of Healers and Ministers for on-call work. If you are interested in serving our church, please speak with a Board member. Thank you.**

### **You can find us on the web at:**

<http://www.livingspiritlilydale.org/>

**PLEASE NOTE:** YOU MAY NOW SEND INFORMATION FOR THE NEWSLETTER, AS WELL AS ANY IDEAS AND COMMENTS, TO -

[churchofthelivingspirit@hotmail.com](mailto:churchofthelivingspirit@hotmail.com).

**We have added a Yahoo community page to our website. You can sign in and keep in touch with family and friends, join a discussion or just share your thoughts. Just click on the e-mail link. We have also added an Intentions Page where you can post your Intentions and link up with others in our Church to pray for the success of everyone's Intentions.**

### **Board of Trustees**

President	Roy Montgomery	595-3196
Vice President	Suzanne Hamilton	296-8971
Secretary	Dot Lazarony	595-3226
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Trustee	Bob Reuther	595-2638

**The Board of Directors of the Church of the Living Spirit hopes all of our Church family had a very Merry Christmas and has a most Happy New Year.**

*The real sign of spiritually-minded people are their silent, tolerant, patient attitudes. They attain their ends because they do not interfere with the higher plan. They move with the higher forces. They are always in harmony with the Divine Will. Anger, impatience, calculation, quarrelling and disputes: this is what we find in the world. Those who have taken up a spiritual life cannot afford to indulge in such things.*  
-from the Book of Daily Thoughts and Prayers

### **President's Message:**

*The secret to writing these columns I have learned is accepting that when I ask for inspiration it will come; I just have to be open enough to recognize it. Today's came in an editorial column in my copy of The Advocate that arrived in yesterday's mail. It speaking of one man's journey from prejudice to acceptance, Editor-in-chief Bruce Steele wrote: "Very rarely does a person move from a place of acceptance and love to a place of suspicion and hate. The vast majority of people who shift their views are moving in the other direction, toward our common humanity. From darkness into light." When this column appears we will literally be doing the same, the days will be lengthening and we will be moving into the light. In early February we will observe what many know as Groundhog Day, but for my sister (2 years older) and me it is our Birthday. While she has come to appreciate me more over the years, I was not always her favorite birthday present. This year, my 55<sup>th</sup>, I will be somewhere I have never been before – San Juan, Puerto Rico which means I will probably see my shadow and winter will last longer but at least the days will be longer and the light will increase. I flew in a plane for the first time the day after my 36<sup>th</sup> birthday and it made me realize how many more "firsts" there would be ahead of me. I have not looked back since. I'm closing with my other inspiration, written in a note I received today from my mother (She and my father will celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this June): "We are 'hanging in there', trying to continue to help each other. Dad does as much as he can for me, & I do the same for him & we overlook everything else!" Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> a day that focuses on "light" and Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> a day that focuses on "love"; isn't this just a wonderful time of the year?  
Light & Love Roy Montgomery*

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

*We are an independent Spiritualist Church that supports the God of your own understanding. We practice, promote, and teach unconditional love. We refer to our principles as guidelines. We offer a safe and sacred place for everyone to freely discover and develop their path, purpose and spiritual nature.*

### **Our Principles**

1. *We Believe in God.*
2. *We Believe That God Is All There Is.*
3. *We Affirm The Divine Right of Individuals To Seek The Truth Within Their Own Hearts.*
4. *Life Is Eternal.*
5. *Spiritual Progression Is Eternal And Infinite.*
6. *We Believe That Communication Between All Planes Of Existence Is A Reality.*
7. *The Ultimate Expression Of Loving God Is To "Love Thy Neighbor As Thyself."*
8. *We Believe In Personal Responsibility And That Individuals Create Their Own Reality According To Natural Law.*
9. *We Affirm the Innate Gifts Of Mediumship And Healing Are Expressions Of God's Love.*