



# The Wild Flower

NOV./DEC. 2007

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

## Sunday Events

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

### November

- 4 SHANNA SPALDING (L, C)
- 11 BILL WHITE (L)
- 18 JAN COOK (L, C)
- 25 DR. JEANNE LAUREL (L, C)

### December

- 2 BERNARD PAYNE (L, C)
- 9 DONNA RIEGEL (L, C)
- 16 SHIRLEY YUSCZYK (L, C)
- 23 CONNIE BRITTON / CARA SEEKINGS (L, C)
- 30 BOB REUTHER (L, C)

### January

- 6 BARRY LILLIS (L, C)
- 13 JIM BARNUM (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 1:15pm in the Assembly Hall. Donation: Lunch \$5 (\$2 for children), Mini-Reading \$7, both for \$10.00.

If you would like to volunteer to serve as a Medium, please call Roberta Shafer at 595-2966. If you would like to volunteer to help in the kitchen (food prep, serving or clean-up), please call Charlie Dosado at 595-3196.

### Philosophy Class - 3rd Sunday of the month.

Held year-round, immediately following church. Attendance is required prior to becoming a church member. Contact Joe Shiel at 595-3775 or any Board member for more information.

## REGULAR ACTIVITIES

### Sunday

9:15-10:15am **Children's Lyceum**

### 7:30pm **Hope Circle**

Facilitated by Joe Shiel. Love Donation. Attendance is limited.

### Monday

7:30-9:30pm **Intermediate Mediumship Development Circle** Facilitated by Jim Barnum-595-3644. Class will be closed as of 12/3. Love Donation.

### Tuesday

6:30-8:30pm **Beginning Mediumship Circle**

Begins 12/ upstairs in the Assembly Hall. Love Donation.

### 7:30 – 9:30pm **Tuesday Evening Circle**

Class and Circle 7:30 – 9:30pm. Ends 12/4. Facilitated by Shirley Yusczyk and co-presenters. Love Donation. 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 Thomson. Love Donation.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### Children's Lyceum

Lyceum is back in session. It is open to all children 6 – 12 years old and we would like to see as many of our children as possible learning about Spiritualism and our world.

### November

4	Speak Stones	Jacqueline Lunger
11	Kids Drumming	Katie Caton/Dave Vogel
18	Crafts	Maggie Stark/Mary Barnum
25	Music in Poetry	Joe Shiel

### December

2	Yoga	Teresa Ford
9	Music	Mary Ockuly
16	Crafts	Maggie Stark/Mary Barnum
23	Yule School (meet at Assembly Hall)	Connie Britton/ Cara Seekings
30	New Friends & Old Things	Cara Seekings

### 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!  
We will be accepting donations again this year for Christmas flowers. Flowers can be in honor of loved ones or just for everyone's enjoyment. Please see any board member.

### Class and Workshop Submissions

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.

### Workshop Policy of Church of the Living Spirit

Any class, workshop, or other activity and any significant changes to these activities need to be submitted to our Board of Directors. Thank you.

### 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.

### Quilt Winner

Congratulations to Nancy Foose for winning the 2007 Quilt Raffle contest. And a very special thanks to those who made and donated the beautiful quilt.

### Seasonal Candlelight Message Service

Tuesday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM, at the Assembly Hall. Please bring a candle and candle holder for the service. This service will be led by the Tuesday Night Development Circle. All are welcome.

### Christmas Bazaar

The Church of the Living Spirit will have a "Bake Sale Booth" at the Christmas Bazaar. The Bazaar is on November 24<sup>th</sup> at the Fire Hall. Anybody interested in baking something, anything, please contact Dot Lazarony at 716-595-3226 or Suzanne Hamilton at 716-296-8971.

### Beginning Mediumship

A new beginning mediums class is being formed by Joe Shiel and Kitty Osborne. Introductory classes will be held on 11/11, 11/25 and 12/2, from 1 until 3 pm at the Assembly Hall. A Certificate of Completion will be issued. Continuing classes will then be held on Tuesday night from 6:30 to 8:30 pm, upstairs at the Hall.

### Tree Decorating

Please come join us for cookies and fun as we decorate our Christmas Tree on Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

### You can find us and our newsletter on the web at:

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

**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.**

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

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

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE YOUR NEWSLETTER AT YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS, PLEASE SEND US YOUR ADDRESS. IT WILL HELP US SAVE ON POSTAGE.

**The Yahoo community page, dedicated to the Free Thinkers, has moved. You can sign in and keep in touch with family and friends, join a discussion or share your thoughts. Just click and paste the address below onto your address bar:**

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/livingspirit-lilydale/>

### **ATTENTION HEALERS**

We now require that all new healers must complete a COLS Church Style Healing workshop before volunteering to heal at church service. Workshops will be scheduled and announced at regular intervals.

Healer Sign-in Sheet - All healers who plan on healing should sign in on the Healers Sign-In sheet. Healers will be chosen on a first-come, first-serve basis. We ask that all healers refrain from message work as part of their church healing.

Welcome to our newest certified healers – Danielle Reuther and Cara Seekings.

Thank You!!  
COLS Healing Committee

#### **Healers on Call** (Area Code 716)

November- Gerta Lestock 595-2434  
Alt- Wanda Lucariello 488-0123

December- Robert Smith, Jr. 763-5672  
Alt -Carolyn Sampson 483-6334

#### **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.**

#### **Board of Trustees**

President	Joe Shiel	595-3775
Vice President	Suzanne Hamilton	296-8971
Secretary	Dot Lazarony	595-3226
Rec. Secretary	Cara Seekings	595-2966
Treasurer	Connie Britton	366-9041
Trustee	Norve Loomis	595-3749
Trustee	Bob Reuther	595-2638

### **THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS!**

We are very fortunate to have caring and giving members and friends. Our Church continues to look to our future and that of the Lily Dale Assembly.

### **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.

## **President's Message:**

*Dear Extraordinary Sisters and Brothers of Love & Light,*

*I pray that this letter finds all of you well and embracing the vibrant and passionate colors of fall, where ever you may be. I pray each and every one of you are filled with a positive and abundant wealth of spirit that will continually lift your hearts, minds and beings to find the divine in everyone and everything you encounter thought-out every moment of your day.*

*All of us are uniquely loved and blessed with each other! We are gifted with a church that allows us, moreover, encourages us, to love one and other unconditionally.*

*The close of the summer, the adjustments and reflections of this fall season has washed in like the brilliant reds, yellows and oranges of the leaves. The rush of contractors, committees, school functions, holidays and families racing the clock before the snow flies and before the icicles create cages around many of the homes in the Dale, has moved me to contemplate the changes yet to be. I have been thinking about all of us, each of us experiencing the different seasons of our lives.*

*The children are the flowers of spring, dreaming of snow, sleds, presents and fun. Young adults are the penetrating warmth of the summer sun, exploring the love of others, creation and the wonders of this life. Mature enough now to know to wear a coat as the air chill, yet braving the winter winds with their minds set on yet another summer soon. Then there are the folks in the fall of life, not unlike myself; capturing every waking moment, dredging up some old lost dreams, dealing with and healing ourselves in a blaze of new colors, hot reds, warm yellows, brilliant oranges, royal maroons, stating our presence, shedding the leaves of our experience and strengths, still tossed somewhat in the winds of time grasping and giving our all before slowing into our winter.*

*Finally there are those pillars in the winter of their life, people who have worked hard, loved lots and who now watch with wisdom, as the younger summers and falls wrestle with the changes and pains so needed for the future of the spring flowers, our children to come. It is so true, for everything there is a purpose and a season and each one of us puts forth our best, it is the natural order of things. It is the nature of a true spiritualist to live well, love lots and seek wisdom and truth*

*Do not fear the winter, although soon the hills and valleys will be blanketed with snow. The glistening crystals, each one unique, will join together to warm the earth and create a beautiful wonderland of joy and a magnificent crisp sparkling vibration of light that calls through the cold night so that all may see it's peace.*

*We as a community of seasons will find our way to respect our winters, be truthful to our falls, champion our summers and always be excited and devoted to our springs to come.*

*That is the natural law of things, to love and respect each other, to nurture and build a place of peace, wisdom and healing, a city of lights for all those to come.*

*Anytime you struggle, grow weary in your faith or your trust of the natural law of things. Any time you feel afraid or alone, hungry for peace or thirsty for truth. Anytime you become tired of the tragedies and pain of the world, for all those times that worry and the weight of others actions or plights become over bearing or seems to smother your light. When you feel pushed to the edge of anger, thrust out of your balance, then look to the seasons. Take a moment to listen to a flower, watch the sun kiss the sea, catch a falling leaf from the heavens or taste the purity of a melting snowflake. When ever you feel less than divine separated from the greater good of all then:*

*HALT for you're probably Hungry, Angry, Lonely, and Tried  
STOP and remember Stay Totally Open +Positive  
BREATH and Behold Radiant Energy allow the Healing  
HOPE and Honor Our Personal Energy  
HOPE again and Help Other People Excel  
PRAY for the Principles Rejuvenate an Awesome You  
MEDITATE so you can Make Each Day Ideal  
Transcending All Things - Enlightenment  
GOD remember we are Group of Devine*

*We are all divine, we are all the seasons, and we are all one. Be thankful for the winter, thankful for the summer and fall, thankful for the spring. But be thankful for the changes most of all.*

*Peace! May all that is holy bless you and guide you through the seasons.*

*Love,  
Joseph Shiel*

***In Memoriam - Richard ("Moon") Shelley***