

The Wild Flower

JAN./FEB. 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

JANUARY

- 7 NEAL RZEPKOWSKI (L/C)
- 14 JEANNE HOUSER (L)
- 21 ELAINE THOMAS (L/C)
- 28 JIM BARNUM (L/C)

FEBRUARY

- 4 DAN O'ROURKE (L)
- 11 AUDREY TAYLOR (L/C)
- 18 TERRY MAYER (L)
- 25 BRENDA HAWKINS (L/C)

MARCH

- 4 MARY OCKULY (L/C)
- 11 COLLEEN VANDERZYDEN (L)

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.
If you would like to volunteer to serve as a Medium, please call Lynne Forget at 595-2194. 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 Roy Montgomery at 595-3196 or any Board member for more information.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Sunday

7:30pm Hope Circle

Facilitated by Joe Shiel. Begins 1/14.

Monday

7:30-9:30pm Beginning Mediumship Development Circle

Facilitated by Jim Barnum-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. Contact Shirley at 595-2433. Starts 1/9.

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.

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.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Christmas Sharing

Each year our Board of Directors makes donations on behalf of our church to various groups and families. This year we gave monetary gifts to the following:

Joint Neighborhood Project, Sinclairville 76'ers, Lakeshore Humane Society, Northern Chautauqua Canine Rescue, Cassadaga Food Pantry, Chautauqua County Hospice (in memory of Darcie Snyder), Benedict House, Rural Ministries of Chautauqua Co., and a Lily Dale Family. Gifts were also made to the Church employees and volunteers who work so hard in front and behind the scenes throughout the year: thank you Cecily, Carlton, Christine, Pauline, Joe and Kathy.

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 Roy @ 595-3196 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.

Class and Workshop Submissions

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 1st. Please mail your yearly dues and any name or address changes to COLS, PO Box 224, Lily Dale, NY, 14752.

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.

Board of Trustees

President	Roy Montgomery	595-3196
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Healers on Call (Area Code 716)

January	Carolyn Sampson	483-6334
Alternate	Wanda Lucariello	488-0123
February	Colleen Vanderzyden	673-1606
Alternate	Nancy Jones	595-8180

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 and our newsletter 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.

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

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.

The President's Message:

In three verses:

"Surely the Presence of the Lord is in this place. I can feel the Mighty Power and the Grace..." We begin our church service with this song; I begin my personal prayers with it each day. I find it to be such a powerful, centering, calming affirmation of God's presence on multiple levels. When it's sung at the start of the service it's a statement that God is present and that we are gathered to collectively acknowledge Him. When I begin my prayers with it, it's an acknowledgement of my personal connection with that Higher Energy and Light. And, I have used it in times of depression and uncertainty to remind myself that I am not dealing alone.

"Love in any language, straight from the heart...Pulls us all together, never apart..." We live in a more and more polarized country in what is becoming a more and more polarized world and yet how much of that polarization is the result of religion that purports to worship and honor the One God, the Source of all that is and therefore the Source and God of all religions. Whether you call this Highest Energy God, or Jehovah, or Allah, or Great Spirit, or Brahma, Vishnu & Siva, or Divine Intelligence, or any of the hundreds of other names in the centuries of worship – you are still speaking of the One Creative Source. And anything that leads to fear and separation from each other only keeps us from having the full, loving connection with our Divine Creator.

"Small Sandra walks with her mother's mother, Learning the lore that farm women know..." from a book of poems by Mary Rinehart Hoge published in 1955. It has always been very dear to me because Aunt Mary was my favorite of many Great Aunts and Sandra, the poem's subject, is my sister with whom I share a birthday in February. "Small Sandra" is now grandmother of five herself and it is our mother who walks with Sandra's grandchildren and teaches them of "God's purposes and love." Children are our future and if we want that future to be in an unpolarized and peaceful world then we need to look carefully at the lessons we share from generation to generation and be sure they know God is always present in their lives and love is the only language that should be passed on.

Light & Love Roy Montgomery

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.

When Man is obedient to the guidance of Spirit he will never be flooded by negative conditions. The rainbow is a sign in the heavens symbolizing the perfect blending of humanity into obedience to one harmonious Spiritual principle – the endless circle of natural perfection coming out of obedience to Divine Law.

Noah, from the Metaphysical Bible Dictionary