



The Wild Flower

NOV./DEC. 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

November

Nov. 5 RAY BUCKLAND (L/C)
Nov. 12 JANET NOVAVEC (L/C)
Nov. 19 BILL WHITE (L), BONNIE WHITE (C)
Nov. 26 Rev. NEAL RZEPKOWSKI (L/C)

December

Dec. 3 WILLA WHITE (L/C)
Dec. 10 SHIRLEY CALKINS SMITH (L/C)
Dec. 17 NANCY JONES (L/C)
Dec. 24 NATALIE LARSON (L/C)
Dec. 31 ROBERT REUTHER (L/C)

January

Jan. 7 Rev. NEAL RZEPKOWSKI (L/C)
Jan. 14 JEANNE HOUSER (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

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. Ends 12/5.

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:

Seasonal Candlelight Message Service

Tuesday, Dec. 12th, 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 Eve Musical Service

Sunday, Dec. 24th, 7:30 PM, at the Assembly Hall. A community service of special music, prayer, singing and messages.

New Year's Eve Peace Meditation Service

Sunday, Dec. 31st, 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM, at the Fellowships Lakeside Leaning Center, Dale Drive, Cassadaga. A joint community service sponsored by Fellowships of the Spirit, Lily Dale Spiritualist Church and the Church of the Living Spirit to pray and meditate together, as we end one year and begin another in harmony. All donations will go to the Chautauqua County Food Bank.

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.

Board of Trustees

President	Roy Montgomery	595-3196
Vice President	Suzanne Hamilton	296-8971
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Healers on Call

(Area Code 716)

November	Natalie Larson	665-1264
Alternate	Donna Riegel	595-2695
December	Robert Smith	763-5672
Alternate	Barbara Albaugh	962-8325

Congratulations to Iva Vicari and Susan Lane, our newest Certified Healers!

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.

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.

The President's Message

The first verse of the song that keeps running thru my head begins: "I have returned to the God of my childhood..." When I spoke in the Auditorium this past summer, I talked about an essay from my younger brother's book in which he talked about picking flowers for my mother when he was a child and his delight in adding what he perceived as the most beautiful of springtime flowers—the "dandelion" to his bouquet. Then as he grew and lost his innocence he discovered that dandelions were nothing but "pesky weeds". The point that I would make is that on the day that God choose to create dandelions I don't think he set out to create a "pesky weed"; I think my brother's childhood understanding that the dandelion was a beautiful flower is closer to the true intention.

Memories of the holidays of my childhood are not of any particular gifts received but more of the family traditions. My paternal grandparents would arrive the day before Christmas and spend the night. Christmas morning we four kids would dress and gather at the top of the stairs but we were not allowed to come down until we were all ready. Then we would rush to the living room where we would see the gifts piled under the tree and we would open our stockings. After opening stockings we had to go to the kitchen for breakfast before any more gifts could be opened. My dad would torture us by eating very slowly—or so it seemed at the time. Often my grandmother would try and hurry him along because she always seemed just as excited as we kids. When everyone was finished eating we would all go to the living room and my father would hand out each gift; one at a time so everyone could see each one as it was opened. My grandmother, above all others, seemed to savor with such joy and childlike wonder the opening of each gift.

I often thought my grandmother's excitement was because she had been an only child in a home of modest means and then my father had been raised as an only child born a few years before the Great Depression but recently I've come to think that it might be because my father was not an only child that he was so precious to her. His sister Roberta was born the year before him but died of scarlet fever brought to the house by the doctor who came to deliver her less than a month later. The pregnancy after my father ended in a stillbirth and a hysterectomy. I remember when I was older my grandmother saying how awful it had been the moment she had felt the child in her womb die and then having to wait for the delivery knowing the outcome. And when my father was but a teenager she stood with other mothers and watched him go off to war in the Pacific – so far from home. And knowing some of those other mothers whose sons did not return; perhaps the joy brought to a Christmas morning with her son and his children was more than we can comprehend.

Several years after my grandfather passed I had a dream I was visiting the family cemetery on a grassy hillside in Green County, Pa and I saw my grandparents there. They were young like I had seen them in pictures and there was a little blonde girl in a frilly dress with them who looked liked pictures I have seen of both my grandmother and great-grandmother when they were girls. My grandmother was so happy. I truly felt that I had had a glimpse into my grandmother's heaven—raising Roberta in another time and another place. With the God of my childhood, all things are possible; perhaps someday I will share another Christmas morning with my grandmother and her daughter's children.

May the joy and open wonder of childhood be reborn in each of you this holiday season.....

Peace be unto you..... 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.