

THE SPIRITUAL CONNECTION

Portland Spiritualist Church August, 2019



OUR MISSION

The mission of the Portland Spiritualist Church is to promote the science, philosophy and religion of Modern Spiritualism and its nine principles.

As Spiritualists, we serve those seeking conformation of, and comfort in, the concepts of continuity of life and Natural Law.

Through Spirit communications, teaching, hands-on-healing, and public service we bring the light and wisdom of Infinite Intelligence to our community.

FROM THE DESK

As we all do our work in Spiritualism or at least on our Spiritual path, we all come across people who need, demand, or should be offered our explanation of who or what God is. I'm not saying that we all need to be out on the streets, going from door to door telling everyone about Spiritualism. My friend, the late John Baumhoff, always used to say that Spiritualism is a "religion of conviction, not conversion". Our belief is that those who are seeking will find us; and I sure wish that they'd hurry up.

What we all need to say is that we believe "God", or in our case "Infinite Intelligence" is everywhere in the Universe. The Infinite is in the structure of the trees, and it is a part of us. The miraculous cells of a frog's brain are no more magnificent than the material that makes you and I human. All things are a part of the Infinite because nature and its laws are a part of the Infinite. For those of you who need to put a label on it; Spiritualists are pantheistic. We don't believe that God is an "anthropomorphic" being (on a throne, long beard, etc.) who looks over us and judges us by the things that we do.

So, the next question would be: Well, if there isn't a God to watch over us and punish us if we're bad or reward us if we're good, why should we have or cultivate any morality at all? That's a really good question and we can't answer that one in a 500-word article. We need to tell people that Natural Law, which is a part of "Infinite Intelligence" always acts upon us, and we either inflict our own punishment or attract our own rewards as we work with the energy of Nature. The better that we do working with Nature and its laws the better we are.

A few examples:

- If you treat people nicely, odds are very good that they will treat you the same.
- The attitude that you put out to the Universe is proportional to the abundance that will return.



An Auxiliary of NSAC

- “And in the end, the love you take is equal to the love you make.” Lennon
- No matter what, you can always make new and better changes to yourself at any time; whether it is here on the Earth plane or in the next realm. There is no time limit!

That ought to wet a questioner’s whistle for a while...give them something to think about. Spiritualism isn’t complex. Our foundation (as I say all the time) is in the 9 simple and direct statements that make up our Spiritualist Principles. You can write all sorts of books and create all kinds of elaborate rituals, rules, and canon. But it always will work down to just 9 simple statements. It’s not a big deal, this big deal of ours.

Mike Carter / President / PSC

Classes, Services and Events

Sunday Services **10:30AM**

August 4th / Bob Foster / Portland Spiritualist Church

August 11th / Melissa Gabriel / HDB Church

August 18th / Rev. Judy Schaeffer / Church of Spiritual Life

August 25th / Joe McCann / Church of Spiritual Life

September 1st / Dr. Earl Lord / HDB Church

Friday Classes **7:30PM**

August 2nd / Open Discussion on Spiritualism /Mike Carter & Rev. Beth Carter / Circle to follow

August 9th / Meditation & Mediumship / Lance Cyr

August 16th / Mini-Readings / 15 min - \$15

August 23rd / Men’s Talking Circle / Harvey McCarthy & Mike Carter

August 30th / To Be Announced

KEY: CM-Certified Medium / MPI-Morris Pratt Institute Student / Rev.- Reverend / NST- National Spiritualist Teacher / CH- Commissioned Healer / LM-Licentiate Minister / M-Missionary



“This morning, the sun endures past dawn. I realise that it is August: the summer's last stand.”

– Sara Baume, **A Line Made by Walking**

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Next Board Meeting Date: August 21st @ 7:00 PM

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A Few Things to Remember

Editor: We are looking for an individual to be the editor of the “Spiritual Connection”. The editor should be versed in Windows 10 and willing to seek out information for the newsletter. If you are interested, please contact Mike Carter.

Submissions: We’re always looking for new material to put into the newsletter. If you have items that you think will be interesting in a newsletter, you can submit them to the new editor or for the time being to Mike at retrac55@peoplepc.com

Meditation in Motion. Presented every Monday evening from 6:00PM to 7:15.

Please join us for Joao Bordallo’s class on “Meditation in Motion”. This class features a series of light exercises that helps bring the body to a relaxed state and therefore better able to slip into relaxing and meaningful meditation. Please note the new time of 6:00 PM – 7:15 PM now on Mondays.

All presentations are made for comparative, informational, and educational purposes and may not reflect the teachings of the National Spiritualist Association of Churches.



Get Ready for our Fall Mediums Day

September 21st / 10 AM - 3 PM

Our friend Paula Lipinski who has been bringing her Auric Photography equipment to nearly every Mediums Day since the late ninetys, has had the opportunity to take it easy and relax. The following article is a little something from Paula. Fear not Auric Photography fans, we're hoping to have the lady who bought Paula's equipment attend and carry on the tradition. M.

To all the wonderfully kind people at the Portland Spiritualist Church; I am writing to tell you that I will no longer be joining you for Mediums Day & doing the Aura Photography. Age has won out; my knees are way beyond the warranty expiration date. Even though it was my choice to give up the Aura Photography there is a sadness in my heart that it has ended after so many years....

I wish to express my most heartfelt thanks to all past & present who supported me. To each one of you who had your pictures taken. To the younger men who lugged my equipment up & down the ramp to make it easier for me. To the wonderful ladies in the kitchen for the "special orders". To the people who did all the work making the Mediums Days happen... THANK YOU !!!!!

It has truly been my greatest pleasure to be a part of this awesome group of people for all these years... I shall surely miss our times together...

Blessings to you all.... Paula Lipinski



The Stag & His Reflection

A Stag, drinking from a crystal spring, saw himself mirrored in the clear water. He greatly admired the graceful arch of his antlers, but he was very much ashamed of his spindling legs.

"How can it be," he sighed, "that I should be cursed with such legs when I have so magnificent a crown."

At that moment he scented a panther and in an instant was bounding away through the forest. But as he ran his wide-spreading antlers caught in the branches of the trees, and soon the Panther overtook him. Then the Stag perceived that the legs of which he was so ashamed would have saved him had it not been for the useless ornaments on his head.

We often make much of the ornamental and despise the useful.

An Aesop Fable: <http://www.read.gov/aesop/001.html>



