

THE SPIRITUAL CONNECTION



Portland Spiritualist Church May 2019

OUR MISSION

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

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

Well, it's been a long winter, but we finally made it to Spring, or "Mud Season", which ever you choose. We all knew that it was bound to happen, it just seems that the wait takes longer and longer, I guess. So, let the pothole dodging begin!!

Common sense prompts me to wax poetic about "renewal" and the "cycles" beginning again, but my head and heart are pointing me to continuation. We so often put things of the material into cycles, or circles, just as Spring follows Winter for all these millennia. Nature works in cycles in both the small picture and big picture but looking beyond the cycles of this brief life is also the continuation and progression of the greater life.

For me, this life is one of many in my progression back to Infinite Intelligence. I'm by no means saying the I have had other lives on this rock. I'm not a big believer in do overs. But spiritually, this expression is part of my learning curve back home. When this lesson is learned and I shed this current chrysalis, I will be moving forward to greater spiritual experiences than any being on this plane could imagine. In the book "Proof of Heaven", Dr. Eben Alexander reveals his short glimpse into the next realm and its perspective in his eyes. There have been many examples of folks who have experienced near death and returned with observations from the next plane.

For me, the continuation of life is like a river flowing to the sea. I've written a few sermons on it that I share every once in a while. The gist of it is that we are all progressing toward a greater source, just as a rain drop falls in a stream, and the stream empties into a river and the river into the sea. All as individual droplets but united as part of a greater body. This exemplifies our journey as single, searching sparks working to expand and grow. Our spiritual selves expand as we travel through the eons. With every experience and with every little bit of growth in our spiritual path, we come closer to the Infinite. One day (quite a while from now. FYI) we, as spiritual individuals will join with Infinite Intelligence and be a part of it as it has always been a part of us.



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Now we come to the part where I believe that like the Big Bang of the Universe, when all our spiritual energies merge with the Infinite and it once again becomes concentrated and whole, the entire thing will stop, renew and begin all over again. Which of course is a cycle and of course blows my whole theory of continuation out of the water.

But then again, we are only thinking with the little bit of equipment that we were provided with on this dimension. Perhaps, (this is called “fast talking”) as we become closer and closer to one with the Infinite, we will realize that the entire concept of Infinite Intelligence is in itself, that one drop of rain that is making its way to a much greater ocean. Huh....think on that one!

Let’s face it. We know what we know, and we know what Spirit gives us. What lies beyond this existence and the next we’ll have to wait to discover. From what I have experienced, it is wonderful and fulfilling and always expanding.

So, for now how about this: Be nice to people and critters and the place where you live. Love while you can and always be respectful of this life that we are currently experiencing. Help where you can and give when you can and above all else, do no harm.

Mike Carter / President PSC

Classes, Services and Event

Sunday Services 10:30AM

May 5th / Inga Olsen MPI / Portland Spiritualist Church

May 12th / Doug Scott: lecture / Mike Carter: mediumship

May 19th / Dr. Earl Lord / Dexter, ME

May 26th / CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY

June 2nd / Gary Mascher / Augusta Spiritualist Church

Friday Classes 7:30PM

May 3rd / Laws of Mediumship & Circle / Rev. Beth Carter & Mike Carter

May 10th / Meditation & Mediumship / Lance Cyr

May 17th / NO CLASS / YARD SALE SET UP

May 31st / Men’s Talking Circle / Harvey McCarthy & Mike Carter

June 7th / Philosophy of Spiritualism / Rev. Beth Carter CH,CM & Mike Carter

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



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. retrac55@peoplepc.com

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

Joao Bordallo is now presenting his class “Meditation in Motion” every Tuesday evening from 7:00PM – 8:00. This is a great class of light exercise and movement that allows the body and mind to move into a more relaxed state. As the body and mind are relaxed, the easier it is to slip into meaningful meditation. Comfortable clothing is recommended. Expect to be in your sox by the end of the evening. A \$10 donation is recommended.



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FUNNY

Mrs. Smartt was fumbling in her purse for her offering when a large television remote fell out and clattered into the aisle.

The curious usher bent over to retrieve it for her and whispered, “Do you always carry your TV remote to church?”

“No,” she replied, “but my husband refused to come with me this morning, and I figured this was the most evil thing I could do to him legally.”

Indoor Yard Sale:

On Saturday May 18th the Church will be having an Indoor Yard Sale. Rev. Beth Carter is looking for donations to help us raise funds. If you have items to donate, bag or box the items and contact Beth at 207-797-2039. We will be taking donations on April 21st and thereafter.



Indoor Yard Sale
May 18th
10AM—3PM
17 Dunn St. (upstairs) Westbrook

For the benefit of
The Portland
Spiritualist Church

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Next Board Meeting Date: May 29th @ 7:00 PM

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Belling the Cat

The Mice once called a meeting to decide on a plan to free themselves of their enemy, the Cat. At least they wished to find some way of knowing when she was coming, so they might have time to run away. Indeed, something had to be done, for they lived in such constant fear of her claws that they hardly dared stir from their dens by night or day.

Many plans were discussed, but none of them was thought good enough. At last a very young Mouse got up and said:

"I have a plan that seems very simple, but I know it will be successful.

All we have to do is to hang a bell about the Cat's neck. When we hear the bell ringing we will know immediately that our enemy is coming."

All the Mice were much surprised that they had not thought of such a plan before. But in the midst of the rejoicing over their good fortune, an old Mouse arose and said:

"I will say that the plan of the young Mouse is very good. But let me ask one question: Who will bell the Cat?"

It is one thing to say that something should be done, but quite a different matter to do it.

An Aesop Fable

Thanks to all our members and congregants who help us "Bell the Cat".

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Don't forget our indoor Yard Sale

May 18th / 10:00 - 3:00

