

THE SPIRITUAL CONNECTION

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From the Desk
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Hey there everyone. By the time you read this article, we'll be past Thanksgiving, and Black Friday, and Cyber Monday, and all the other shopping days hoo-ha. So now we're heading toward the "Christmas" season.

This is the time of year where we express our love to our families, of course, but also our love for each other. We all try to be a little more generous and a little more forgiving in the light of the holiday.

I'd like to urge everyone to carry this feeling with them as we step into the New Year. Let us strive to be more understanding to those around us who err. Let us be a little more generous to those who have fallen on hard times and need a hand up. I can't think of anyone who would "want" to stand in traffic asking for spare change.

Let us work together to bring peace to this planet. Perhaps it's time to bypass the "old men" who start wars, and begin to communicate with our fellows who also just want to live their lives in peace too. We, as a society and not a government, should work with our counterparts who are also tired of sending their children off to war.

Let's take the peace and love that we share in every Spiritualist service and extend that energy out to the rest of the world. When we sit in healing meditation, let part of our energies go out to the planet and every spirit spark in it.

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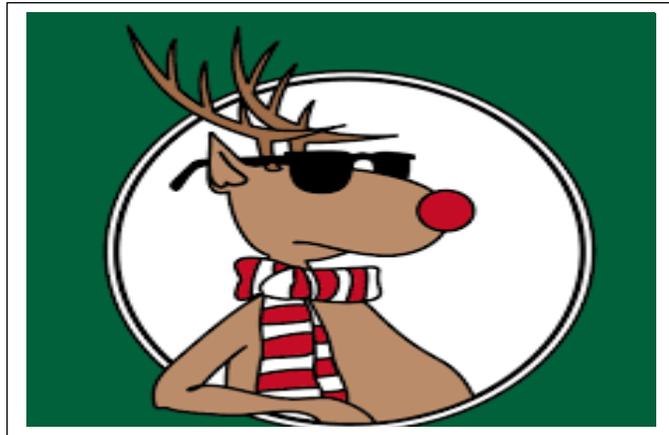
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Distribution "Open Position"



Sunday Speakers and Mediums

Sunday Speakers Services 6:30 PM

December 3

All Healing Service

December 10

Annual Pot Luck

Set up @ 4:30

Fellowship @ 5:00

Serving @ 5:30

December 17th

Rev. Beth Carter CH, CM

Portland Spiritualist Church

December 24th

No Service Christmas Eve

December 31st

No Service New Year's Eve

No Board Meeting

Legends

CM - Certified Medium

MPI- Morris Pratt Institute Student

REV- Reverent

NST- National Spiritualist Teacher

CH- Commissioned Healer

LM- Licentiate Minister

M- Missionary

Friday Development Classes

Friday Classes 7:30 PM

December 1st

Mediumship Development

Rev. Beth Carter CH, CM & Mike Carter

December 8th

Meditation and Mediumship

Lance Cyr

December 15th

Table Tipping

Rev. Beth Carter CM, CH & Mike Carter

December 22nd

Development Class

Mike Carter & Rev. Beth Carter CM, CH

December 29th

Mini Readings

15-minute reading for \$10

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Every ocean is composed of billions of drops of water. How the ocean moves and flows is always dependent on the will of those little drops. Always remember that we, the little drops of water, are what control the ebb and flow of our society. We can all join together in light and in love to make all things better for ourselves and our fellow inhabitants of the Universe.

Make your holiday wonderful for yourself and those around you. Live and act in peace and peace will come to you.

Mike Carter
President



December 10



Set up @ 4:30 // Fellowship/// eat@ 5:30

The Four Candles

Author Unknown

The Four Candles burned slowly.

Their Ambiance was so soft you could hear them speak...

The first candle said, "I Am Peace, but these days, nobody wants to keep me lit."
Then Peace's flame slowly diminishes and goes out completely.

The second candle says, "I Am Faith, but these days, I am no longer indispensable."
Then Faith's flame slowly diminishes and goes out completely.

Sadly, the third candle spoke, "I Am Love and I haven't the strength to stay lit any longer."
"People put me aside and don't understand my importance. They even forget to love those who are nearest to them." And waiting no longer, Love goes out completely.

Suddenly...A child enters the room and sees the three candles no longer burning. The child begins to cry, "Why are you not burning? You are supposed to stay lit until the end."

Then the Fourth Candle spoke gently to the little boy, "Don't be afraid, for I Am Hope, and while I still burn, we can re-light the other candles."
With Shining eyes, the child took the Candle of Hope and lit the other three candles.

Never let the Flame of Hope go out of your life.
With Hope, no matter how bad things look and are...
Peace, Faith and Love can Shine Brightly in our lives.



Let Us Spread Love Wherever We Go!

By Boon Kiat Chia

The "What is Love?" movie is part of the 'Let Us Spread Love Wherever We Go!' project. The mission of this project is to advocate Love and Tolerance in the World.

Love is one of the most talk about topics in the World and yet when asked, "What is Love?", different people have different meanings for Love. There is no one True or Right way of describing what Love is. However, most believe and agree that the ultimate objective in True Love is for the greater good of the people you love.

Kindness to yourself and to others comes from a desire to support your own highest good and the highest good of others. When your highest priority is to support the highest good of all, you are naturally kind. You don't even have to think about it. It flows easily when your deepest desire is to be a loving, caring person. We hope that you would not only make this true for people you love, but also for people around you in your community, in your country and around the World.

Let us start today by spreading love wherever we go. Just as Mother Teresa said, "Spread love everywhere you go: first of all, in your own home; give love to your children, to a wife or husband, to a next-door neighbor. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier." Let us make it a point to smile to each other; smile to your wife, smile to your husband, smile to your children, smile to your brother and sister, smile to each other -- it does not matter who it is -- and that will help you to grow up in greater love for each other. Let us meet each other with a smile, for a smile is the beginning of Love.

We would like to extend to you our sincere wish for you: "May you be Loved and be Blessed always!" With the help from each and every one, we can make this a better World for ourselves and for our children to live in. Start today by telling the people that you love that they are special and important to you; do not wait until tomorrow. We sincerely hope that you can join us in this project to advocate Love and Tolerance in this World by forwarding this movie to your family, friends and associates. Let us spread Love wherever we go





Christmas Crossword



ACROSS

1. Pumpkin or mincemeat
3. Santa's ride
6. Celebration
8. Newborn
9. Northpole crew
13. Word of praise
14. Words on a Christmas card
17. It's opened on Christmas

DOWN

1. Alternative word to 17 across
2. Christmas drink
4. Christmas dinner centerpiece
5. Dec. holiday
7. Christmas warmer
8. "Jingle _____"
10. Christmas tree
11. O. Henry's "The Gift of the ___"
12. What carolers do
15. French Christmas.
16. Snow glider

