

THE SPIRITUAL CONNECTION

The Portland Spiritualist Church
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From the Desk June 2018

Hey there!! The sun is out, and the long johns have been put away: Can real summer be far behind?!?!

As Spiritualists, we focus our energies on proving the “continuity of life” every time we present readings or give greetings from the podium. There are folks that I talk to who seem to think that communication with the Spirit World is some mysterious talent that is only doled out to the few “special” people on this plane. I’m here to emphasize and tell all of you that EVERYONE is a medium. EVERYONE can touch with their guides and loved ones from Spirit. EVERYONE has the ability to accept and project the healing energies that are offered to us by Nature and the Infinite. It’s all a matter of the level you are in and the level you want to be.

I think that mediumship is a lot like throwing a baseball. There are those who can fire a 90mph pitch across the plate exactly where they want and as hard as they want. There are also those who can barely get the ball off the pitcher’s mound. My point being: Everyone has the ability to work and communicate with the Summerland. It’s just a matter of degree, desire and the time put in.

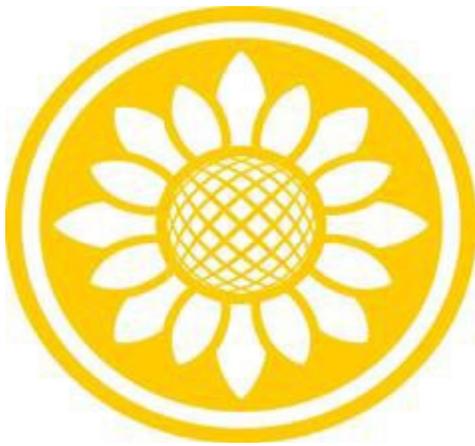
There are those who have had the natural ability since they were small, (Rev. Beth Carter) and there are those who need to work and practice harder to develop their mediumship. (That’s me). In either case, we all must work with our guides and bands often to keep up to our talent. The Natural medium who noticed Spirit early, needs to keep working with Spirit or like any talent, it atrophies. (A 90mph pitch takes work,

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Sunday Speakers and Mediums

Sunday Speakers Services 6:30 PM

June 3rd

Rose Osborn
Augusta Spiritualist Church

June 10th

Rev. Nancy Ryall & Husband
Illinois

June 17th

Eddita Felt
Portland Spiritualist Church

June 24th

Rev. Betty Simpson-M
& Rev. Patty Palmer
Harrison D. Barret Church

July 1st

Joe McCann
Massachusetts

Board Meeting June 13 at 7:00 p.m.

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

June 1st

Membership Class III
Rev. Beth Carter CM, CH
& Mike Carter

June 8th

Meditation & Mediumship
Lance Cyr

June 15th

Membership Class IV
Rev. Beth Carter CM, CH

June 22nd

Gallery Readings
Rev. Beth Carter CM, CH
& Mike Carter

June 29th

Spiritual Discussion
Inga Olsen MPI

July 6th

Class to be announced
Rev. Beth Carter CM, CH
& Mike Carter

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you know!) I'm a pretty good typist because I type every day. I'm a fairly decent medium because I use, notice and communicate with Spirit every day.

That's my point. Being a medium isn't always giving readings to strangers or talking from a church podium. Being a medium is allowing Spirit and Natural Law to work with you every day in order to make you a better and more developed person on this Plane. Being a medium is allowing and recognizing the Spirit guides and your Doorkeeper to work with you when you sit in reflection or develop in a circle.

Now I'm not saying that you must be open and working with Spirit 24/7. Constant contact is almost as bad as not working with Spirit at all. You and your emotions become too focused on what's going on from Spirit and you forget that you're in your car driving down the street. Paper work does not get finished if one is spending the day on another plane of existence. Put all things that are good for you in proportion and under control.

That's about it for now. Take care of yourselves and be sure to work on your mediumship. We aren't all going to be professional baseball pitchers, but with work, we can all be better than we were this morning.

Mike Carter
President
Portland Spiritualist Church

CONSOLATION (R.L. Stevenson)

Though he, that ever kind and true,

Kept stoutly step by step with you,
Your whole long, gusty lifetime through,
Be gone a while before,
Be gone a moment gone before,
Yet, doubt not, soon the seasons shall restore

Your friend to you.

He has but turned the corner-still
He pushes on with right good will,
Through mire and marsh, by heugh and hill,
That self-same arduous way-
That self-same upland, hopeful way,
That you and he through many a doubtful day
Attempted still.

He is not dead, this friend-not dead,
But in the path, we mortals tread
Got some few, trifling steps ahead
And nearer to the end;
So that you too, once past the bend,
Shall meet again, as face to face, this friend
You fancy dead.

Push gaily on, strong heart! The while
You travel forward mile by mile,
He loiters with a backward smile
Till you can overtake,
And strains his eyes to search his wake,
Or whistling, as he sees you through
the brake,
Waits on a stile.



Compassion

BY [MADISYN TAYLOR](#)

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Compassion is the ability to see the deep connectedness between ourselves and others. Moreover, true compassion recognizes that all the boundaries we perceive between ourselves and others are an illusion. When we first begin to practice compassion, this very deep level of understanding may elude us, but we can have faith that if we start where we are, we will eventually feel our way toward it. We move closer to it every time we see past our own self-concern to accommodate concern for others. And, as with any skill, our compassion grows most in the presence of difficulty.

We practice small acts of compassion every day, when our loved ones are short-tempered or another driver cuts us off in traffic. We extend our forgiveness by trying to understand their point of view; we know how it is to feel stressed out or irritable. The practice of compassion becomes more difficult when we find ourselves unable to understand the actions of the person who offends us. These are the situations that ask us to look more deeply into ourselves, into parts of our psyches that we may want to deny, parts that we have repressed because society has labeled them bad or wrong. For example, acts of violence are often well beyond anything we ourselves have perpetuated, so when we are on the receiving end of such acts, we are often at a loss. This is where the real potential for growth begins, because we are called to shine a light inside ourselves and take responsibility for what we have disowned. It is at this juncture that we have the opportunity to transform from within.

This can seem like a very tall order, but when life presents us with circumstances that require our compassion, no matter how difficult, we can trust that we are ready. We can call upon all the light we have cultivated so far, allowing it to lead the way into the darkest parts of our own hearts, connecting us to the hearts of others in the understanding that is true compassion.

SANCTUARY PRAYER (Harry Edwards)

Heavenly Father,

I surrender myself to the good influencing of your Healing Ministers in Spirit,
that through your divine healing power, the disharmonies within me might be overcome

and the stresses of mind and body be eased and lessened day by day.

Help me to adopt a more positive and helpful way of thought, bringing me into closer harmony with those around me and with the divine healing purpose, and, for those who are sick or in the darkness of despair who do not know of the help that can reach them from Spirit, I pray that awareness will come to them soon, that they too might experience the upliftment of spirit that can lead us all through harmony towards true health.

May God bless you. Amen.

Please Pray for World Peace

