



September/October Newsletter/2010

President's Message

The summer seems to have sped by with everyone going in different directions, enjoying the beautiful summer days. But with a cooling of temperatures, I start to think September- School. OK, so it has been a "few" years since I went to public school!! But who is counting? Education comes in many forms and as we all know, we are always learning.

And that includes here at church. We have Awareness classes for the public, as well as members, who want to explore all realms of possibilities. Development classes may start about Nov. 1st. More info will be available shortly. Do you really want to learn to work within Natural Law? Do you truly acknowledge that as you give, you will receive? Are you ready to get the physical self out of the way and let spirit work in your life? Are you ready to practice, practice, practice. If so, a sign up sheet will be posted downstairs shortly.

There are many ways you can help as a member. We could use help with the yard work, social events and in the library. As we get into the "winter" swing of things, please volunteer some time.

Have a great Autumn!!!

Rev. Earl Wallace

I just wanted to ask if everyone is smiling, I am as always, and I hope you will spread the smile around. It makes me feel good if I smile at someone and they smile back. Spread the love around, smile, say "Good Morning" to strangers when you meet them, you will be surprised what response you get. Give out that of which you want returned. I love to laugh and joke as everyone knows, and if I can make just one person smile or laugh even if it's on me, it makes my day. We have a beautiful fall coming up, with the changing of the leaves it's just awesome to take a ride and see them, I hope I get to this year!!

Theresa

If there is anything you want to see published, please let me know. You will find my e-mail on the last page of the newsletter, or you could write it down and give it to me at church. I will try and get everything in that is submitted subject to approval of course. I'm looking for things like poems, stories of things that have happened in your life, that you would like to share with others, that may make a difference in their life. I think others would like to see recipes, so if you would like to share anything please send it in, everything you send in may not get published right away, but keep watching it will get in there sooner or later. It doesn't matter if you are a member of the church or not, if you would like to share please do.

Our mini readings on the first Thursday of the month have been quite successful. Our goal is to prove continuity of life and to give the community a chance to get to know us. We have two mediums available and we appreciate their donation of time.

Do you realize we have **committees** here? The Library committee has been organizing the books; the social committee gets the word out about our potlucks etc., and there is always cleaning to be done. If you have time on your hands and can donate, please let us know.

Pot luck dinners after Sunday service stating the third week in October!!! Don't forget to bring a dish-full. Community is an important part of sharing in our church. Hope to see you participate. Talk is supportive and laughter is healing!!! And we do a lot of both.

Plus check out all the workshops that are coming up!!! There are many opportunities to be part of this church family. We look forward to seeing you all!!!

Cancellations

Sometimes due to unforeseen circumstances we are forced to cancel church service or Thursday night classes. These cancellations will be announced on the local news channel, or will be viewed in the TV web page, and possibly on the radio. So before you venture out into the stormy weather, be sure and check to see if Sunday service or the Thursday night class is being held. We want everyone to be safe.

Credentials:

I think it is very important for everyone to know how much work is put into being certified for: Healer, Medium, Licentiate Minister, or Ordained Minister, and Spiritualist Teacher. Sometimes it takes years to become certified in any of these categories. There are home study courses, essays, affidavits and exams that need to be taken. The hardest part is getting the affidavits, so I would like to explain how many of you can help with making that easier. Example: if you have a headache or some other physical discomfort before you sit in the healing chair, and you are relieved of that discomfort, you may fill out an affidavit, describing what actually occurred. It's just a simple form, sign it and have two of the Pastors, and or a board member sign it and you're all set. This also goes for the Mediums, if there is any continuity of life in the message from spirit, (someone you recognize as a loved one or friend who has crossed over). You fill out an affidavit for the Mediumship. They need to send in six, but twelve is better, from different people, as sometimes National doesn't accept them.

Membership

If you have been coming to our church and feel as you would like to become a member, or would like more information on becoming a member, ask for a membership application from any board member or our Pastors. There is a process in becoming a member that will be explained to you at the time you ask for a membership application. Why become a member? Your opinion is very important to us, and after being a member for three months you are able to vote.

People join our church seeking their own truth and Spiritualism allows you to do just that, and much more!!!!

Classes

Development classes: **Will be starting the first week of November, and will be held at the church at 7PM prompt for November and December.** The purpose of these classes is to develop your spirituality

in whatever direction it leads you. We will use creative ways to explore the many facets of mediumship, healing, and platform speaking as well as ways to raise your vibration and increase your knowledge of Spiritualism. There will be a signup sheet downstairs on bulletin board soon. There is no limit to how many years you can take this class; we try to make it different each year and we emphasize practice, practice, practice! **This is a commitment on your part as well as ours. FMI: Revs. Earl and Pat Wallace 582-6745.**

The informational classes Rev. Earl Wallace was having every other Sunday have been cancelled for the summer but if you have any questions you may still approach him and ask.

Thursday night classes are held every Thursday (except the first Thursday of every month which is mini readings) unless it is a holiday, or cancelled because of bad weather. The Thursday night classes are for people who are learning to meditate, opening their chakras, to learn more about Spiritualism, to learn to open your mind and invite Spirit into your life, or just for information on what our church has to offer. The classes begin at seven and end at nine pm. And may or may not reflect the teachings of Spiritualism. If you have a class you would like to teach or any ideas of what you would like to see taught at these classes, please speak to Rev. Earl Wallace or Gary Mascher. Thursday night classes are subject to change without notice. **Please see the schedule included in this newsletter.**

Mediums Day Fair Oct.30th 10-3PM \$15 /15 minute mini readings or \$30 for ½ hour. There will be approximately eight mediums to choose from. First come/first serve basis. We will be looking for donations of baked goods and volunteers to help us that day.

A variety of Vendors will also be available. Good time to start thinking of Christmas!!!

Thursday classes will be presented by the Revs. Earl and Pat Wallace for Sept and October unless otherwise stated. Please NOTE: No mini readings or class October 7 due to National Convention in Florida.

*Guest at Thursday Night Class Oct 21st. Regina Strongheart has a BA in biology and a Master's Degree in the Art of Teaching from the University of New Hampshire. She previously worked in the medical field for eight years and as a high school chemistry and biology teacher for twenty-nine years. An intuitive reader, medical intuitive and healer, she uses various Shamanic techniques in her healing work. Regina has participated in numerous health fairs, seminars and lectures. Currently she has a healing practice and offers workshops and classes out of her Center for Community and Healing, at Forest Circles in Topsham, Maine.

Regina's healing modalities include: medical intuition, past-life regression, spirit-guided imagery, and healing using the transduction of pure Universal energy. The healing work is done at the cellular and energetic levels, resulting in a more balanced physical, emotional, and spiritual body. Focus is on the whole-self and produces immediate energetic changes in one's physical body. Find your way back to your (HEART) your center--your essence!

Regina will be sharing her knowledge of "self retrieval" with us. We welcome her!

Thursday Night Class Schedule

Sep 2 nd Mini Readings \$15/15 min.	Oct 7 th CANCELLED Due to Convention
Sept 9 th Manifesting Abundance	Oct 14 th Enhance your Life with Color
Sept 16 th Dreaming Your Life	Oct 21 st Self Retrieval
Sept 23 rd Psychic Art	Oct 28 th Healing
Sept 30 th Shamanism & Healing Dan Deforge	



As the sunflower turns its face to the light of the sun, so Spiritualism turns the face of humanity to the light of truth.

Mediums and workers Scheduled for Sunday Services: September & October 2010

Date	Medium	Chairperson	Healing Talk
Sept 5 th	Barbara Eckhardt	Rev. Earl Wallace	Theresa Clifford
Sept 12 th	Theresa Clifford	Rev. Kay Hawkins	Melanie Ames
Sept 19 th	HDB Canaan	No church in Augusta	
Sept 26 th	Editta Felt	Rev. Kay Hawkins	Dan Deforge
Oct 3 rd	Nedra Foster	Gary Masher	Linda Deforge
Oct 10 th	Sue St Jean	Gary Masher	Barbara Eckhardt
Oct 17 th	Rev. Pattie Palmer	Rev. Kay Hawkins	Rose Collins
Oct 24 th	Tamera Jetton	Rev. Kay Hawkins	Marguerite Walker
Oct 31 st	Rev. Kay Hawkins	Rev. Kay Hawkins	Barbara Eckhardt

Announcements

After each service we hold fellowship downstairs, coffee, tea, and a snack, all are welcome.

We are asking for donations of snacks for the fellowship following the services. Homemade or store bought, it doesn't matter. If you would put what it is and a date on it, and if it is in a container you would like back put your name on it too, just in case we freeze it for a later time. It would be well appreciated.

Business/Board meetings are held the first Sunday of every month at 12:45 downstairs, unless otherwise noted. All members are welcome.

Please notify the Secretary, Rev. Pat Wallace (582-6745) 124 Spring St. Gardiner Me. 04345 if there is a change in your address or telephone number.

If you know of anyone who is ill or in the hospital, please notify the church, the pastor, so someone can contact them.

There is a guest book in the back of the church, if you leave your name and address, we will send you information on what is going on at the church for the upcoming months. To help save money on postage, anyone who would like to have the newsletter sent to them by email, please send me, Theresa Clifford, your e-mail address, this includes members and non-members alike. You will find my E-mail address in this newsletter. Thank you for your support.

HDB Day, Canaan is the birthplace of Harrison D. Barrett, the first President of the National spiritualist Association of Churches. Service will be held 11 AM, Sept 19, at Canaan Town Hall, Rt. 2, Canaan. A brief memorial service to follow and then potluck dinner. The Augusta Spiritualist church is the host this year so we need your support. Bring food!!!! Casserole, salad or desert.



September Birthdays: Birthdays overlooked in August Gale Gagnon, Melanie Ames.

October Birthdays: Rose Collins, June Conley, Ernie Van Den Bossche

By All Means Keep An Even Mind!!!

Andrew Jackson Davis.



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Pioneers of Spiritualism

The work of our pioneers is a monument to Spiritualism. Their unfaltering footsteps, their unwavering courage and strength have laid the foundation for Modern Spiritualism. What a happy reunion of all of these workers in the Spirit World! Their counsel and guidance continues, for their interest and loyalty to the Cause never wanes.

Judge John Worth Edmonds (1816-1874)



John W. Edmonds was one of the most influential early American Spiritualists. After a great public career, as a member of both branches of the New York State Legislature and, for some time, President of the Senate and Judge of the Supreme Court of New York, he resigned the latter position on account of the outcry raised against his Spiritualistic beliefs and, especially, his support of the Fox sisters.

His interest in the Rochester knockings was aroused in early 1851, and the first account of his experiences was published on August 1, 1853, in the New York Courier, in an article "To the Public." In this article, in order to meet the constant attacks against him by the Press, he confessed his complete conversion to Spiritualism and related his experiences. This bold step aroused a tremendous sensation, and a furious controversy arose.

In a letter published in the New York Herald, on August 6, 1853, he wrote:

"I went into the investigation originally thinking it a deception, and intending to make public my exposure of it. Having from my researches come to a different conclusion; I feel that the obligation to make known the result is just as strong. Therefore it is, mainly, that I give the result to the world. I say mainly because there is another consideration which influences me, and that is, the desire to extend to others a knowledge which I am conscious cannot but make them happier and better."

His investigations into mediumship were logical, hard, and indicative of a man of the law. He was very shrewd, and, consistently, his conclusions were the same: spirit out of body can and does communicate with spirit in body.

As time passed on, Judge Edmonds developed mediumship himself. Between the years 1853 and 1854, within a small circle formed with a few close friends, he received many spirit messages and communications. The chief communicators were alleged to be Swedenborg and Bacon.



The communications were referenced, compiled, and published in two volumes on Spiritualism. This venture was achieved jointly with George T. Dexter, M.D. (seen above). These volumes achieved tremendous success, with several editions being printed. They are, truly, some of the most fascinating and informative literature ever published on Spiritualism; a must for all students of the subject. Unfortunately, they have been out of print for decades.

In addition to his own mediumistic encounters, Judge Edmonds' daughter, Laura, became a trance medium. She developed incredible musical powers and the gift of tongues. Although she could speak only English and a smattering of French, while entranced by Spirit she spoke nine different languages with great fluency: Spanish; French; Greek; Italian; Portuguese; Latin; Hungarian; and Indian dialects were identified. These phenomena and many others were all very meticulously recorded by Judge Edmonds.

The account of his experiences with raps, as given in the New York Tribune, March, 1859, is especially significant and informative:

"And finally after weeks of such trials, as if to dispel all idea in my mind as to its being done by others, or by machinery, the rapping's came to me alone, when I was in bed, when no mortal but myself was in the room. I first heard them on the floor, as I lay reading.

"I said 'It's a mouse.' They instantly changed their location from one part of the room of another, with a rapidity that no mouse could equal. 'Still, it might be more than one mouse.' And then they came upon my person -- distinct, clear, and unequivocal.

"I explained it to myself by calling it a twitching of the nerves, which at times I had experienced, and so I tried to see if it was so. It was on my thigh that they came. I sat up in bed, threw off all clothing from the limb, leaving it entirely bare. I had my left hand flat on the spot -- the raps would be then on my hand and cease on my leg. I laid my hand edgewise on the limb and the force, whatever it was, would pass across my hand and reach the leg, making itself as perceptible on each finger as on the leg. I held my hand two or three inches from my thigh and found that they instantly stopped and resumed their work, as soon as I withdrew my hand. But, I said to myself, this is some local affection which the magnetism of my hand can reach. Immediately they ran riot all over my limbs, touching me with a distinctness and rapidity that was marvelous, running up and down both limbs from the thighs to the end of the toes."

Judge Edmonds never wavered in his beliefs nor in his advocacy of Spiritualism. He was a true champion for the cause, and he suffered dearly for it. Despite his amazing legal and political career and his even

more amazing intellect, the Press and, therefore, the public, condemned him for his support of Spiritualism and, especially, for his support of the Fox sisters and the Rochester rapping's.

Nonetheless, he continued in his work, even at the expense of stepping down from the New York Supreme Court.

In the year 1873, in recognition of his years of service to Spirit and to the cause of Spiritualism, the Spiritualists of England presented Judge Edmonds with a testimonial and a Testimonial Certificate. Two such certificates were made: one for Judge Edmonds, himself; the other was given to the founder of our Church, [Marcellus Ayer](#), by those same British Spiritualists. This second certificate proudly adorns the wall of our Church Library (below).



This Testimonial begins as follows:

"To Judge Edmonds: We, on behalf of your many admirers in England, desire to testify to you our high appreciation of the distinguished services you have rendered to the cause of Spiritualism."

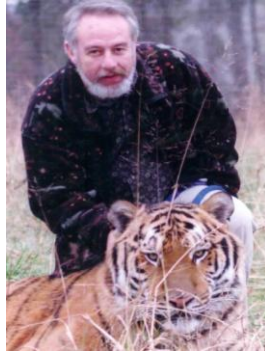
It continues with beautiful words of recognition and appreciation and signed, at the bottom, by 26 prominent British Spiritualists. It was presented to Judge Edmonds in London, in November, 1873.

Judge Edmonds wrote the following: **Letters and Tracts on Spiritualism; Spiritualism, Volume I (1853); Spiritualism, Volume II (1855); and Uncertainty of Spiritual Intercourse (1856).**

All Spiritualists should be proud and appreciative of the work done by this great man. His reputation and fearless championship of the cause of Spiritualism was, indeed, an important factor in the growth and spread of Modern American Spiritualism.

Workers Serving Our Church

Rev. Graham Connolly



Graham is President of both the MSSAC and the Portland Spiritualist Church. He is also a Certified Medium, Commissioned Healer and a Missionary for NSAC. Graham is a Reiki Master, Shamanic Practitioner, teacher and lecturer offering workshops on spirituality, shamanism and mediumship. Private readings and message circles available by appointment.

Life is a journey not a destination!!!

People come into our lives for a reason, a season, or a lifetime.

It is up to you to decide which it is!!!

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