



July/August Newsletter/2010

President's Message

Summertime, rain and open season at camps!!! BBQ's, family outings, graduations, and above all way too busy schedules. That is what summer brings. During the summer, we seem to be running everywhere to get all we can in while the weather permits. We look around at church and some one is always "missing" and we know they are out having fun!!!

We had a wonderful weekend with Rev. Catherine Snell for our annual Maine State Spiritualist Assoc. annual meeting weekend. Appreciate all the work that went into putting it together. Several people are in the hospital, or have been lately, from our Spiritualist "family" so , please keep the healing prayers coming even if you aren't here at church. Enjoy the sessions at the camps; check out the info on the tables or websites: Madisoncamp.org, templeheightscamp.org and etnacamp.org. Or go to Maine Spiritualists and check the links. So many opportunities to enjoy learning with other teachers as well as the "tried and true". I believe in taking advantage of all opportunities to expand our awareness of spirit and our connection to the One.
Happy Fourth of July!!! Earl

Rev. Earl Wallace

The weather has been really crazy lately, although we have had some really nice days, and I'm sure there is more to come. I don't know about anyone else but I have been really busy on Sundays, I'm hoping it will stay calm for awhile so I can manage to go to church, I miss everything that happens there, and all the wonderful people I meet, who brings great inspiration to my life.

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.

Our pot luck dinners will be stopping for the summer; it will be announced when they will be starting up again. 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

The Development classes have ended for now, they will resume again with notice.

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 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.

Thursday Night Class Schedule

July 1 st Mini Readings \$15/15 min.	Aug. 5 th Mini Readings \$15/15
July 8 th Chakra Cleaning	Aug. 12 th So What Do You Want To Know?
July 15 th Psychometry W/Cloth	Aug. 19 th Psychometry W/ Flowers
July 22 nd Rock/Knock The Table	Aug. 26 th Healing
July 29 th Healing	



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: July & August 2010

Date	Medium	Chairperson	Healing Talk
July 4 th	Rev. Earl Wallace	Rev. Pat Wallace	Melanie Ames
July 11 th	Melanie Ames	Rev. Earl Wallace	To be announced
July 18 th	Mike Carter	Rev. Kay Hawkins	Rev. Beth Carter
July 25 th	Laurie Xanthros	Rev. Earl Wallace	Melanie Ames
Aug. 1 st	Sandy Scott	Rev. Earl Wallace	Suzanne O'Connor
Aug. 8 th	Rev. Lynn Kent	Rev. Earl Wallace	Rev. Brian Kent
Aug. 15 th	Rev. Beth Carter	Rev. Kay Hawkins	Mike Carter
Aug. 22 nd	Catherine Sabine	Rev. Earl Wallace	Barbara Eckhart
Aug. 29 th	Marguerite Walker	Rev. Kay Hawkins	Tamara Jetton

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. Next meeting in August.

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.

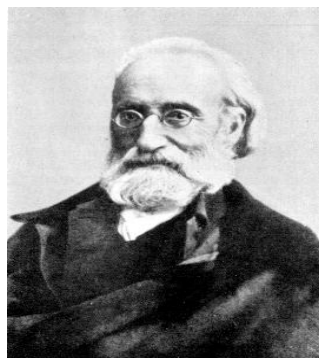


July Birthdays: Barbara Eckhardt, Rev. Earl Wallace, Linda Deforge

August Birthdays: Daniel Deforge, Charlotte Douchette, Bonnie Gibson, Kathryn Wolfe

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.

**Joseph Rodes Buchanan
(1814-1899)**



Joseph Rodes Buchanan was an American scientist, Faculty Dean and Professor in the Eclectic Medical Institute, in Covington, Kentucky, and research pioneer in psychometry. It was Joseph Buchanan who, in 1842, coined the term "psychometry" as meaning the "measuring of the soul."

General Bishop Polk of the Civil War once told Professor Buchanan of his curious sensitivity to atmospheric, electric, and other physical conditions. If he touched brass in the dark, he immediately knew it by its influence and the offensive metallic taste in his mouth.

Dr. Buchanan began to experiment and soon discovered that these sensations are not restricted to the sense of taste alone. Students of a Cincinnati medical school registered distinct impressions from medicines held in their hands. In order to eliminate thought transference, the substances were wrapped in paper parcels and mixed.

Eventually, it became very evident to Dr. Buchanan that some type of emanation is thrown off by all substances, even by the human body; furthermore, certain sensitive's can feel and interpret these emanations in their normal state. Actually, he was staggered by the possibilities of this discovery. He stated:

"The past is entombed in the present, the world is its own enduring monument; and that which is true of its physical is likewise true of its mental career. The discoveries of Psychometry will enable us to explore the history of man, as those of geology enable us to explore the history of the earth. There are mental fossils for psychologists as well as mineral fossils for the geologists; and I believe that hereafter the psychologist and the geologist will go hand in hand, the one portraying the earth, its animals and its vegetation, while the other portrays the human beings who have roamed over its surface in the shadows, and the darkness of primeval barbarism. Aye, the mental telescope is now discovered which may pierce the depths of the past and bring us in full view of the grand and tragic passages of ancient history."

If you consider this statement, along with the era in which it was spoken, it really is quite remarkable how far ahead of his time Dr. Buchanan was.

He called the subtle emanation given off by the human body "nerve aura." In the *Journal of Man*, one of the first Spiritualist monthlies, he published a complete exposition of his system of neurology and anthropology.

Psychometry, for Dr. Buchanan, was essentially a human faculty of the mind; he did not feel it involved the intervention of spirits. However, Mrs. L. A. Coffin, in her preface to Dr. Buchanan's *Manual of Psychometry* (Boston, 1889), states that she was often impressed by spirits while performing psychometry. This was not in conflict with Dr. Buchanan's views, as he was an avowed Spiritualist. He simply felt that psychometry was primarily a psychic faculty, not a mediumistic influence.

His classic, *Manual of Psychometry*, is considered to be the most authoritative text written on psychometry.

Finally, he was one of very few medical professionals who, with great determination, defended the Fox sisters, when they were experiencing incredible negative publicity.

In the course of his investigations, primarily through the mediumship of Mrs. Hollis-Billing, Dr. Buchanan received direct writing, purportedly from St. John. After being held in privacy for 17 years, these communications were published in 1897 under the title of "*Primitive Christianity. Containing the Lost Lives of Jesus Christ and the Apostles and the Authentic Gospel of St. John.*"

He claims that he tested the St. John script, properly concealed, with three psychometrists -- Cornelia Buchanan, Mrs. Hayden, and the famous Dr. J. M. Peebles -- and all three agreed as to its source, giving very similar descriptions of a great spirit devoted to Jesus Christ. I have read this book and, personally, I am not totally convinced that it is direct communication from St. John. Nonetheless, the text is quite remarkable.

On other occasions, but in similar manner, Dr. Buchanan obtained between slates a portrait of Moses and the Tablets of the Law, a picture of Aaron, of Helen of Troy, of John the Baptist, and communication from Confucius. Again, he substantiated the sources of these items through reputable psychometrists.

Regardless of what one may think of these more recent revelations, the work of Joseph Rodes Buchanan played a very important role in the history of Spiritualism. He was a pioneer in one of the most amazing and mysterious faculties of human consciousness.

[Marcellus Ayer](#), founder of our Church, was a very close friend of Dr. Buchanan. In fact, he served as Honorary Treasurer on a committee established to help promote the research Dr. Buchanan was conducting on psychometry. The committee consisted of reputable Spiritualists, in the Boston area, including the renowned [Andrew Jackson Davis](#).

Workers Serving Our Church

Rev. Kay Hawkins



I came into Spiritualism on February 2000 searching for a spiritual life that my grandmother personified to me for my first 18 years of existence. I was scared at first because I couldn't quite understand this spirit communication. After I got a grasp on it I just wanted to learn more about it. In 2005 I was ordained as a Reverend, and immediately Pinpoint of Light Spiritualist Center and Camp was dropped in my lap. I served there for awhile and then transferred to the Augusta Spiritualist Church. I became a co-pastor for two years and now I am the Assistant Pastor and Trustee on the board, which is all I can take on at this time with my busy life.

I live in Hartford Me. I have two sons and twelve grand-children and four great grand-children. I still work full time and love my job. My family and I are very close, three siblings live here in the same town and the fourth spends summer here in his Hartford home.

I built a home seven years ago and enjoy landscaping the 4.4 acres with rock walls, natural grown plants, and fake brooks running down the side hills, with bridges spanning them and, paths lined with solar lights. May and June one would not know that Lady Slippers were endangered plants. They are all over the property and come up in different areas each year.

Each year my home is picked for one of the garden tour properties. Mine is different than most as I work with the natural plants instead of planting perennials or annuals. I am listed as having a spiritual garden. People comment that they feel something peaceful when they come onto my property. I invite visitors at any time even when I'm not home, because it is mine only in title, I feel as I am a steward of this land at this time.

My religion is my way of life and I try to walk the talk like my grand-mother did for us children. I believe that is the way teaching should be. I believe we are here of this Earth Plane to serve humanity and make it a better place for those who come after us.

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!!!

MSSAC Convention 2010

Our State Convention was held on the June 11, 12, and 13. And as usual it was very enlightening. We had our workshop on Friday night with Rev. Catherine Snell Vice-President of our national Board on the book "The Lost Symbol" by Dan Brown; it is a fictional to some but can be connected to Spiritualism. On Saturday we had our business meeting and new board members were voted on. On Saturday night was the banquet, great food, great music DJ Russell Clifford, we give thanks to him for that. We played Trivia and prizes were given out. As you can see fun was had by all.



From top left Glenn Simpson, Ken & Janice Kroesser, Laura Lee Perkins & Ken Green, Rev. Graham Connolly & Sue Jalbert. Russell Clifford, Ron Koch, Rev. Pat & Rev. Earl Wallace, John Cash, Rev. Brad & Rev. Betty Gosselin, Rev. Catherine Snell, Dan William, Eva Giro, Bonnie Schmucker, Arnold Howe.

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