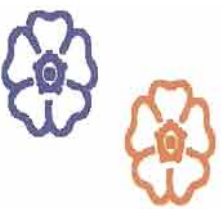


The Wild Flower



Jan. - Feb.

Church of the Living Spirit, Lily Dale, New York

2011

Sunday Morning Services - 10:30 AM

Assembly Hall - Cleveland Ave. - Lily Dale, NY

Happy
New
Year



January

- 2- Ron Skowronski
- 9- Colleen Vanderzyden
- 16- Willa White
- 23- Natalie Larson
- 30- Elaine Thomas

February

- 6- Brenda Hawkins
- 13- Susan Barnes
- 20- Shirley Smith
- 27- Susan Persico



Sunday Monthly Events:

Every second Sunday is Medium's Sunday. Join us after the morning service at the Lily Dale Fire Hall for fellowship, brunch and/or to register for mini-readings. Lunch is \$5 (\$2 for children), \$7 for reading or both reading & lunch for \$10. Mini readings are held at the Assembly Hall at 1:15 PM.

Every third Sunday is Philosophy Sunday. Join Jan Fleeman after the morning service to learn more about COLS and our principles. Attendance at a Philosophy class is required to become a member of the church.



Burning Bowl Ceremony

with Ron Skowronski
January 2nd @ 10:30 Service

Fire has been used in spiritual cleansing and releasement rites for thousands of years. To prepare for our bowl burning ceremony write on a small piece of paper a list of situations, feelings, and memories from the past year you would like to release in the fire of purification. Bring your list to church with you and place your list into the "firebowl" - symbolically letting go and not taking into the New Year that which no longer serves your highest good.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES:

Monday

7:30 P.M. - Monday Night Development Circle
- with Mary Ockuly \$5 Love Donation **

Wednesday

7:30 P.M. - Community Healing Service
at the Healing Temple.

Thursday

7:30 - 9:30 P.M. - African Djembe Drumming

-1st & 3rd with George Clees Love Donation**
(Native American Drumming - 2nd & 4th with
Craig Duke Thomson resumes in the Spring)

**Workshop & Class Details Available at:
www.churchofthelivingspiritlilydale.com
or flyers available at the Assembly Hall, Lily Dale

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Welcome New Members

Karen Kellogg - East Aurora, NY



Congratulations:

.....to **Kevin & Kasey Way** who welcomed **Amelia Jo Way** on November 5, 2010 - a healthy, happy 6lb 9 oz. baby girl.

.....to **Katelyn Edel**, daughter of **Christine Freebery** and granddaughter of **Emmy Chetkin** won the 2010 Lakewood Area Junior Miss Scholarship Pageant. Katelyn will go on to represent the Lakewood area in the statewide Junior Miss competition this April.

Thank You:

.....the family of **Franz Thoma** who shared flowers with us in October

.....the generous member who donated flowers for the Nov. 14th service

"With a glad heart in a spirit of gratitude and thanksgiving"

.....those who donated this year's poinsettias: **Emmy Chetkin** in memory of Leonard Chetkin & the Lazarony family, **Karen Loomis** in memory of the Brumagin family and **Dr. & Mrs Michel Roland** in memory of Dr. & Mrs. Fredy Roland, Allyn Norris and Jeffery Mann.

.....All who stayed after the Dec 5th service and did the "Fabulous" decorating job!!!

.....all who have given their voices to open our Sunday service with "Surely the Prescence" and to **Jesse Furst, Darius Goodworth, and Colleen Vanderzyden** who have contributed their musical talents.



"I don't like that man. I must get to know him better"

Abraham Lincoln



Row, row, row your boat
Gently down the stream
Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily
Life is but a dream.



Carmelized French Toast

- 1 loaf French bread
- 6 eggs
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1- 1/2 cups milk
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 Tbsp. Vanilla
- 3 Tbsp. dark corn syrup
- cinnamon



- 1.) Melt butter, corn syrup & brown sugar over medium heat. Bring to a boil.
- 2.) Pour mixture into a 9 X 11 casserole pan.
- 3.) Slice bread into 1 inch thick slices and lay over caramel mixture.
- 4.) Mix eggs, milk & vanilla and pour over bread.
- 5.) Sprinkle top with cinnamon and cover with plastic wrap. Refrigerate over night.
- 6.) Uncover and bake in 350 oven for 45 minutes.

To Give: To Receive:

Help with Medium's Brunch - To help with food, in the kitchen, or to serve call **Cecily Rivers** at 716-595-2275. To volunteer as a medium for the mini-readings - call **Mary Ockuly** at 716-595-3724.

Donate Flowers - Donate flowers for the Sunday service to celebrate a special event or as a remembrance. Call **Roy Montgomery** at 716-595-3196.

Teach a Class or Offer a Workshop - The Education & Workshop Committee is currently booking workshops and has open evenings for classes. Submit proposals for approval to COLS, P.O. Box 224, Lily Dale, NY 14752 or call **Suzanne Hamilton-Redding** at 716-296-8971.

Offer to help with Building & Grounds contact **Craig Thomson** at 716-934-2166.

Help those in need - bring a non-perishable food item, a pet food item or gently used clothing and place in the baskets and boxes at the back of the church for donation to local charities.

Other Talents or Ideas for Service -Contact any Board Member and share them.....

If you or a family member has an illness or are in need of spiritual support, please contact Donna Riegel@ 716-595-2695

Healers on Call

(Area Code 716)

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| Jan: | Gerta Lestock | 595-2434 |
| | Joanne Nigro (alternate)..... | 200-3283 |
| Feb: | Emmy Chetkin | 595-2697 |
| | Mary Ockuly (alternate)..... | 595-3724 |

Ministers of the Church of the Living Spirit

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| All Year | Rev. Neal Rzepkowski | 679-7731 |
| All Year..... | Rev. Donna Riegel | 595-2695 |
| All Year..... | Rev. Judith Rochester | 595-3526 |
| All Year..... | Rev. E. Gerta Lestock | 595-2434 |
| May - Nov..... | Rev. Patricia Price | 595-3008 |
| June-Aug..... | Rev. John Gordon | 595-2742 |
| June-Aug..... | Rev. Rose Clifford | England |

Our Ministers are ready and willing to receive any requests for calls or visits. Call one of them or Dot Lazarony at 716-595-3226 with your request.

Church Activities Phone Number.....716-595-3989

Prayer Line.....716-595-2163

Special Event & Workshop Notification: If you would like to be notified of special events and upcoming workshops, please send your email address to cols@netsync.net and put COLS alert in the subject line. Your email will be kept confidential and not shared with any other organization. You can be removed at anytime upon your request.



"The President's Message:"



"I am awake", says the Buddha, when asked what he is by his followers. This statement has always been for me the most revealing of all clues to who we truly are, and a hint as to how we can come into full realization of our selves. Those three words are an indication that the answers to the big questions are available; who are we, why are we, and how did we get here!

The Buddha, and all the masters before and after him, awoke from the dream of forgetfulness and remembered who they truly are. How did they awaken? Did they know they were asleep? Do we know we are asleep as we lay dreaming at night? Sometimes we catch the dream in action and we know we are dreaming; but this lucid dreaming is rare. Most of the time we do not realize we have been dreaming until we wake up. The dream feels real as we fly, swim, run, and experience all manner of emotions and actions in our dream state. Do we think it is possible we could also be dreaming in our so called wakeful state? If that is true we will one day wake up. Life is called the illusion; the maya, and many cultures do in fact say we are dreaming. In our night dreams we always find ourselves in the midst of the dream... not knowing where it began or even how we got there. This is very similar to life. We do not know how we began... certainly not in the Garden of Eden; nor in any other of the many creation stories. Why do we not know where we began? Did we forget? Or are we as the Buddha indicates, asleep? Not awake! Not knowing that we always were and always will be.

Asleep we are unable to fully realize our potential... The Buddha's search for enlightenment came from his love of life, and his desire to help all beings become free of the illusion of separation. This belief in separation from God, from one another, from nature... this belief is the cause of all our mistakes. When we awaken to the truth of oneness, when we experience one another and all of nature as one; then our hearts will open fully to love. No explanation necessary; we will simply love one another. Maybe then the most wondrous part of our journey will begin! For there is no beginning and there is no end.

Tolstoy is quoted as saying, "I believe that the reason for life is for each of us to simply grow in love". And William Law tells us: "Love is infallible... it has no errors... for all errors are a lack of love".

May we all grow in love this year and all the years to come!



Namaste! emmy chetkin

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Church Membership

The new Church year started on September 1st. You may use the mail or go online to pay your yearly dues of \$20.00 and update any name or address changes to: COLS, PO Box 224, Lily Dale, NY 14752. Per the recent by-law change: "Membership renewals are payable no later than May 30th. of the current fiscal year."

Pay dues and make donations online:

We have added PayPal to our web page. It's easy! Please log onto www.churchofthelivingspiritlilydale.com & look for the PayPal button.



On Feb 3 of 2011 we move into the Chinese year of the metal rabbit. The rabbit is the symbol of elegance, peace, and sensitivity; a welcome relief to the tumultuous tiger year we leave behind. We are told that diplomacy and gentleness will take center stage and we all know that rabbits are lucky!



Sunday Flower Donations: (suggested donation \$25 - \$30 does 2 vases)

For Date of: _____
 In Memory of: _____
 In Honor of: _____
 Donated by: _____

Mail to arrive 2 weeks before the requested date to: COLS, PO Box 224, Lily Dale, NY 14752

Prayer for Spiritual Healing

I ask the Great Unseen Healing Force
To Remove All Obstructions
From My Mind and Body
And to Restore Me to Perfect Health.
I ask This in All Sincerity and Honesty
And I Will Do My Part.
I ask This Great Unseen Healing Force
To Help Both Present and Absent Ones
Who Are in Need of Help
And to Restore Them to Perfect Health
I Put My Trust
In the Love and Power of God.



Mission Statement:

We are an independent Spiritualist Church that supports the God of your own understanding. We practice, promote, and teach unconditional love. We refer to our principles as guidelines. We offer a safe and sacred place for everyone to freely discover and develop their path, purpose and spiritual nature.

Visit us on the web:
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Our Principles:

1. We Believe In God
2. We Believe That God Is All There Is.
3. We Affirm The Divine Right of Individuals To Seek The Truth Within Their Own Hearts.
4. Life Is Eternal.
5. Spiritual Progression Is Eternal And Infinite.
6. We Believe That Communication Between All Planes Of Existence Is A Reality.
7. The Ultimate Expression Of Loving God Is To "Love Thy Neighbor As Thyself."
8. We Believe In Personal Responsibility And That Individuals Create Their Own Reality According To Natural Law.
9. We Affirm The Innate Gifts Of Mediumship And Healing Are Expressions Of God's Love.



Save a Tree, Go Green - get your Wildflower by email:
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The goal of this circle is to assist you in:



- Raising the vibration through prayer and song
- Asking for communication from spirit loved ones and helpers
- Learning more about meditation through guided journeys
- Learning to tune in spirit
- Sharing with others in the group as you receive from spirit
- Trusting what you receive

There will be ten sessions, followed by a two week break. A certificate will be given to those who attend at least nine classes.



Rev. Mary Ockuly has integrated her Master's Degrees in Theology and Clinical Counseling with her natural healing ability. Mary is a Lily Dale Registered Medium and a certified healer & medium with the Church of the Living Spirit. She has been a practitioner & teacher of Therapeutic Touch for 15 years.

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