

Church of Peace  
A Spiritualist Center Newsletter  
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## A Message from the Director of Church of Peace

Charvonne Carlson, NST, CM, CH

*Happy New Year!*



I imagine everyone felt the blast of cold air that blew across the US in December. I hope all were able to stay warm and safe. There were areas hard hit with many losing power and heat. Please keep all affected in healing thoughts and prayers. Also, if possible check your local area to see if you can help with resources, volunteering etc.. If we all contribute a little, we can help many.

This month we will continue our line up of lyceums, circles and services. If there are any classes, and/or events you would like to see, please email the church with your suggestions.

The NSAC newsletter is linked in this newsletter. Please check it out. There are opportunities, information and more inside the National newsletter that may be of interest to you.

Wishing you all a safe and wonderful month.

***Many Blessings,***

Charvonne



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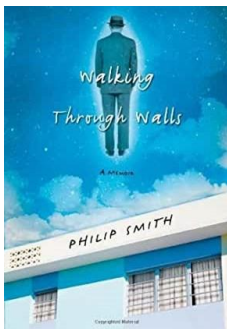
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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Children's Corner
- Membership details
- PRSS events

### BOOK RECOMMENDATION:

FROM ALLISON E. BELL



### Walking Through Walls: A Memoir

by Philip Smith

The son of a renowned decorator who in his off hours used his psychic abilities to heal the sick and talk to spirits discusses his 1960s youth, his mixed feelings about his father's dual life, and his rebellious unwillingness to follow in his father's footsteps.



**STAND WITH  
UKRAINE**

REMEMBER OUR NEWSLETTER IS INTERACTIVE, SO CLICK ON IMAGES AND LINKS TO LEARN MORE





## CHURCH OF PEACE: WHO WE ARE?

Church of Peace is a Spiritualist Online Church, registered with the National Spiritualist Association of Churches,

We focus on the educational and spiritual development of Spiritualists through the foundation of Modern American Spiritualism.

“At any moment, you have a choice, that either leads you closer to your spirit or further away from it.” – Thich Nhat Hanh

### Service Information

**Sundays**

**9 am CST**

Contact

[Churchofpeacespiritual@gmail.com](mailto:Churchofpeacespiritual@gmail.com)

## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

If interested in joining our church, please fill out a membership application below

[General Membership Application](#)

(for other memberships see website)

Annual dues for Church of Peace is \$30 .00

for General Membership

Contact [churchofpeacespiritual@gmail.com](mailto:churchofpeacespiritual@gmail.com)

for membership information.

## DONATIONS:

Are you interested in donating to our church?

There are a couple of ways you can help:

Using our PayPal link:

[Churchofpeacespiritual@gmail.com](mailto:Churchofpeacespiritual@gmail.com)

**CLICK TO DONATE**

Through the Mail to:

Church of Peace  
A Spiritualist Center, NSAC  
2445 S. 82nd Street  
West Allis, WI 53219

## Sunday Morning Spiritual Service

Sunday Morning

9 am CST

Email: [churchofpeacespiritual@gmail.com](mailto:churchofpeacespiritual@gmail.com)

or

website to join

Church of Peace, A Spiritualist Center  
[churchofpeacespiritualistcenter.org](http://churchofpeacespiritualistcenter.org)



Please see our EventBrite page for a listing of our classes and events at  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/o/church-of-peace-a-spiritualist-center-nsac->

## Heritage and Cultural Awareness

**January 1** – Emancipation Proclamation: President Lincoln declared all individuals held in slavery free on this day in 1863

**January 4** – Louis Braille's birthday: he was a French educator who created a reading and writing system known as "braille" for the visually impaired

**January 15** – Makar Sankranti: Hindu festival dedicated to the god of the sun, Surya

**January 16** – Martin Luther King Jr. Day: celebrates one of the best-known civil rights activists, MLK Jr.

**January 22** – Lunar New Year: this festival marks the start of the new year in the lunar calendar used in East Asia, Southeast Asia and elsewhere

**January 27** – International Day of Commemoration in Memory of Victims of the Holocaust: a United Nations holiday that remembers the approximately 6 million Jews murdered during World War II

**Let's Talk**  
**10th Principle**  
If we added a 10th Principle what would it be?  
**January 26th , 7pm CST**  
There is no cost to attend.  
[churchofpeacespiritualistcenter.org](http://churchofpeacespiritualistcenter.org)  
**Church of Peace, A Spiritualist Center NSAC**

*A Spiritualist Circle - Online*  
*January 14th, 2023*  
*6pm CST, 7pm EST, 4pm PST*  
*Church of Peace, A Spiritualist Center*

**Church of Peace, A Spiritualist Center NSAC**  
**Sunday Morning Healing Service**  
**8am CST**  
**Next Service is January 22nd**  
4th Sunday of every Month  
Can Register on Eventbrite  
[churchofpeacespiritualistcenter.org](http://churchofpeacespiritualistcenter.org)





## Equal Spirits

Equal Spirits focuses on equality among all living spirits. In the mission of Spiritualism, Church of Peace's goal is to create an equal and diverse community and presence in our global majority world. Our center focuses on topics each month that reflect our belief in celebrating the heritage and contributions of all people.

We are looking for articles, information on events or organizations and even news about topics related to diversity, equity and inclusion. If you are interested in

contributing to our newsletter or website please message us at  
[churchofpeacespiritual@gmail.com](mailto:churchofpeacespiritual@gmail.com).

## Members Corner

**Charvonne Carlson, NST, CM, CH, NSAC Board Trustee**

**Serving/Teaching:**

**February 12th— Universal Spiritualist Centre** <https://wttsw.com/event/charvonne-carlson-usa/>

**March 12th—Desert Spiritualist Church, Las Vegas** <https://spiritualistdesertchurch.org/>

**Rev. Rosemary Calderalo, EdD, NST,OM,CH, CM, NSAC Board Treasurer**

**Serving/Teaching:**

**January 13-15, Memorial Spiritualist Church** <https://www.memorialspiritualistchurch.org/>

**2023 Exploring Trance** <https://www.innerspiritualcenter.org/2023-trance-courses>





Church of Peace, A Spiritualist Center is dedicated to the research of Spiritualism.

Through our research we discovered that the Rev. Bertha Crear, was the First Black American Spiritualist to hold credentials with the National Spiritualist Association and Spiritualist National Union in 1922. We were able to gather information about her and her contributions to Spiritualism. While researching, we discovered that there was only a cement number marking her burial spot in Columbus, Ohio. This saddened us.

We decided to have a fundraiser to purchase her a headstone. If you feel moved to contribute, you can use PayPal:

[churchofpeacespiritual@gmail.com](mailto:churchofpeacespiritual@gmail.com)

The ultimate goal is \$3,500 for the headstone including the taxes and fees associated with it.

## Fundraiser

Mediums of Church of Peace are offering to do a private readings.  
30 minutes for \$60

We are at the midway point for the funds needed to acquire the headstone for Rev. Bertha Crear

If you would like to donate or book a reading please contact the church:  
[churchofpeacespiritual@gmail.com](mailto:churchofpeacespiritual@gmail.com)

We will schedule a reading with participating mediums of the Church.

## Winter Recipes to Warm the Soul

### 5-Ingredient Three-Cheese Tortellini Soup

*Melissa Kitchings*

#### INGREDIENTS

- 1 pound sausage, crumbled and browned
- 2 cans Italian stewed tomatoes
- 2 32-ounce Swanson Chicken Broth
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped
- 1 20-ounce package of three-cheese tortellini

Brown sausage in a skillet.

Then put all ingredients, including cooked sausage, into a large stock pot and place on the stove on medium-low heat for about one hour, stirring occasionally.

When the tortellini starts to fatten up – but not uncurl – the soup is ready to serve.

It's even better the second time around!





## Reminder

January 1. 2023 meeting is cancelled  
due to the New Year's Holiday.

### Psychical Research Science Society Presents:

PRSS Monthly Meeting

Febraury 4th, 2023

at 11 am EST



Special Guest Speaker

**JOE Giaquinto**

Spirit Communications

Messages from the Great Beyond

Psychic medium and paranormal investigator, Joe Giaquinto will explore the fascinating ways in which the spirit world communicates with the living.

Joe will share heartwarming stories of people who received signs and messages from their loved ones in spirit and offer proof that life continues after physical death. At the conclusion of his talk, the audience can ask Joe questions about the supernatural. Join us for this exciting online event!

[www.joegmediumpi.com](http://www.joegmediumpi.com)

PRSS members attend for free

Non-Members cost is \$10

To register at Eventbrite under Church of Peace, A Spiritual Center

Check out and subscribe to **Church of Peace YouTube Channel**

for past lyceums, services and discussions at

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCulMYzK67Bmv\\_KS\\_tEcqvUw/featured](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCulMYzK67Bmv_KS_tEcqvUw/featured)



## CHURCH OF PEACE PSYCHICAL RESEARCH SCIENCE SOCIETY

In following Spiritualism, Church of Peace started a Psychical Research Science Society. This society will meet once a month to discuss the study, research and findings of phenomena. This society will have membership dues of \$10 annually. These dues will help pay for guest speakers, opportunities to study with groups and scientist and classes that can be offered through the society. Membership is offered to all people regardless of church or religion. Our goal is to shed light on the current studies, scientific findings, technology and groups that have proven the existence of life after physical death. We hope you consider joining.

The meetings will be on the First Saturday of the month

### Psychical Research Science Society Presents:

PRSS Monthly Meeting

March 4th, 2023

at 11 am EST



Special Guest Speaker

**Bob GINSBERG**

Founder of Forever Family Foundation,  
Author and Researcher for the evidence for  
the survival of consciousness

Bob Ginsberg started researching the evidence for survival of consciousness soon after his daughter died in 2002. Devastated by the loss, he needed science to tell him if she still existed in some form. In 2004 Bob and his wife Phran founded Forever Family Foundation ([foreverfamilyfoundation.org](http://foreverfamilyfoundation.org)), a global not for profit that educates the public about evidence that we are more than our physical bodies. Bob hosts the Signs of Life radio show, is past editor of Signs of Life Magazine, heads the foundation's Medium Evaluation Certification Program, writes a blog at [beyondthefivesenses.com](http://beyondthefivesenses.com), and is the author of The Medium Explosion. Bob, Phran and the foundation are currently featured in the Netflix Docuseries Surviving Death.

PRSS members attend for free

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# Church of Peace's Children's Lyceum Corner



Check out Psychic Kids United for lessons on how to help your gifted child and ways to learn how to work with your child if they show signs of being an empath, psychic, or a medium:

Click the logo to know more.

**Check out a new organization that supports children with developing intuitive abilities and helps parents understand their child's unique gifts**



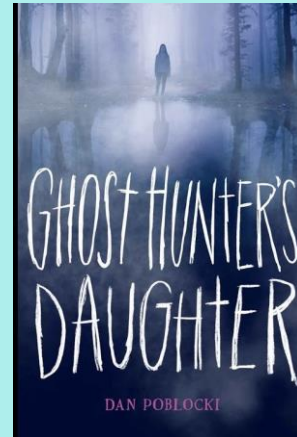
## Highly Intuitive Kids

<https://www.highlyintuitivekids.com/>

## Book of the Month

[Ghost Hunter's Daughter](#)

by Dan Poblocki



Claire doesn't believe in ghosts even though her dad is a ghost hunter on TV. But when her dad goes missing, Lucas, a psychic kid in her class has a message for her. Together they search for her dad in this novel for kids ages 8-12.





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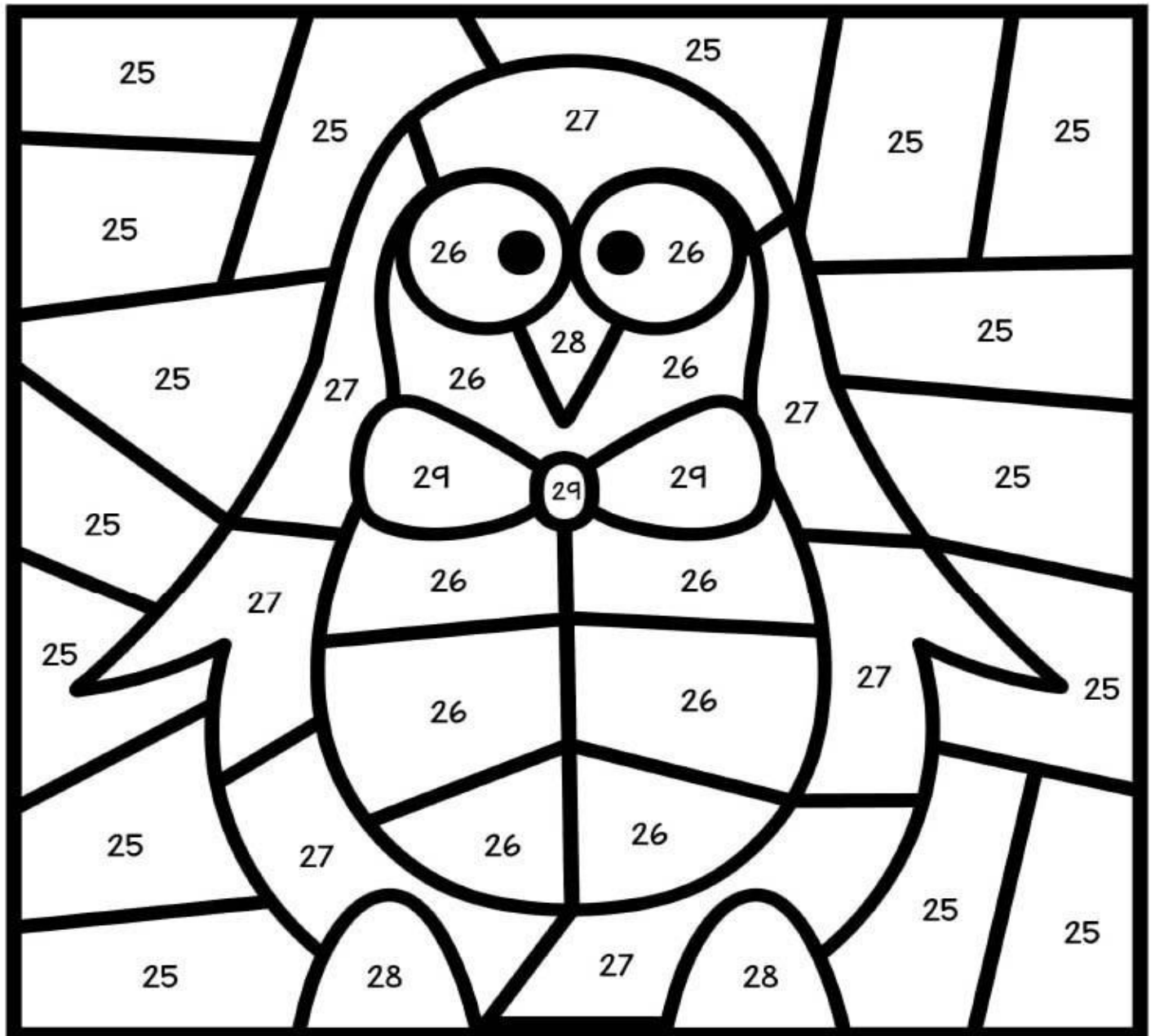
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## HEALING REQUESTS

Church of Peace would like to remind members to send all healing requests to [churchofpeacespiritual@gmail.com](mailto:churchofpeacespiritual@gmail.com) by Tuesday each week. Please use first names only.

During our Sunday service we will read the names aloud so our healers and members can send healing energy to those in need.

Remember the fourth Sunday of the month at 8 am CST is a healing service is offered by the Church of Peace.

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*“The spiritual journey is the unlearning of fear and the acceptance of love.” – Marianne Williamson*

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## SPIRITUALISM: YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW

Spiritualism is a religious movement that originated in the United States in the 19th century. It is based on the belief that the spirits of deceased individuals can communicate with the living through mediums. Spiritualism became popular in Washington, D.C. in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, with several prominent figures in the city becoming involved in the movement.

One of the earliest proponents of Spiritualism in Washington, D.C. was Kate Fox, one of the two sisters who are credited with starting the movement in 1848. Fox moved to the city in 1852 and established a Spiritualist community there. She held séances and claimed to be able to communicate with the dead, attracting a large following.

In addition to individual mediums, there were also several Spiritualist organizations active in Washington, D.C. during this time. The National Colored Spiritualist Association of Churches was founded in the city in the late 19th century and had over 100 member churches by the early 20th century. The organization was focused on promoting spiritual healing and the ability of individuals to communicate with the spirit world.

Despite the diversity of spiritualist organizations in Washington, DC, they all shared a belief in the ability to communicate with spirits and the importance of spiritual healing. Many of these organizations also played a role in promoting social justice and equality for African Americans.

Today, there are still a few Spiritualist organizations and individuals in the Washington,

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## COMMUNITY RESOURCES

The following articles are highlighted in the Church of Peace newsletter to educate the members on activities around the world that involve topics related to Spiritualism and Diversity. We encourage sharing resources. Please email any suggested articles, books, videos, classes or links to churchofpeacespiritual@gmail.com that could be added in future e-newsletters. Reminder that many of the articles do not express the views of Church of Peace or the NSAC. Click on the individual article links to learn more.

## ARTICLES

### **A Sports Brand for Spiritualists**

<https://www.nytimes.com/2022/04/21/style/district-vision-sports-brand.html>

### **Ghost Church (Podcast)**

<https://www.newyorker.com/goings-on-about-town/podcasts/ghost-church-06-13-22>

### **Rice scholar to discuss 'impossible' paranormal phenomena and the reaches of imagination on Oct. 20**

<https://www.ohio.edu/news/2022/09/rice-scholar-discuss-impossible-paranormal-phenomena-and-reaches-imagination-oct-20>

### **The Two Generations of Real-Life Psychics who helped Police Solve Murders**

<https://www.grunge.com/1132279/the-two-generations-of-real-life-psychics-who-helped-police-solve-murders/>

## NSAC NEWSLETTER

To be informed on the latest activities, events and movements in the  
National Spiritualist Association of Churches, please read their newsletter at the link below

[Newsletter](#)

## DECLARATIONS OF PRINCIPLES

1. We believe in Infinite Intelligence.
2. We believe that the phenomena of Nature, both physical and spiritual, are the expression of Infinite Intelligence.
3. We affirm that a correct understanding of such expression and living in accordance therewith, constitute true religion.
4. We affirm that the existence and personal identity of the individual continue after the change called death.
5. We affirm that communication with the so-called dead is a fact, scientifically proven by the phenomena of Spiritualism.
6. We believe that the highest morality is contained in the Golden Rule: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."
7. We affirm the moral responsibility of individuals and that we make our own happiness or unhappiness as we obey or disobey Nature's physical and spiritual laws.
8. We affirm that the doorway to reformation is never closed against any soul here or hereafter.
9. We affirm that the precepts of Prophecy and Healing are Divine attributes proven through Mediumship.

## HEALING PRAYER

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  
~~or~~ <sup>and</sup> 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.

## JANUARY EVENTS

**Psychical Research Science Society** meeting is held the **first** Saturday of the month

**Lyceum**  
is held every **fourth** Thursday of the month

**Healing Meditation Service**  
is the 4th Sunday morning at 8 am

Register for all events at  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/o/church-of-peace-a-spiritualist-center-nsac-35873749653>