



June 2023

# NEWSLETTER

Church of Peace, A Spiritualist Center,



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## A Message from the Director

Charvonne Carlson, NST, CM, CH



*Hello All,*

*June is upon us. The weather is warmer and it is time to spend some time outside cleaning up the gardens, enjoy the fresh air and feel the warmth of impending summer.*

*This month is LGBTQIA awareness month or as most know it by PRIDE month. The month where we celebrate those who live out loud and PROUD of who they are.*

*In the US there are a lot of different places that are acting and living in fear of that which they don't understand. This has brought harmful legislation, and actions against the LGBTQIA community.*

*As Spiritualists we know that while we all manifest as unique as snowflakes in our human existence, we also know we are all of the same Divine Spark.*

*If you or a loved one is in need of support please check out our Equal Spirits page on our website.*

*Love is Love. Let us celebrate ALL who chose to Love.*

*Sending Much Love and Joy to you ALL.*

*Many Blessings,*

*Charvonne*

Charvonne Carlson, NST, CM, CH

Director, Church of Peace,

A Spiritualist Center





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.

“Hope will never be silent.” —[Harvey Milk](#), legendary gay activist

## Upcoming Events

Church of Peace, A Spiritualist Center, NSAC  
Sunday Services 9am CST

### Our Members Take the Service

Speaker and Medium



Allison E. Bell, JD Vice President and member of the Pastoral Committee for the Church of Peace, A Spiritualist Center

March 5, 2023

April 2, 2023

May 21, 2023

July 9, 2023

September 17, 2023

December 17, 2023



Rev. Rosmary Calderalo  
PHD, NST, CM, CH  
NSAC Board Treasurer and member of the Church of Peace, A Spiritualist Center

March 19, 2023



Angela Gunshore, MA  
Secretary and member of the Pastoral Committee for the Church of Peace, A Spiritualist Center

February 26, 2023

March 26, 2023

June 11, 2023

August 13, 2023

October 29, 2023

November 5, 2023

December 3, 2023

[churchofpeacespiritualistcenter.org](http://churchofpeacespiritualistcenter.org)

### Sunday Morning Spiritual Service

Sunday Morning  
9 am CST, 10am EST, 7am PST

Email: [churchofpeacespiritual@gmail.com](mailto:churchofpeacespiritual@gmail.com)  
or  
website to join

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

Check out and subscribe to

### Church of Peace YouTube Channel

for past lyceums, services  
and discussions at

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

## Membership Corner

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

[General Membership Application](#)

(for other memberships see website)

Membership is \$30 a year

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



### A Spiritualist Circle - Online

June 3rd and June 24th

6pm CST, 7pm EST, 4pm PST

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

Church of Peace, A Spiritualist Center

## LGBTQ Supporters and 19th Century Spiritualism

The LGBTQ community has a long and often hidden history within the realm of spirituality and religion. In the 1800s, LGBTQ individuals who were also spiritualists faced a double stigma in society, as they were both marginalized for their sexual orientation and for their belief in communicating with the spirit world. However, despite these challenges, there were LGBTQ spiritualists who made significant contributions to the growth and development of Spiritualism during this time.



Emma Harding Britten

One notable supporter of LGBTQ spiritualist from the 1800s was Emma Harding Britten, who was a prominent author, lecturer, and Spiritualist medium. Britten was born in London in 1823 and moved to the United States in 1855, where she became involved in the Spiritualist movement. She quickly gained a reputation as a gifted medium and lecturer and wrote several influential books on Spiritualism, including "Modern American Spiritualism" and "Art Magic." Although Britten's sexual orientation was never explicitly discussed, she was found to have published two spiritual books under the pseudonym name Chevalier Louis de B. The name was a nod to the French diplomat Chevalier d'Eon who lived the first half of his life as a man in the Napoleonic Army and the second half as a woman. The scandal of Chevalier d'Eons gender transformation made an impact on many in the 1800s who were struggling with gender identity. Later Emma would claim she channeled Chevalier Louis while living in New Zealand in the 1870s. Writing as Chevalier Louis de B. plus her close relationship with known transgender spiritualist [Helena Blavatsky](#) implied her queer supporting status. Britten also challenged gender stereotypes by actively fighting for gender equality. Also, her ability to walk in a male dominated Victorian world as a woman, engaging in religious, politics and scientific circles, says volumes of her belief in not being defined by gender.

The 1900s saw a continuation of the trend of LGBTQ individuals making significant contributions to the realm of spirituality and religion. Despite the continued stigmatization of LGBTQ people in society at large, a number of queer spiritualists emerged during this time who helped to shape the course of spiritual and religious thought in the 20th century. Despite the challenges they faced, LGBTQ spiritualists since 1848 made significant contributions to the growth and development of Spiritualism. Their work helped to legitimize the movement and to spread its teachings to a wider audience. Today, their legacy continues to inspire and inform LGBTQ individuals who seek to explore their spirituality in an open and accepting religion.

### References

Thompson, Robert C. "The Chevalier's Secret: Emma Harding Britten and the Dawn of American Occultism." *Literature and Theology*, 2019.  
doi:10.1093/litthe/frz034.



Church of Peace is dedicated to informing our members of amazing opportunities that exist Globally in Spiritualism. Many of these organizations, schools and mentoring events are offered to help enhance our knowledge of Spirit and to collaborate with other Spiritualist world wide.

## **NSAC Societies/Clubs**

Contact the secretaries of the different clubs to apply. For more information email Church of Peace at [Churchofpeacespiritual@gmail.com](mailto:Churchofpeacespiritual@gmail.com)

### **Licentiate Ministers and Certified Mediums Society**

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(Students are welcome to join)

### **Spiritualist Healers League**

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(Students are welcome to join)

(Only certified members can join the next two clubs )

### **National Spiritualist Teachers Club**

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Patricia Horne, Secretary/Treasurer  
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## **Camps /retreats**

Look at the organizations websites to learn more about the summer events, retreats and workshops offered at their locations. Classes and workshops for summer time registrations are now open.

### **NSAC Affiliated Spiritualist Camps**

[LilyDale Assembly, Lilydale, NY](#)

[Pine Grove Spiritualist Camp](#)

[Temple Heights Spiritual Camp, Northport, ME](#)

[On-I-Set Wigwam Spiritualist Camp, Onset, MA](#)

[NorthERN Lake Michigan Spiritualist Camp,  
North charlevoiv, MI](#)

[Camp Edwood, Milton, WA](#)

[Wonewoc Spiritualist Camp, Wonewoc, WI](#)

[Chain Lakes Spiritualist Camp, Mi](#)

### **Spiritualist Camps**

[Cassadaga Spiritualist Camp, Lake Helen, FL](#)

[Camp Etna, Etna, ME](#)

[Camp Chesterfield, Chesterfield, IN](#)

[Harmony Grove Spiritualist Assoc., Escondido,  
Ca](#)

[Madison Spiritualist Camp, Reymond, ME](#)

[Sunset Spiritualist Camp, Tonopah, AZ](#)

[Sunset Spiritualist Church & Camp, Wells, KS](#)

[Snowflake Spiritualist Camp, Central Lake, MI](#)

## A delicious recipe for summer time fun

### Watermelon prosecco sorbet slushies

by Anna Glover from [bbcgoodfood.com](https://bbcgoodfood.com)

#### Ingredients

- 1 [watermelon](#) (about 2kg)
- 200ml [prosecco](#), plus a little extra
- 3 [mint](#) sprigs, plus extra to serve
- 1/2 [lemon](#), zest pared
- 50g [sugar](#)



**Step 1:** [Cut](#) the watermelon into quarters and remove the pips using a tea-spoon. If you're serving the same day or next day, keep six wedges or slices back for decorating and chill. Cut the flesh into 3cm cubes (you should have about 1kg fruit, with the rind discarded) and sit in a baking parchment-lined container where the cubes fit snugly. Pour the prosecco over the fruit, cover and freeze for 4 hrs, or up to 1 week.

**Step 2:** Put the frozen prosecco-soaked watermelon cubes in a [food processor](#) with the sugar syrup. Blend well, stopping and pushing the mixture towards the blades with a spatula every few seconds, if you need to, until it's a slushy consistency. Add a splash more prosecco to make a smooth slush. Spoon or pour into six chilled glasses. Garnish with the chilled watermelon wedges and little mint sprigs.

## 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](#)

## 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, Spiritualist Center NSAC

Monthly

Healing

Circle

Third Thursday of the Month

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

To be added to the weekly emails.



**Church of Peace, A Spiritualist Center, NSAC**  
**Sunday Services 9am CST**  
**Guest Speakers**

**March 12, 2023 - James Bae**  
**Celebrate Life, A Spiritualist Community, NSAC**



**April 16, 2023 - Rev. Mary Brooks**  
**Pastor, Universal Spiritualist Centre**

**April 30, 2023 - Ellen Edmondson**  
**Spirit Portrait Artist**



**May 7, 2023 - Caroline Shola Arewa**  
**Energy 4 Life Wellness Coach and Author**



**May 14, 2023 - Carol Cesar**  
**The Center for Spiritual Enlightenment, NSAC**



**June 4, 2023 Rev. Celeste Elliot**  
**Church of Living Spirit Lily Dale, NY**



**July 23, 2023 - Rev. Amy Majors**  
**International Spirit Rescue Specialist/Teacher/Minister/Intuitive/Healer**

**[churchofpeacespiritualistcenter.org](http://churchofpeacespiritualistcenter.org)**





## Church of Peace: Psychical Research Sci-



In following Spiritualism, Church of Peace started a Psychical Research Science Society. 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. Starting in 2023, we will offer speakers throughout the year for a fee look for future events one our website page <https://www.churchofpeacespiritualistcenter.org/prss>

### Church of Peace Psychical Research Science Society Disclaimer

The views and opinions expressed by Presenters do not necessarily reflect the views or positions of Church of Peace , PRSS or the NSAC.



## 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).

## Deathly Ascensions Discussion

Deathly Ascensions Discussions  
Wednesday, Jun 7 · 7-8 PM  
Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/ucy-zijr-stz>



Patrice Horton is a Integrative Healing Arts Practioner, Certified Hypnotist, and End of Life Doula. She is on the Pastoral Committee for the Church of Peace, A Spiritualist Center NSAC

Meets the First Wednesday of the Month  
Church of Peace, A Spiritualist Center NSAC

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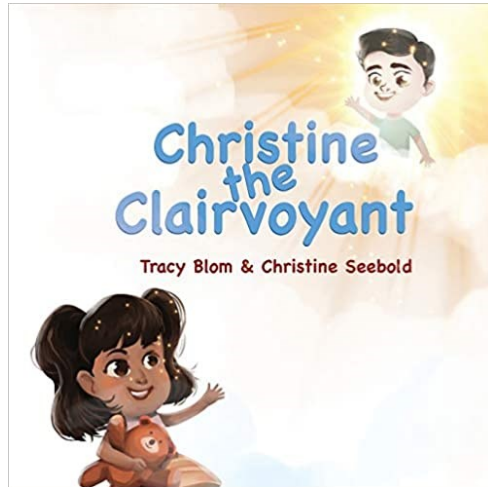
# Church of Peace's Children's Lyceum Corner

## Book of the Month

### Children's books

#### Christine the Clairvoyant

By Tracy Blom, Christine Seebold and Sang Nguyen



Clairvoyant Christine is a gifted child, who sees, hears, and communicates with spirits and angels. Many children see spirits and angels and have little, to no, guidance on what they are encountering, making childhood a frightening and isolating experience. This book is geared towards helping parents and children to better understand these precious gifts, and in turn realize that they are not alone...in more ways than one! This book is based on the real life experiences of world-renowned clairvoyant and medium, Christine Seebold. This is book one in a series of many!

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/>

#### Riddle me this:

**Question:** What can you hear, but not see or touch, even though you control it?

(see answer at the bottom of the page)

## Book of the Month

### Teen Books

#### The Fourth Kinetic: Clairvoyants

#### Book 1 of 3

by Brady Moore



There are four breeds of Clairvoyants: Kinetics who can move objects with their minds, Prophets who have involuntary visions of the future, Readers who can explore the deepest thoughts of others in an instant and Aural who can transfer their consciousness to control the bodies of others. 17-year-old Rion Grean is a Kinetic, but he has no idea there are others like him. His protective mother kept them on the move, even refusing to tell him about the father he never knew. When an accident separates them, he finds himself on the run from a covert, militaristic force that sees his kind as wasps that have strayed into the homes of normal humanity. Suddenly engulfed within the different factions of the Clairvoyants, the boy who has never been good at making friends must determine who to follow.



Riddle answer:

Your voice



# Church of Peace's Children's Lyceum Corner

## Dad You Rock! DIY Father's Day Gift

By Doodle & Stitch

### Supplies need-

Pebbles  
Googly eyes  
Glue Gun  
Glue Sticks  
Frame  
Black Pen  
White Paper or Card stock



ed:

### Step 1

Take two pebbles, one larger than the other, and add two googly eyes to the top of each stone. Then use the black pen to draw a smile underneath the eyes to create the dad and child's faces.

### Step 2

Stick the rocks to the bottom half of a sheet of white card using the glue gun, and hold in place until the glue dries. Then use the black pen to give the rocks some arms and legs.

### Step 3

Use the black pen to write "Dad you rock" above the stones on the white card. Then take the back and glass out of your frame and put your picture into the frame. Glue it into the frame if necessary as the stones can be quite heavy! Then attach the backing back onto the frame and your cute Father's Day craft is ready to surprise your dad with!



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.

## Resources For Caregivers of LGBTQIA+ Children

[7 Ways to Support Someone Who's Changing Their Name & Pronouns](#)  
[Defining: LGBTQIA](#)

[A Guide to Being an Ally to Transgender and Nonbinary Youth](#)

[Families in Transition: Supporting your Gender-Expansive Youth Virtual Workshop](#) | [PDF version of Workshop](#)

[How to Support LGBTQ Youth](#)

[HRC Parent Guides](#)

[Supporting Black LGBTQ Youth Mental Health](#)

[Supporting Your Young Gender Non-Conforming Child](#)

[Tips for Parents of LGBTQ Youth](#)

[The Importance of Gender Affirming Care for Transgender and Gender Expansive Youth](#)

[Who Are You? - The Kid's Guide to Gender Identity](#) - take a look at the [interactive wheel](#).

## HOW TO SUPPORT AND AFFIRM LGBTQIA+ Children



Encourage gender expression!  
Remember: clothes, toys, interests, or chores don't have to be gendered.



Introduce age-appropriate media that centers a variety of LGBTQIA+ experiences.



Learn key terms that relate to the LGBTQIA+ community. Respect the terms your child uses to self-identify.



Connect your child with LGBTQIA+ resources to help them build a community and not feel alone.



Accept and love your child as they are. Check in with them regularly about what they're experiencing.



It's okay if you're having trouble understanding. Affirm your love for your child and consider joining a caregiver support group.

**Safe Shores**  
THE DC CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER

## 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

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.

Amen

CELEBRATE  
FAMILY+FRIENDS  
LOVE+LIFE  
EQUALITY+RESPECT  
PRIDE  
+JOY