

# Bright Eyes



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*Sunday*  
MARCH 11

Daylight Savings Time 2012 begins.  
Don't forget to **spring forward**.  
Wouldn't want to be late for service!

## Important Events Coming Soon



### March 11 Memorial Service

The J.T. & E.J Crumbaugh Spiritualist Church will hold a Memorial Service for our departed loved ones on March 11 during regular service.

If you would like to take part, please contact Rev. Sharon allowing her to order the proper number of flowers for this special ceremony.

### April 8 – *save the date!*

### Annual Members Meeting

The annual membership meeting will be held on April 8th immediately following our Sunday Service. There are four openings to the Board of Directors. Candidates in good standing and a member for no less than three months, please contact Secretary Bianchi or President Butch Tull. Note: The church will provide cake and coffee for the meeting. Please do not bring other food to share on that date to allow for the scheduled meeting. Yearly membership dues of \$20.00 must be paid prior to the meeting for voting privileges. Please make checks payable to the church and give the Secretary Bianchi.

## THE RULES OF BEING HUMAN

1. **You will receive a body.** Like it or hate it, it will be yours for the entire period this time around.
2. **You will learn lessons.** You have enrolled in a full-time informal school called life. You will decide if you like the lessons or find them stupid or irrelevant.
3. **There are no mistakes, only lessons.** Growth is a process of trial and error. "Failed" experiments are as much a part of the process as those that "work".
4. **A lesson will be repeated until learned.** A lesson will be presented to you in various forms until you learn it.
5. **Learning lessons does not end.** You are never done with school in this life. If you are alive, there are lessons to be learned.
6. **"There" is no better than "here".** When your "there" has become a "here", you will simply obtain another "there" that will again look better than "here".
7. **Others are merely mirrors of you.** You can't love or hate something about another person as it reflects something that you love or hate about yourself.
8. **What you make of your life is up to you.** You have been given all the tools and resources you need. What you do with them is up to you. The choice is always yours.
9. **Your answers all lie within you.** Be quiet, listen and trust and you will have the answer you seek.
10. **You will forget all this.**



## Rumblings from our President

by Butch Tull, Board President

We have been blessed with a very mild winter so far. As we enter into March we will have to see if it comes in like a lion or a lamb. As chairperson of the Building and Grounds committee, I am making a list of items we will need to address as we get into the spring season for the upkeep of our church building and our grounds. I will be asking for volunteers to help out in early April to address issues such as cleaning of the church, prepping our memorial garden and other upkeep matters. As we have been blessed by the legacy of the Crumbaughs with this beautiful church, I know we will all work together to keep that legacy alive with our efforts. I will post the list of areas to be addressed as well as our "work date" on the bulletin board in the fellowship room soon. I know I will have countless volunteers making it a fun and productive day. I'll bring the donuts!

Love and Blessings to you all,

*Butch Tull*



## THE SIDEBAR

### THE PAINTER

There was a Scottish tradesman, a painter called Jack, who was very interested in making a pound where he could. So he often would thin down his paint to make it go a wee bit further. As it happened, he got away with this for some time.

Eventually the Presbyterian Church decided to do a big restoration job on one of their biggest churches. Jack put in a painting bid and because his price was so competitive, he got the job. And so he set to, with a right good will, erecting the trestles and putting up the planks, and buying the paint and...yes, I am sorry to say, thinning it down with the turpentine.

Well, Jack was up on the scaffolding, painting away, the job nearly done, when suddenly there was a horrendous clap of thunder. The sky opened and the rain poured down, washing the thin paint from all over the church and knocking Jack off the scaffold to land on the lawn.



Now, Jack was no fool. He knew this was a judgment from the Almighty, so he fell on his knees and cried, "Oh, God! Forgive me! What should I do?" And from the thunder, a mighty voice spoke, "Repaint! Repaint! And thin no more!"



## AND NOW A WORD... from our Pastor

### Be Kind to Yourself

One of the roles of any ordained minister who pastors a church is that of counselor. Many have had an event take place that has upended their life temporarily while others many have the need to discuss deep seated issues. When meeting with people, it troubles me to realize the number who are so hard on themselves. They beat themselves up physically by damaging thoughts and destructive emotions. Worries, self-criticism and often, guilt keep us stagnant and unable to move forward in a positive way. We have come to believe in our society that everyone has to like us. Contrary to what a popular author says, we do not have to "win friends and influence people." An attractive personality does not come in a package at the local store. Do we take actions from time to time that we are ashamed of or perhaps feel guilty about? Of course, we are human!

But we cannot feel guilty about another's thoughts or actions as we each have our own path to walk. When we strive to consistently maintain an attitude of love, compassion and good-fellowship we free ourselves of self-criticism, harshness, fears and guilt.

We then find ourselves surrounded by friendship, loyalty and appreciation for who we are in this physical life as well as our spiritual life. Love, appreciation and consideration are essential in the contacts of our everyday living. This is how we are brought into harmony and allows the love of Infinite Intelligence to flow through us.

So, be kind to yourself just as you are kind to others. You may not be perfect in your own eyes, but you are perfect in the eyes of God.

Blessings for your love,

*Pastor Bob*

### CHURCH WISH LIST

Paper towels • Trash bags • Business envelopes • Stamps

## UNITY *by Morris Pratt Institute Student, Carol Thoman*

What does unity mean to you? When I look around the church today, I see Unity. I see people flourishing within the walls, opening up to spirit, each other and to the teachings of the church. I see growth within each and every one of the people in our congregation. The love that is shared, the interest in what each other has to say, the joy of sharing and the pure joy of communing with our creator. I see people finding joy in other peoples growth, I see people reaching out to help each other. It is a beautiful sight to behold.

Unity, being that we are all one, just seems to be the natural order of things and as we grow and flourish so does our vibration on the whole. It's lifting us all up higher and higher.

The cause and effect of such action is there for anyone to feel and to see and to share. We come from diverse backgrounds, life styles, education, and levels of perception. But when we come together, we cross those divides, and join in a unified harmonious growth that sometimes brings tears to my eyes because it is such a beautiful thing to behold.

It has given me a new perspective on my own growth not only as a person but as a soul living in the physical an being able to cross boundaries that were instilled as a child. We all strive to live in Unity with our world, some challenges are of course greater than others, but we still strive to be one.

What does unity mean to you?

*- One Second Sermon -*

*We stand tallest when we stoop to help others.*

