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IN PRAISE OF *Spirit*

A religion and philosophy of life focused on joy, harmony, and a fear-free understanding of the continuity of life.

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Look Back to Move Forward by Bonnie Crosier

How do you know where you're going if you don't know where you've been? If I had heard that said once, I heard those words many times from a former boss that was one of the most influential persons in my life. He was tough to work for in many respects but in others, he was just what I needed. I was sort of a wild child and having him in my life in my mid to late 20's proved to be more of a blessing than the thorn he sometimes appeared to be.

Swede had this way about him that he could be overly demanding yet showing an overtone of compassion that couldn't be compared to anything else I had ever experienced. He would talk about how we are all supposed to take what we have been given and blend that with the gifts or talents that we have. He didn't believe in pity or empathy. He was a tough guy that dug deep in finding the strength in all of us!



Sometimes I think God works in the same way. Sometimes our lives can seem so hard and when all is said and done, we come away with a clearer understanding of ourselves. A while back I had a conversation with one of my guides about the direction I had been led to take with healing. He summed it up by saying, how can you help the homeless if you had not been homeless yourself? How could you help the person going through relationship problems if you had not had your own heart broken?

How could you help the addict if you had not been an addict yourself? All these things you have gone through in your life have led you to something far greater than anything you have imagined.

What is the experience in your life that will help you experience that great thing that will be of service? Service to yourself, others around you and your service to God? Do you know where you've been? Where are you going?

J.T. & E.J. Crumbaugh Memorial Spiritualist Church will be holding our first ever



SPIRITUAL vacation SCHOOL

for ages 10-17+

July 29-31, 1-3 pm

— topics will include native american spirituality and other religions —



Rumblings

from the President



by Butch Tull
Board President

A story was told in Homiletics of a turtle who wanted to spend the winter in Florida, but he knew he could never walk that far. Being a smart little turtle, he convinced a couple of geese to help him, each taking one end of a piece of rope, while he clamped his vise-like jaws in the center.



The flight went fine until another turtle on the ground looked up in admiration and asked, "Who in the world thought of that?"

Unable to resist the chance to take credit, the turtle opened his mouth to shout, "I did--."

Remember, **Pride Goeth Before the Fall.**
Just ask the turtle.

Love and Blessings,

Butch

Private Readings are now being done by appointment only. Sessions are chargeable at \$1.00 per minute for members of the church and \$1.50 per minute for non-members.

Church Announcements

July 14

10:00 AM Church Board Meeting

SUNDAYS

Lyceum

11:00 AM

July 7

Pranic Healing

by Michaleen McDonald

July 14

Releasing

by Theresa Ciradini

July 21

Jesus

by Tom Conley

July 28

Holy Ghosts

by Bonnie Crosier

Service

12:00 PM

July 7

Speaker: Tom Conley

Platform: Bonnie Crosier

July 14

Speaker: Rev. Sharon Bianchi

Platform: Rev. Bob Bianchi

July 21

Speaker: Bonnie Crosier

Platform: Vicki Boles

July 28

Speaker: Keith Boles

Platform: Butch Tull

Journeys

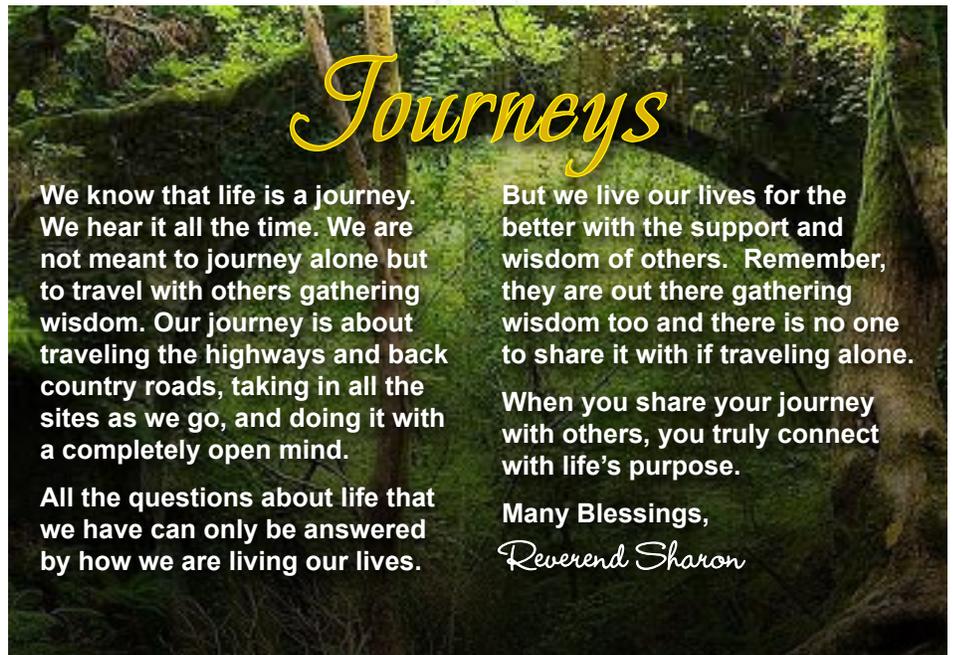
We know that life is a journey. We hear it all the time. We are not meant to journey alone but to travel with others gathering wisdom. Our journey is about traveling the highways and back country roads, taking in all the sites as we go, and doing it with a completely open mind.

All the questions about life that we have can only be answered by how we are living our lives.

But we live our lives for the better with the support and wisdom of others. Remember, they are out there gathering wisdom too and there is no one to share it with if traveling alone.

When you share your journey with others, you truly connect with life's purpose.

Many Blessings,
Reverend Sharon



Comfort is Bliss

by Reverend Sharon Bianchi

I love sweatpants. I don't know who invented them but if they were here right now, I would kiss them. My husband always said he wished he had invented a "Get Dressed" machine. You know, you enter a tube-like contraption and -POOF- in an instant, you are completely dressed, groomed, and ready to head out the door. I'm sure he would have made a fortune if only he had followed through. (Probably had



one on *The Jetsons* but they always wore the same outfit so—just saying.) Anyway, back to sweatpants. When I come home from a long, hard day at work, the first thing I do is head for the bedroom and change into sweats, a tee shirt and no shoes. Ah,

the bliss of getting out of those work clothes and into my baggy, well-worn sweatpants. See, it is all about being comfortable.

I get that same feeling on Sundays when I come to our little church. There is that sense of bliss and well-worn comfort. Now, I obviously don't wear sweatpants to church (but I could) but you get my drift? It is our mission to make everyone feel comfortable coming to church without being hampered by rules and doctrines and other things akin to those darn work clothes. After all, we are family and we should always be comfortable sitting down with family. Right?

Blessings,

Reverend Sharon

Tips from the Guidebook of Life

Life is a winding journey that leads you to many experiences. It is a journey that is a metaphor of your spiritual self. It is a tool used for your spiritual growth and healing. It is a spiritual discipline that allows you to use your intuitive mind and your creative spirit. Life is an experience where you can touch with your joys and sorrows.

In **Walking the Journey** there is no single or correct way through this physical life. You must try to live your life to the fullest. As you make your journey, travel at your pace and not the pace of others. As you share your journey with others, allow them to move freely around you as you move freely around them, with no judgments. Your journey will present you with many opportunities. Acknowledge these opportunities while maintaining your spiritual focus. Walk, skip, run or dance through your journey, or sit quietly in awe of its magnificence.

A few simple reminders- Experience your life with enthusiasm and Center in your deepest self. Seek the Infinite Wisdom and guidance in all decisions and clarify all your joys, thoughts and feelings. Enjoy your physical body, as it is, at present and release bad memories, despair or grief. Experience gratitude for your experiences and honor all changes in your life.

Some Final Notes...

Always think about and ponder your life and what has touched you and challenged you and has surprised you. Let the experience of life unfold as it will. There are many ways to walk the journey of life, ways that are as unique as each person who enters into the experience.

Life is wonderful, enjoy all the aspects and do not lose sight of your spiritual roots.

Blessings to all.

Reverend Bob

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Declaration of Principles

We believe in Infinite Intelligence.

We believe that the phenomena of nature, both physical and spiritual, are the expression of Infinite Intelligence.

We affirm that a correct understanding of such expression and living in accordance therewith, constitutes true religion.

We affirm that the existence and personal identity of the individual continue after the change called death.

We affirm that communication with the so called dead is a fact, scientifically proven by the phenomena of Spiritualism.

We affirm that the highest morality is contained in the Golden Rule, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

We affirm the moral responsibility of the individual, and that we make our own happiness or unhappiness as we obey or disobey nature's physical and spiritual laws.

We affirm the doorway to reformation is never closed against any soul here or hereafter.

We affirm the precepts of Prophecy and Healing are divine attributes proven through Mediumship.

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