



The First Spiritualist Temple of East Aurora

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Newsletter July 11, 2021

Hi, all! Forgive the rather bare-bones look of this month's newsletter. I've assembled the usual information using pre-existing documents in my files, because I'll be on vacation through end of July. You're still welcome to call or email (contact info at end of this document).

By the Numbers

- In June 2020, we held 4 livestream Sunday worship services on Facebook; donations totaled \$420.
- In June 2021, we held 4 in-person Sunday worship services, plus an in-person All Message service. Attendance was about 29 people per service, offering \$893.46.

Committees

We need committee memberships. Unless you specifically object, we'll assume committees remain the same. Here is what I show from 2020-2021. **Please let me know if you do *not* want to be on a committee!**

- Audit: Sandy Bozeman, Julie Braun (chair), Darlene Kerr, Mimi Wilde.
- Building, Maintenance, Garden: Tina Chlewicki, Rick Mallory (no chair)
- Bylaws: Lyn Batt, Darlene Feskun (chair), Renee Sullivan, Mimi Wilde
- Kitchen: Lyn Batt, Diane Blackwood, Donna Bush, Tina Chlewicki (second chair), Beth Heaney, Barbara Kellerman (first chair), Diana Moore
- Library: Gina Braun, Beverly Burke (chair), Donna Bush, Diana Moore
- Music: Robert Goller, Rick Mallory, Joyce Tesar (chair)
- Reception (includes sanctuary decorations): Andrew Bozeman, Tamara Burgett, Jen Zsiros
- Ways & Means: Lyn Batt (chair), Gina Braun, Donna Bush, Tina Chlewicki, Darlene Feskun, Lynette Lex, Beth Heaney, Diana Moore

A new standing committee was voted in at our June 07 annual member meeting: **Social Media and Information Technology**. **We urgently need energetic members for the following:**

- Facebook postings, management and social media promotion
- MeetUp postings, management and social media promotion
- Zoom management
- Webmaster, for a simple update redesign and general management of our home page
- Hardware and software implementation for livestreaming Sunday services

News flash: Jodi Backer has agreed to serve as committee chair! If you would like me to forward your interest in working on this committee along to her, please feel free to email or call.



Call for donations for picnic prizes

Lyn Batt, chair of the Ways & Means Committee, has called for donations of raffle prizes and children's gifts for the annual picnic, which we'll hold after regular Sunday services on July 18 in Hamlin Park. If you have a cool new (or like-new) item you would like to donate, please see Lyn Batt.

The picnic will be held under a shelter, so it's rain-or-shine. The church will supply paper plates and eating utensils; you should bring your own soft drinks—a folding chair, bug-spray and sunscreen might also be good bring-alongs. You can bring a dish to pass if you like, or as a pandemic precaution you may also bring your own bag lunch.

Calendar overview

July 2021

Tues 07/13: Homiletics, Jeanne Laurel, Zoom, 7 to 8:30 p.m., class #6 of 14

Weds 07/14: Pre-development Module, Meditation, Andrew Bozeman, in-person, 7-8:30, class #2 of 6

Thurs 07/15: Pre-development Module, Philosophy of Spiritualism, Darlene Feskun, book Marilyn Awtry *Living in the Light*, 6:30-8 pm, in-person and Zoom; further Thursday evening meetings to be determined at first meeting.

Fri 07/16:

Sat 07/17:

Sun 07/18: Speaker: Diana Moore

Pre-Development Module, 9 Principles, Tom Schickling, in-person, 9-10:30 a.m.

Annual Picnic. Worship service as usual, then adjourn to Hamlin Park

Mon 07/19: NO Thought Exchange; summer break (usually meetings first & third Mondays each month)

Tues 07/20: If fair weather, garden maintenance with Darlene Feskun, starting 6 or 6:30 p.m. at church

Weds 07/21: Pre-development Module, Meditation, Andrew Bozeman, in-person, 7-8:30, class #3 of 6

Thurs 07/22: Reserved for Pre-development Module, Philosophy of Spiritualism, Darlene Feskun, book Marilyn Awtry *Living in the Light*, 6:30-8 pm (class will decide when to meet after first meeting 07/15)

Fri 07/23:

Sat 07/24:

Sun 07/25: Speaker: Cyndi Pirog

Rob Goller will not be in church, hence no organ accompaniment

Last Sunday of month: MPI study group, after worship, Beverly Burke & Lynette Lex

Pre-Development Module, 9 Principles, Tom Schickling, in-person, 9-10:30 a.m.

Right hand of fellowship (several members, to be announced)

Mon 07/26:

Tues 07/27: If fair weather, garden maintenance with Darlene Feskun, starting 6 or 6:30 p.m. at church

Weds 07/28: Pre-development Module, Meditation, Andrew Bozeman, in-person, 7-8:30, class #4 of 6

Thurs 07/29: Reserved for Pre-development Module, Philosophy of Spiritualism, Darlene Feskun, book Marilyn Awtry *Living in the Light*, 6:30-8 pm (class will decide when to meet after first meeting 07/15)

Fri 07/30:

Sat 07/31:

August 2021

Sun 08/01: Speaker: Bonnie Woods

**Homiletics, Jeanne Laurel, in-person, after service, practice sermon B, class #7 of 14
Audit committee meeting**

Mon 08/02: NO Thought Exchange; summer break (usually meetings first & third Mondays each month)
Pastoral Committee Meeting, 5:30 p.m. (Zoom)

Tues 08/03: Homiletics, Jeanne Laurel, Zoom, 7 to 8:30 p.m., class #8 of 14

Weds 08/04: Pre-development Module, Meditation, Andrew Bozeman, in-person, 7-8:30, class #5 of 6

Thurs 08/05: Reserved for Pre-development Module, Philosophy of Spiritualism, Darlene Feskun, book
Marilyn Awtry *Living in the Light*, 6:30-8 pm (class will decide when to meet after first
meeting 07/15)

Fri 08/06:

Sat 08/07:

Sun 08/08: Speaker: Andrew Bozeman

**Board of Trustees meeting after service
Rob Goller will not be in church, hence no organ accompaniment**

Mon 08/09:

Tues 08/10: Homiletics, Jeanne Laurel, Zoom, 7 to 8:30 p.m., class #9 of 14

Weds 08/11: Pre-development Module, Meditation, Andrew Bozeman, in-person, 7-8:30, class #6 of 6

Thurs 08/12: Reserved for Pre-development Module, Philosophy of Spiritualism, Darlene Feskun, book
Marilyn Awtry *Living in the Light*, 6:30-8 pm (class will decide when to meet after first
meeting 07/15)

Fri 08/13:

Sat 08/14:

Sun 08/15: Speaker: Beverly Burke

Homiletics, Jeanne Laurel, in-person, after service, practice sermon C, class #10 of 14

Mon 08/16: NO Thought Exchange; summer break (usually meetings first & third Mondays each month)

Tues 08/17: Homiletics, Jeanne Laurel, Zoom, 7 to 8:30 p.m., class #11 of 14

Weds 08/18:

Thurs 08/19: Reserved for Pre-development Module, Philosophy of Spiritualism, Darlene Feskun, book
Marilyn Awtry *Living in the Light*, 6:30-8 pm (class will decide when to meet after first
meeting 07/15)

Fri 08/20:

Sat 08/21:

Sun 08/22: Speaker: TBA

Homiletics, Jeanne Laurel, in-person, after service, acoustics check, class #12 of 14

Mon 08/23:

Tues 08/24: Homiletics (optional workshop), Jeanne Laurel, Zoom, 7 to 8:30 p.m., class #13 of 14

Weds 08/25:

Thurs 08/26: Reserved for Pre-development Module, Philosophy of Spiritualism, Darlene Feskun, book
Marilyn Awtry *Living in the Light*, 6:30-8 pm (class will decide when to meet after first
meeting 07/15)

Fri 08/27:

Sat 08/28:

Sun 08/29: Speaker: Robert Lowell Goller

**Last Sunday of month: MPI study group, after worship, Beverly Burke & Lynette Lex
Homiletics, Jeanne Laurel, in-person, after service, practice sermon D (invite folks from board,
pastoral), class #14 of 14**

Mask policy:

We had a lively discussion at the June 27 meeting between Pastoral Committee and the congregation. After discussion, we collectively came to the following understandings. We will continue to review and reassess our mask policy in light of health and safety information.

- Everyone must wear a mask upstairs in the worship area, with a few exceptions.
- Those on the rostrum serving the church in a speaking capacity may remove their masks while speaking; musicians may remove their masks.
- We will wait before restarting use of healing chairs and hands-on healing. For now, healers will send out healing to the congregation by sitting or standing in front of the church, facing the congregation.

Zoom reminder:

Click the link; or open Zoom and enter ID number.

For any meeting, audio only, dial 929 205 6099 and enter meeting ID.

If your meeting is on a Monday, use the Monday link or number.

- Mondays, link <https://zoom.us/j/98908343264>, ID 989 0834 3264
- Tuesdays, link <https://zoom.us/j/93782889733>, ID 937 8288 9733
- Wednesdays, link <https://zoom.us/j/99498052420>, ID 994 9805 2420
- Thursdays, link <https://zoom.us/j/93033218920>, ID 930 3321 8920
- Fridays, link <https://zoom.us/j/94842337658>, ID 948 4233 7658
- Saturdays, link <https://zoom.us/j/97800261770>, ID 978 0026 1770
- Sundays, link <https://zoom.us/j/98423834708>, ID 984 2383 4708

Have a wonderful rest of the summer—we each deserve a good one after the year we've been through! With love, light and laughter to all – Jeanne Phoenix Laurel, President, First Spiritualist Temple. (Cell 716-208-0624; home 716-876-4805; email jeannelaurel@gmail.com or president@firstspiritualisttemple.com.)