

# SPIRITUAL LIGHT CENTER NEWSLETTER

MAY 2022

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Rhonda Murphy**

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Last month, Bill Groves retired as our Administrator after 10 glorious years. We're so grateful for all he's done for SLC. This month, we're happy to announce that Aidan Russell and partner Ashley Peterson have agreed to accept the position as co-Administrators. They have a long list of things they're now responsible for, so let's be patient and helpful while they get up to speed.

Bill also left our Board of Directors, and Tim Cope has agreed to serve out the balance of his term until our annual meeting in August. The rest of the board includes me, Nancy Cottrell, Pam Keyser, and Doug VanOrsdall. So now you know everyone you can approach with your wonderful ideas!

We're really happy that we've been able to drop our mask requirements, and even put the chapel chairs back in their original configuration.

In the last couple of months, we've had live plant stakes placed along the creek bank to stabilize it and prevent further erosion. Arranging this was a very long involved process for Bill, and now he knows way more permitting officials in Macon County than he ever wanted to!

We've updated our advertising "rack card," and planning to add a sandwich board sign at the Heritage Hollow entrance. We also have a great new microphone system, with the ability to have 4 wireless mics in use at once, and much better sound than the previous system.

Many thanks to each of you for making the Spiritual Light Center a family, and for shining your light in the world.

Rhonda Murphy

## Ongoing Events

**Movie Night has Moved to Every Wednesday!**

Each Wednesday at 3:00 PM Join our group in the Hall for Movie Afternoon! We choose something fun to watch and afterward pick a place and go out to eat!

**Yoga Monday Nights at 6 PM**

Starting Monday May 9th

Ashley will be teaching a free all levels yoga class Monday Nights at 6 PM in the Hall. Please bring a mat or towel, wear comfortable clothes you can move in and join us to relax and connect with our bodies and breath. All are welcome. No class Memorial Day



### OUR VISION STATEMENT

The Spiritual Light Center is a peaceful and joyful fellowship of individuals, centered in love, dedicated to the God within, and honoring the many paths to truth.

### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We seek to develop our highest selves by continuous sharing of spiritual ideas, in an environment of unconditional love and respect for others.

### Upcoming Speakers

Sunday, May 1st

Kim Webster will speak on Beliefs that Bind

Sunday, May 8th,

Armand & Angelina will share on "There's No Such Thing As Rejection!"

12:45 they will host a Flute Class

6pm Concert

Sunday, May 15th

Donna Corso will share on "Don't Worry Be Happy.."

Sunday, May 22nd

Aidan Russell will share subject to be announced.

Sunday, May 29th

Michael Murphy Burke will share also to be announced.

# A Note On Our New Administrators



## The Gardener's Corner

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### May - Plant Your Summer Vegetables

As soon as the last frost has passed, fill out your vegetable garden with plants that like warm weather, including beans, cucumbers, melons, peppers, squash, tomatoes.

### Fix Blossom - End Rot

This is a common problem with tomatoes, peppers, squash, and eggplant that appears as a blackish, rotten spot on the end of the fruit opposite the stem. It results when soggy or overly acid soil prevents the plant's root from absorbing enough calcium to build cell walls. To prevent it, apply a half-cup of lime around the base of the plant and water it in. Then mulch around the base to help excess water drain.

### Set Out Colorful Annuals

Adopt all the bedding plants you can get your hands on, and use them to fill beds, pots, baskets, and window boxes. Just about any annual you can name is ready to plant now, including the big five- geraniums, impatiens, marigolds, petunias, and zinnias.

### Create Container Bouquets

As you set out bedding plants, plan ahead to have a few orphans to plant together in container bouquets. Fill large containers with potting soil then plug in your starters. Place those with upright growing habit in the center, and tuck sprawling or cascading plants inside the rims of the pots.

**Financial Report:**  
**2/28/22 Opening balance \$9,664.28**  
**Income +\$1,201.50**  
**Expenses -\$1,613.99**  
**3/31/22 Ending balance \$9,251.79**

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If you would like to contribute to SLC we now have a PayPal account to make that easier. <https://tinyurl.com/SLC-donate> This link takes you to a page where you can easily donate one time or a recurring donation. You can also mail a contribution directly to us at Spiritual Light Center, 80 Heritage Hollow, Franklin, NC 28734.

The SLC is so fortunate that Aidan and Ashley Russell have joined us in love and fellowship. Aidan and Ashley moved to Franklin, NC from Gainesville, Florida in August of last year. Let's get to know them!

They initially met on an online dating site. Those sites are rife with fake and dishonest people. But Aidan and Ashley vibrated on the same real and honest frequency. After their first real and in person date, they knew they'd met their forever person.

Aidan and Ashley have always been interested in not only growing their own food but also in giving back to the earth. Fresh produce has increased in interest and popularity in the last decade. So, Aidan and Ashley decided to obtain a farm where they could help provide for the needs and desires of the community.

Aidan says that their farm, "The Gnome Holler Farm, practices regenerative organic farming. The short explanation is that we practice rebuilding the soil and protect the soil microbiome. All our produce is grown using proven organic methods and procedures. Although not registered as organic, we still practice organic farming. We currently have our plans and infrastructure for our market gardens, free-range egg laying chickens, dairy goats, and honeybees."

In the future, Aidan and Ashley, hope to reach out to local restaurants to provide farm to table fresh and locally grown produce. They also intend to provide market products at local farmer's meets and provide CSA to members that join our program.

The couple was drawn to the Franklin area in May 2021 when they visited several states for a week to view properties. Aidan and Ashley felt each property had something missing, but they couldn't identify what that was. Then, as they rounded the corner of 441, they both knew this was the one they had been waiting for; it immediately felt like home. And then everything fell into place. They've now been in Franklin for over a year—and are happy and content with their choice.

They absolutely know this is where they are supposed to be and that their good work will not only provide for them now but also after they are gone—a legacy for all those who will come after them. They walk their property at least three times a day, rejoicing in all the beauty surrounding them.

The couple sees their biggest challenge as wanting to provide more than they have produced. However, they will continue to allow the universe to unfold before them with honor, respect and their deepest gratitude.

Aidan and Ashley found the Spiritual Light Center via a flier and continue to be excited about that the SLC offers a lot of what they have practiced and attended in Gainesville, FL. They envision the SLC continuing the growth they experienced as a result of their long-term affiliation with Unity of Gainesville, as well as their years of devotion to Mickie Singer at the temple of the Universe.

Welcome to the Spiritual Light Center of Franklin, NC—we look forward to all of our future growth.