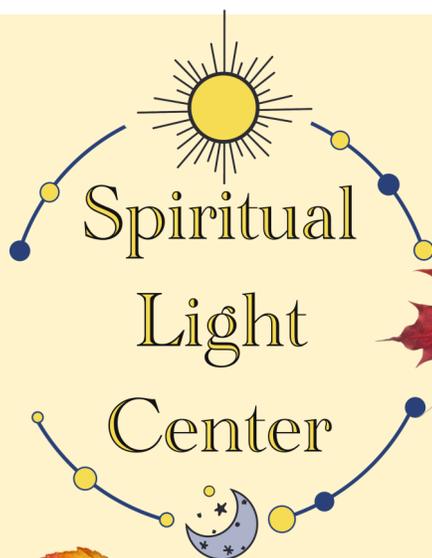


November 2023

NEWSLETTER



President's Message

Doug VanOrsdall

Dear Beloved Community of SLC Franklin-

I want to start this month's president's message by letting you know I'm not doing a "member spotlight" in this month's message, but will share some things that have been going on at our center over the last several weeks. Last month, I featured Madison Jacques in the "member spotlight", and I plan to feature Jeannine Johnson in the "member spotlight" in our December newsletter.

I feel it's important to share this message to bring everyone up to date and talk about our intentions moving forward. I'm humbled by the profound transformations we are witnessing in our midst. The winds of change are sweeping through our center like the beautiful Fall season we are currently in and adding new moments to all our spiritual journeys. It's with an open heart and an unwavering commitment to our vision and mission statements that we embrace this time as we are experiencing new opportunities here at SLC Franklin. In this wonderful place we call our "spiritual home away from home", we continue to be blessed in more ways than we can possibly imagine. We always have been, and always will be, a beacon of light for those who seek a different path—a path of open-mindedness, new thought, metaphysical exploration, and a non-denominational approach to spirituality. Our journey is unique, vibrant, and ever evolving.

To move forward and embrace this time of change, we need to acknowledge and honor our past. The experiences that have brought us to this moment are valuable lessons, each a steppingstone on our path moving forward. Let us reflect on the wisdom and growth we have gained from the past several weeks of the unique and different situations going on in our congregation. I can say with unwavering certainty that I, along with all the persons on the Board of Directors, have listened to many perspectives, opinions, insights and concerns shared by those of you who spoke with us at different times. I hope that all of you who shared your thoughts with us feel as if you were heard and



UPCOMING SPEAKERS:

- November 5th.....Kim May
- November 12th.....Don Peoples
- November 19.....Jean Logan
- November 26th.....Kate Greysen
- December 3rd.....Melody Cooper
- December 10th.....Forrest Rivers

SPECIAL EVENT:

Thursday, November 23rd at 3 PM
Thanksgiving Potluck

and your concerns taken seriously. The policy at SLC Franklin has long been one of allowing members of the congregation to come to a scheduled board meeting, listen in to what's being discussed on the agenda for that meeting, and take that opportunity to speak with us as a collective group as we love to hear new ideas and suggestions. For those members who didn't know about this policy, we encourage you to attend any regularly scheduled board meeting on the second Sunday of each month following the service in the chapel. After the service, the board meets in the fellowship hall and the meetings range anywhere from 45 minutes up to 2.5 hours depending on what needs to be discussed and voted on. Many of you stepped forward recently to share your concerns and the entire Board took those concerns under careful consideration to figure out the best way to move forward while we navigate through some transitions. Once your views are heard, if it is a matter that requires a vote by the board, the board will go into private executive session.

We value your input and the perspectives you shared with us during these recent meetings. With the information we already had been given, in addition to the shared insights by those of you in attendance, the board voted on several key points and came to some decisions that I want to share with you at this time. With all the expenses facing our center currently, along with those coming due in the next couple months, the board accepted the generous offer from Nancy Cottrell and Larry Turlington to step in for an unspecified period of time to help the center with many administrative duties. Nancy and Larry are not our new co-administrators, but rather two members who are willing to donate their time without accepting a salary. Next, Sue Ditch agreed to step forward, and Sue was nominated and voted on by the board to be the new treasurer. With immense gratitude to these three individuals, we applaud them for their un-wavering commitment to see our center move forward without so much as a temporary glitch. As the old adage is sometimes spoken about, "when one door closes, a new one opens," and that seems to be

what took place for us at this time. As your Board President, I am committed to guiding this center into the future, along with my fellow board members, Vice President Frank Smith, Secretary Rhonda Murphy, Treasurer Sue Ditch and Assistant Treasurer Claudia Arnold. All of us will collectively nurture your spirits, continue to run our center in a professional manner, take all matters seriously and create a community here at SLC Franklin that embodies the values of love, compassion, understanding, kindness, truth and self-discovery. Right here and right now, we stand ready to forge ahead, learning from the experiences of our recent past, and embrace the infinite potential of the future. Let's all turn our focus to the future and move in that positive direction.

With a spirit of renewal and unity, we are looking ahead with optimism. Our center has always been a place where seekers of all backgrounds and beliefs come together recognizing the interconnectedness of all things. . It is this wonderful place we call our spiritual home where we embrace the power of intention, the limitless possibilities of the human spirit, the love and kindness of our congregation along with the boundless energy of the universe. Together, we shall continue to evolve, explore, and experience the Divine in a way that is uniquely our own here at SLC Franklin!

Blessed Be~~

Doug

Our Vision

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.



Free Tickets are available for acclaimed film *After Death* currently playing at the Ruby Cinema in Franklin. Members of the Thursday afternoon discussion group are planning to go to the 4:15 showing on November 9th.

Here are some tips for navigating the confusing process for obtaining a free ticket.

Go here:

https://www.angel.com/tickets/after-death?utm_source=meta-ads-manager&utm_medium=Facebook_Desktop_Feed&utm_campaign=23859362245030247&utm_content=23859363216990247&promo=claim-free-ticket&fbclid=IwAR11fD7UUj-VjF2muuaQ4hcRNnoEdxosoTl1ozF9hus1pipYBF-NilvggbvM

Select the date and time you want to go. Create an account with Angel Studios. They will email a confirmation code to you. That can take up to 10 minutes. (Look in your spam or junk folder if you do not see it.

Enter the code .

Now they will email you a redemption code (write it down as it will not copy and paste) which you are supposed to enter at Atom. However they do not link you to Atom. To get there open the After Death ticket FAQ. Scroll down to Atom tickets.

Click on Visit Atom. When that opens be sure to select the theater, day and time you want.

Now check out by clicking on the \$6.50. Next put in the promo code at the top of the checkout page. Click on APPLY. Now it shows you don't owe anything.

Click on Book Now. Your ticket will pop up. Print it by selecting the print option on the right.



Old Tom Turkey

By pkKeyser

Silly ol' turkey
Tis a strange bird.
Not real intelligent
Only knows one word...

Gobble Gobble Gobble!

Yes, the turkey's fate
Is really crummy
Its one word is apropos
Cause it's
Yummy Yummy Yummy!

Happy Thanksgiving Everyone!

THURSDAYS AT 3:00

Join us in the Fellowship hall for thought provoking videos and conversation, followed by supper and more conversation at a local eatery.





SLC member Jeannine Johnson has graciously volunteered to lead our opening meditations during Sunday services. *Thank you, Jeannine!!*



Friends and family including daughter Jen who flew in for the occasion celebrated SLC board member Claudia Arnold's 80th birthday by throwing her a surprise party on Nov. 3rd in the fellowship hall.

Members Offering Energy Work

Jeannine Johnson, RM, CHT, who is a Reiki Master and teacher, offers ultimate deep relaxation, stress reduction and balance of mind, body and spirit through Reiki. Her office is above Mountain Valley Health Food in Franklin. Contact her at (828) 421-9567.

Master teacher **Madison Jacques** offers Reiki and Shamanic Healing in the SLC Healing Room Tuesdays and Fridays from 2 to 5 by appointment.

Email: MadisonMarie.Jacques@gmail.com.



There will be a **Celebration of Life** and gathering in the fellowship hall for John Marshall following the Nov. 5th service.

A long time member of SLC, John transitioned from this life on September 21, two days shy of his 95th birthday. At the time of his passing, John was both our oldest member and longest attending. He loved the Spiritual Light Center and donated his time and talents as a builder over the years to Center projects including remodeling the chapel and fellowship hall. Even at 90, he could be seen tools in hand repairing the chapel entry after a truck ran into it. He will always be remembered for his outgoing personality and his kind and generous heart.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING DAY

Join us at SLC

3 PM



We are hosting our first annual holiday POT LUCK DINNER On Thanksgiving afternoon starting at 3 o'clock in the Fellowship Hall. Come alone or bring guests, just RSVP that you plan to attend and how many will accompany you by texting 828-371-3402 or emailing slcfranklin@frontier.com. We will be providing turkey and a wild boar fresh ham, so bring your favorite side or dessert to add to the bounty. BYOB. Beer and wine are fine. We will also have a signup sheet available at services.



Macon County Interfaith Coalition

Thanksgiving Service November 14



There will be an **Interfaith Thanksgiving service** at the Robert C. Carpenter building, 1288 Georgia Rd. in Franklin, on Tuesday, November 14, starting at 6:30. Members representing a cornucopia of faiths and denominations including the Spiritual Light Center will participate sharing prayers, stories, and music.

Those attending are asked to bring nonperishable foods and dry goods which will be donated to our local CareNet in keeping with the Thanksgiving spirit.

Everyone is invited. Light refreshments provided by the participating churches and centers will be served following the service.



Halloween Fun...

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance on 8/31/23.....\$11071.23
 Income.....1252.00
 Expense.....1306.48
 Balance on 9/30/23.....\$11016.75



The **Spiritual Light Center** is located at 80 Heritage Hollow Drive in Franklin (28734) right behind the Gazebo Restaurant in Heritage Hollow. 828-369-3065

slcfranklin@frontier.com www.spirituallightcenter.com

If you would like to contribute to SLC, we have a PayPal account, <https://tinyurl.com/SLC-donate>. This link takes you to a page where you can easily donate one time or make a recurring donation.