

# Getting Into the Spirit!

Memorial Spiritual Church

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## *Celebrating 100 Years!*

### 1908 Collinwood School Fire Memorialized Through 100 Year-Old Local Church

The history of Cleveland holds an irreparable and indelible mark when referring to March 4, 1908. This is the day that almost every family in the Collinwood neighborhood tragically lost at least one child on Ash Wednesday morning at

172 children, 2 teachers, and a rescuer died that morning. White ribbons marked hundreds of family doors effected by the disaster. Funeral processions occurred daily for weeks. Many families lost multiple children. No one in

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Lakeview School on E. 152<sup>nd</sup> Street. The fire started in the basement and spread quickly. Children panicked and became confused. Narrow hallways and flames forced children to run in many directions; many falling on top of one another and becoming trapped in a pile just inside the entrance. Parents fought to recover their children, but many still perished. In fact, about half did not make it out alive. In total,

Cleveland and around the world were immune to the heartbreak.

Laura Baldwin was an 11 year-old girl that was lost that day. Her parents Nicholas and Emma (as well as many other families of the victims) received monetary compensation from the government for their loss. The Baldwins purchased multiple land lots on Pawnee

## *Angels Walk Among Us --- The Victims of the 1908 Collinwood School Fire*



Ask anyone who has visited the church about the "Spirit" and the "loving and welcoming feeling" that surrounds all that enter through its doors. Its historic stained glass represent comforting wisdoms from the Bible as their beautiful colors illuminate the special chapel. It's a pilgrimage for many who wish to honor any soul that has crossed over and are now "in Spirit", and in traditional form, the church offers Spiritual Messages to comfort those who are still on this earth plane. The ethereal realm lives on through the church doors, and personal messages and miracles are not an uncommon occurrence. Some have experienced the presence of Angels and have heard disembodied voices and choirs that come from the amplifier speakers in various dialects without explanation.

Avenue and their families moved together on the same street. On October 1<sup>st</sup>, 1917, the congregation of the Sunflower New thought Spiritualist Association Church was born. Emma's brother, Reverend William H. Kost, was the congregation's first Pastor. On February 12<sup>th</sup>, 1927, one parcel of land at 19204 Pawnee Avenue was allocated to build a Spiritual Church in honor of the fire victims. Reverend Kost and his 2 sons (Harold and Wilbur) built the church that still stands today. In honor of the victims, the church changed its name to Memorial Spiritual Church. Some local families still remember the loss of their family members in 1908 and continue to maintain a connection with the church. 109 years later the tragedy still hits home each year as Memorial Spiritual Church

remembers the victims in an annual memorial service.

The weekly Sunday prayer service starts at 3 PM and is offered to the public of any denomination. There is a healing circle weekly to pray for those in need followed by fellowship with refreshments for all to enjoy. Memorial Church is unique in that even though the weekly prayers are reminiscent of the Christian faith through scripture and prayer, visitors come from all walks of life and religion. Multiple beliefs and practices radiate among the concepts within the congregation. Meditation is practiced, and karma and reincarnation are believed as part of natural law. Spiritual gifts of prophesy, discernment of spirits, and healing facilitation creates a welcoming venue for all to participate and enjoy. Their

motto is "All are welcome, come as you are!" With so many variable belief systems, Memorial believes that all become one in the name of God, Spirit, and Love, regardless of affiliation. Their popular message and healing services are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month starting at 7 pm which is held as a benefit for the 100 year old congregation.

For more information about Memorial Spiritual Church and other events, please visit [www.mscc2015.weebly.com](http://www.mscc2015.weebly.com). You can also email the church at [memorialchurch1927@gmail.com](mailto:memorialchurch1927@gmail.com) or call 216-538-0489.

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## Come to Our Wednesday Message Service **FREE** Indulge in Your Curiosity About the Spirit World!

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Would you like a message? This is what the Mediums at Memorial Church will ask you when you attend one of our All Message & Healing Services, this popular service that has been going on for decades is held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month starting at 7 pm and is held as benefit for the 100 year old congregation. A \$10 donation will go directly to the Memorial Church Restoration Fund. For

your introductory **free** admission ticket, please subscribe to our email list with your name, address, and phone number to: [memorialchurch1927@gmail.com](mailto:memorialchurch1927@gmail.com). In the subject line please type "Free Message Service Offer" ☺

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