

CHURCH MINISTER & DIRECTORY OF MEDIUMS

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FACTS ABOUT SPIRITUALISM

What does Spiritualism try to prove? Spiritualism's foundation is proof of life after death. This proof consists of messages from Spirit through mediums who are able to communicate with discarnate spirits.

What is a Spiritualist? A Spiritualist is one who believes, as the basis of their religion, in the communication between this World and the Spirit World, and who endeavors to live in accordance with the highest teachings derived from such communication.

What is a Spiritualist Medium? A Spiritualist medium is an individual who has developed their innate natural psychic abilities and is able to tune into the vibrations of the Spirit World. The true Spiritualist medium relies only on their link with Spirit to bring information to the recipient. The expectation for Spiritualist mediums is that they are able to demonstrate proof of survival.

What is Proof of Survival? Proof of survival refers to the medium's ability to provide evidence so that the person receiving the message recognizes the Spirit visitor. Evidence can include such things as a description of the Spirit visitor, their name, a significant date, health condition, cause of death, the relationship to the person receiving a message or some shared event.

– Rev. Ella Groves

HEADS UP FOR MARCH

There will be two major events held in March 2009. You may find more information in the Winter-Spring Calendar 2009 and the upcoming March Newsletter.

- **Exploring Psychic Experiences with Parents & Children**—Join Medium Donna Kiss on **Sunday, March 22** from **1:30 to 3 pm** for a forum in which both parents and children can discuss and share personal psychic experiences. It is intended to encourage and support children with psychic abilities.
- **Being Spirit Dominant: Step Up To Your Purpose And Make A Difference**—Author **Margot McKinnon** will present her theory on Being Spirit Dominant and provide insights on how to live peacefully in a materialistic, competitive world for those who identify with this dominance.

2008 TAX RECEIPTS

Charitable Donation Tax Receipts will be issued during February 2009 if your total annual (2008) donation to CFSC was twenty-five dollars or more. Receipts can be picked up at the church, while those not claimed will be mailed out by March. If you have recently changed your mailing address, make sure that the church has your new address.

LEGACY DONATION If you've found the church has been good to you, giving you support and opportunities to grow, heal and develop, here's a suggestion. Think about how you could give back to the church through a legacy donation when you are updating or making out your will.

CALGARY FIRST SPIRITUALIST CHURCH FEBRUARY 2009 NEWSLETTER



WEEKLY CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY	7:30 pm	SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE	
Feb 1	Speaker:	Dr. Otto Haller	
	Topic:	<i>Living Miraculously</i>	
	Medium:	Andy Hall & Spirit Guide—Blue Sky	
Feb 8	Speaker:	Dr. Maureen McWilliams	
	Topic:	<i>Mirror Images</i>	
	Medium:	Donna Kiss	
Feb 15	ALL MESSAGE SERVICE		
	Mediums:	Mary Jane Kapteyn & Susan Gormley	
Feb 22	Speaker:	Loretta Letendre	
	Topic:	<i>The Unencumbered Soul</i>	
	Medium:	Louise Gebhart	

WEDNESDAY 6:30 – 7:15 pm HEALING SERVICE
Enjoy an opportunity to receive Spiritual Healing with the church healers.

WEDNESDAY 7:30 pm ALL MESSAGE SERVICE

Feb 4	Mediums:	Donna Kiss & Jane Fleming
Feb 11	Mediums:	Louise Gebhart, Elsie Pytel & Vreny Zumbuhl
Feb 18	Mediums:	Mary Jane Kapteyn & Susan Gormley
Feb 25	Mediums:	Louise Gebhart & William Pelech

NOTE: Due to personal circumstances, program arrangements may be subject to change.

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ONGOING GROUP MEETINGS

SUNDAY	5:00 – 6:30 PM	YOUNG PEOPLE'S SPIRITUAL GROUP Feb 8 – Facilitator: Mary Grace Nelson
MONDAY	7:30 PM	A.S.H.A. HEALING Closed Family Day Feb 16 Open every Monday except holidays—Donations Welcome
TUESDAY	7:00 PM	A COURSE IN MIRACLES Drop-in Discussion Group – Facilitator: Greg Deabler – Contribution \$5
FRIDAY	7:30 – 9:00 PM	EVENING MEDITATION GROUP -- Facilitator: Rev Ella Groves– Voluntary Contribution \$5
SATURDAY	9:45 AM	ADVANCED ENERGY HEALING Feb 14 & 28—Enter <u>East Door</u> —Donations Welcome

SPECIAL EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY

ORIENTATION COURSE IN MODERN SPIRITUALISM

With Rev. Ella Groves
Saturday, February 7
10 am to 3:30 pm

AGM

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Sunday, February 22

8:30 pm
(Immediately following the
Sunday Evening Service)

CRYSTAL & STONE WORKSHOP

With Donna Kiss
Saturday & Sunday
February 21 & 22
10 am to 3 pm

MUNCHIES, MUSIC & MESSAGES
Saturday, February 28

Pot Luck & Dessert - 5:30 pm
Messages & Mini-Readings - 7:15
Karaoke - 8 pm

(Bring Supper Dishes or Dessert)
All Welcome

ORIENTATION COURSE IN MODERN SPIRITUALISM

Rev. Ella Groves will present an *Orientation Course in Modern Spiritualism* on **Saturday, February 7** from **10 am to 3:30 pm**. This one-day course is open to anyone who wishes to learn about the history of the Spiritualist Movement and gain a clear understanding of the Science, Philosophy and Religion of Spiritualism. It is a pre-requisite for church membership but everyone is welcome to join. There is no cost for the course. Participants are asked to bring a lunch and beverages will be provided. To register use the sign-up book at the back of the church or email info@calgaryfirstspiritualistchurch.ca or leave a message at 403-283-1102.

CRYSTAL & STONE WORKSHOP

Donna Kiss will facilitate a weekend course on the use of *Basic Crystals and Stones*. It will be held on **Saturday, February 21** and **Sunday, February 22** from **10 am to 3 pm** both days. Participants will learn about the psychic meanings of colors, shapes and textures of stones. They will also learn how crystals can be used to clear the chakras, balance the energy fields, heighten intuition and assist in healing. **Session 1** will focus on Types of Crystals, their uses and energies. **Session 2** will focus on uses for Healing, and how to use Crystals and Stones for Psychic Readings for yourself or others. Please bring a lunch on both days and beverages will be made available. The cost is \$120 for members, \$125 for non-members and a manual is included in the cost. Pre-registration and pre-payment are required. Class size is limited to 9 participants so please register early. To register, leave a message on the church answering machine at 403-283-1102 or email info@calgaryfirstspiritualistchurch.ca.

WINTER SOCIAL—MUNCHIES, MUSIC & MESSAGES

The church will hold its annual *Winter Social: Munchies, Messages and Music* on **Saturday, February 28** at **5:30 pm**. The evening will begin with a **Pot Luck Supper** served downstairs from **5:30 to 6:30 pm**. This will be followed by **Dessert** with beverages served upstairs from **6:30 to 7 pm**. Then at **7:15** church mediums will give **Messages** from the platform. Names will also be drawn for private mini-readings downstairs. **Mary Grace Nelson** will lead a **Karaoke** sing-a-long from **8 to 10 pm** in the atmosphere of a Winter Wonderland. There is no cost but everyone is asked to bring a supper dish or dessert to share with others. There will also be an opportunity to buy tickets for raffle prizes or a 50/50 draw. Donations of raffle prizes would be appreciated. You will find a sign-up sheet at the back of the church sanctuary.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The **Annual General Meeting** of CFSC will be held immediately following the **Sunday Evening Service** at **8:30 pm** on **Sunday, February 22, 2009**. Annual reports from the numerous active committees that help to operate the church will be presented. The meeting will conclude with elections for a new Board. If you have any items to put on the Agenda, please see Tom Groves at least two weeks before the AGM. If you have recommendations of names for those who wish to serve as Board members, please see a member of the nominating committee: William Pelech, Laura O'Connor or Delmar Hunter. Marlene Harris asks that your membership is up-to-date for 2009 to ensure your voting privileges, and she is available to answer any questions. However, everyone is welcome to attend, observe and learn about the running of the church.

DONATIONS TO THE CHURCH FOOD BANK ARE APPRECIATED