

CHURCH MINISTER & DIRECTORY OF MEDIUMS

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FOND FAREWELL TO REV. MARGARET EATON

Margaret Wood Eaton was born on January 24, 1919 in Fifeshire, Scotland. She was the second to last born in a family with three boys and three girls. She passed into the Spirit World on October 7, 2011 at the age of 92. She was the last living survivor of her generation.

Margaret came from a mining family. Her mother, Elizabeth Kerr, was described by Margaret as a wonderful woman, and her father, Tom Wood, was a hard working coal miner. Since there was only one main industry other than agriculture, there was nothing else available for families but to make a living in the coal pits. The boys of these mining communities grew up to be miners like their dads, as did Margaret's brothers. It was a difficult life.

Margaret said "our own families couldn't keep us because they were so poor". Girls like Margaret left school at age 14 and went to work as domestic servants. Eventually she worked for James Bell, a member of royalty with a very large estate including farms and townships. She considered it a good education and became very disciplined.

Things changed during the war when women had to do the work previously done by men. Margaret then worked in Glasgow as a welder for Albion Motors. That was when Margaret met her husband, Doug Eaton. He was stationed at Preswick at a large air force base and was in charge of the accounting for the whole base.

The couple married in Scotland in 1942. They had two children, a daughter, Elizabeth and a son, Eric. After a number of moves between Canadian cities and overseas locations, the family settled in Ottawa where Doug took an important administrative position at the legislative building. Margaret said she was expected to prepare a formal dinner for his entire staff once a year.

Margaret became well known to Spiritualists all across Canada. Her interest and training in mediumship began as a very young woman in Preswick, Scotland, where she regularly attended a local Spiritualist church and joined an open circle. Her gift was soon recognized and Margaret became a competent platform medium. She was sent as a visiting medium to other communities.

In Canada, Margaret continued her career as a medium and her interest in Spiritualism. She was on the board of the Spiritualist Church of Canada, and became an ordained minister of this national organization. She was then asked to travel to a lot of places in Ontario to do platform demonstrations. It was natural for her because she was used to traveling in Scotland as a visiting medium. She would often go to Lilydale in New York State for the Canadian Weekend and was very soon on the rostrum. It should be remembered that Margaret's work was always of a volunteer nature, and she paid her own expenses when traveling—everything was out of her own pocket—her own "time and dime". She said, "We felt chosen."

Margaret has been a great gift to Spiritualism and Calgary. People enjoyed her mediumship which gave proof of survival, as well as uplifting personal messages, with such good humor and fun that she drew large crowds and entertained the entire congregation. She was also a wonderful circle leader with her own style of mentorship. She told us, "I have my own methods...because they work," and they did.

Margaret, in turn, appreciated the Calgary First Spiritualist Church because it gave her the opportunity to continue working with her gift of platform mediumship and teaching. Margaret was one of those wonderful clear channels truly open to the service of Spirit. She maintained great humility about this gift throughout her life. Rev. Margaret Eaton will be fondly remembered by those that had the privilege of knowing her.

—Jane Fleming

CALGARY FIRST SPIRITUALIST CHURCH DECEMBER 2011 NEWSLETTER



WEEKLY CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY 7:30 pm SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE

December 4	Speakers:	Don and Marlene Harris
	Topic:	<i>A Bard's-Eye View of Spiritualism</i>
	Medium:	Donna Kiss
December 11	Speaker:	Dr. William Pelech
	Topic:	<i>Time, Space & Mediumship</i>
	Medium:	Mary Jane Kapteyn
December 18	ALL MESSAGE CANDELIGHT SERVICE	
	Medium:	Susan Gormley & William Pelech
December 25	CHURCH CLOSED, NO SERVICE	

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

December 7	Mediums:	Louise Gebhart, William Pelech
December 14	Mediums:	Susan Gormley, Vreny Zumbuhl
December 21	Mediums:	Susan Gormley, Jane Fleming
December 28	CHURCH CLOSED, NO SERVICE	

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

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Membership has its benefits! Visit our website for more information.



ONGOING GROUP MEETINGS

- MONDAY 7:30 PM** **A.S.H.A. HEALING (Association of Spiritual Healers of Alberta)**
 – Healing Service for Everyone with the ASHA Healers
 – Open every Monday – *Last service Dec 19, closed Dec 26; Starts Jan 2*
- TUESDAY 7:00 PM** **A COURSE IN MIRACLES** – Drop-in Discussion Group
 – Facilitator: Greg Deabler
 – Donations accepted
 – *Last day/pot luck held Dec 13, closed Dec 20 to Jan 3; Starts Jan 10*
- FRIDAY 7:30 - 9:00 PM** **EVENING MEDITATION GROUP**
 – Open every Friday
 – Facilitator: Susan Gormley
 – Donations welcome
 – *Last day Dec 2, closed Dec 9 – Jan.6; Starts Jan 13*
- SATURDAY 9:45 AM** **ADVANCED ENERGY HEALING** – Enter East Door
 – Last Healing Clinic held **Dec 10**
 – Donations welcome
 – Clinics resume Jan 14 & 28
- SUNDAY 4:45 – 6:15 PM** **HEALTH & SPIRITUALITY THROUGH YOGA** – Drop-ins Welcome
 – Open every Sunday **except Nov. 13 (Remembrance Day Weekend)**
 – Facilitator: JK Bryant
 – *Last class Dec 4, closed Dec 11 – Jan 1; Starts Jan 8*

SPECIAL EVENTS FOR DECEMBER

Calgary First Spiritualist Church welcomes you to the

Sunday Candlelight Service

December 18 at 7:30 pm

and the

Carol Singing & Message Service

December 21 at 7:30 pm

and also a

Christmas Open House Dinner

December 25 – 2:00 – 6:00 pm
 for people who do not have family in
 Calgary - being held in
 a private home.

Pick up a poster for details!

*Help support - Calgary First Spiritualist Church
 with the*

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PROJECT

**Share in bringing
 seasonal joy to others!**

**Donations of Cash, Gifts and
 Groceries are Appreciated!**

**Cash donation are needed right away.
 All Gifts and food donations must at the
 church by Wednesday, December 21.**



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PROJECT

It has been a CFSC tradition to provide **Christmas Gift and Food Hampers** for individuals and families that may not otherwise have much joy during the Holiday Season. The volunteers are always delighted to be Santa's helpers and are pleased by the positive response they receive from gleeful children and grateful adults. Barbara Anderson is the 2011 Christmas Project Coordinator. For gift ideas or answers to questions, please leave a message for Barbara on the church message line 403-283-1102 or email info@calgaryfirstspiritualistchurch.ca.

This year a special invitation is being extended to people that are unable to be with family at Christmas time. Barbara Anderson is opening her home on Christmas Day to members of the church community and will be serving a **Christmas dinner** from 2:00 to 6:00 pm. If you wish to be on the guest list, please leave an email or phone message at the church, and you will be provided with the directions to Barbara's home.

Be a Christmas Angel this year and be a part of bringing seasonal cheer to others. There are a number of ways that you can help:

- First, **donations of cash** are needed right away so that the shoppers know how much money is available and can purchase presents, groceries and Safeway certificates. Some of the donations will be used to sponsor the Christmas dinner as well. Charitable tax receipts are given for cash donations. **Please give the cash donations to the person chairing the Wednesday or Sunday Services.**
- Second, there is a **Christmas Wish List** for those who want to purchase a particular gift for an individual, especially the children. A wish list will be posted on the church bulletin board at the back of the church or you can contact Barbara by using the church phone or email. Gifts should be under the church Christmas tree by **Wednesday, December 21, 2011.**
- Thirdly, lots of **non-perishable groceries** are needed to fill the hampers. Groceries should be in by **Wednesday, December 21** so volunteers can do the wrapping and packing the next day.
- Lastly, you can **volunteer your time** to help pack the hampers or deliver them. Please leave your name with the Christmas Project Coordinator, Barbara Anderson.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2012

It is **Membership Renewal** time once again! Please fill out a *mauve Membership Renewal Application* form and submit it with the \$30 renewal fee to Wendy Aoki, Membership Director, or any board member. CFSC appreciates your ongoing support. *Associate Memberships* expire after one year and are not renewable. However, anyone who supports the objectives of the church and meets the criteria for *Full Membership* status is now welcome to apply for full membership. Simply fill out a *yellow New Membership Application* form and submit it with the \$30 fee to Wendy or any board member. The CFSC invites any new church members who are also certified by ASHA as spiritual healers to join the church healers. For more information on membership, please visit the church's website or pick up a leaflet on membership at CFSC.

CLOSURE AND START UP DATES for ONGOING GROUPS

- **ASHA** – last service held Dec 19, closed Dec 26, starts up Jan 2
- **Course in Miracles** – last session/potluck - Dec 13, closed Dec 27 to Jan 3, starts Jan 10
- **Friday Evening Meditation Group** – last day Dec 2, closed Dec 9 to Jan. 6, starts Jan 13
- **Health & Spirituality Through Yoga** – last day Dec 4, closed Dec 11 to Jan 1, starts Jan 8

HEADS UP FOR JANUARY

- **Mediumship: Easy Does It** – Vreny Zumbuhl & Susan Gormley – Sat, Jan 14
- **Mini Readings** – Sat, Jan 28

SEASONS GREETINGS FROM THE BOARD

The CFSC Board Members would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas. Christmas is a very special time of year, a time for us to reflect on the past year's activities and to remember all the good things that we have been blessed with. May this Christmas Season be one of the best ever!



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