

CHURCH MINISTER & DIRECTORY OF MEDIUMS

Reverend Ella Groves
Donna Kiss, Mary Jane Kapteyn, Louise Gebhart, Susan Gormley
Private Readings - Call 403-283-1102

17 YEARS OF PRODUCTION

In 1995, a single sheet bulletin called *The Spirit Messenger* was published on a seasonal basis and contained items such as the message from the President, articles about Spiritualism and special events. For example, in one of these issues, there was the announcement that the government had granted CFSC ministers a license to perform marriages. By 1998, the board began the practice of scheduling speakers and mediums a month ahead, and there were a number of weekly drop-in groups at the church. Then the newsletter format changed to a monthly informational bulletin for the congregation. In 2001, the newsletter was made into its present fold-over booklet form. With a growing membership and many more ongoing groups, workshops and activities, there was sometimes barely room enough to hold all the church activities and news.

Unfortunately, over the long history of the church, there were very few historical records in the archives. Whatever was available to trace the 80 year history of the church was used by Sally Jennings to compile a special 80th anniversary book for the 2000 centennial. She found some documents, pictures, letters and minutes from Board meetings and the Ladies' League meetings that reflected the eight decades of church history. However, today the newsletters serve as a detailed historical record of all the visiting mediums and workshop presenters, programs, social events and special milestones. It records those who have served as board members, received scholarships and provided other noteworthy services.

Today, the goal is to write a newsletter that contains accurate information about the programs offered at the church, and other articles related to the life and work of the church. The production of today's monthly newsletters takes lots of behind the scene planning. Rev. Ella Groves prepares the list of news items for the Program Committee one full month in advance. She and Vreny Zumbuhl schedule all the speakers and mediums, and Jane Fleming writes most of the articles with contributions from Rev. Ella, Marlene Harris and various members of the Board.

When the newsletter contents are ready, it is sent to Carol Klym, the church secretary, who cobbles all the information into the final draft. It is carefully proof read by Rev. Ella and Jane, and Tom Groves, who with his 'eagle eyes' manages to spot when a word has to be changed from 'as' to 'is' or perhaps 'on' to 'in' as needed. Deadlines must be met so that the current issue is always ready to be distributed by the last Sunday in the previous month.

At one time the newsletter was mailed out to the members. Avril Oliver took on this laborious job. Copies could also be picked up in person at the church. 'Snail mail' was replaced when our computer guru, Greg Deabler, developed an email list. With the press of a button, newsletters are delivered electronically to church members and as many other people who want them. With the creation of a new website in 2006, the newsletters can be accessed from anywhere in the world.

— Rev. Ella Groves & Jane Fleming

HEADS UP FOR FEBRUARY

- Feb. 5: **Séance Circle** with Donna Kiss
- Feb 25: **Winter Social: Munchies Music & Messages**

CALGARY FIRST SPIRITUALIST CHURCH JANUARY 2012 NEWSLETTER



WEEKLY CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY 7:30 pm SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE

January 1	CHURCH CLOSED, NO SERVICE	
January 8	Speaker:	Maureen McWilliams
	Topic:	<i>Welcoming 2012: A Year of Change & Order</i>
	Medium:	Mary Jane Kapteyn
January 15	Speaker:	Dr. David Jones
	Topic:	<i>Teachings of Spiritual Pathfinder:</i> <i>Larry Wayne</i>
	Medium:	Donna Kiss
January 22	Speaker:	Lillian Illescas
	Topic:	<i>Shall We Dance 2012</i>
	Medium:	Jane Fleming
January 29	Speaker:	Sheryl Hinds
	Topic:	<i>Journeying into the New Year with Faith</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

January 4	Mediums:	Jane Fleming, Vreny Zumbuhl
January 11	Mediums:	Susan Gormley, Jane Fleming
January 18	Mediums:	Louise Gebhart, William Pelech
January 25	Mediums:	Donna Kiss, Sharon Pelech

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

Address: 1603 – 6 Ave. NW, Calgary, AB T2N 0W1 Phone: (403) 283-1102
Email: info@calgaryfirstspiritualistchurch.ca
Website: www.calgaryfirstspiritualistchurch.ca

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 – *Starts Jan 2*
- TUESDAY 7:00 PM** **A COURSE IN MIRACLES** – Drop-in Discussion Group
– Facilitator: Greg Deabler
– Donations accepted
– *Starts Jan 10*
- FRIDAY 7:30 - 9:00 PM** **EVENING MEDITATION GROUP**
– Open every Friday
– Facilitator: Susan Gormley
– Donations welcome
– *Starts Jan 13*
- SATURDAY 9:45 AM** **ADVANCED ENERGY HEALING** – Enter East Door
– Healing Clinics held **Jan 14 & 28**
– Donations welcome
- SUNDAY 4:45 – 6:15 PM** **HEALTH & SPIRITUALITY THROUGH YOGA** – Drop-ins Welcome
– Open every Sunday
– Facilitator: JK Bryant
– *Starts Jan 8*

SPECIAL EVENTS FOR JANUARY

Calgary First Spiritualist Church presents:

MEDIUMSHIP: Easy Does It

Saturday, January 14, 2012

Register: 9:30 am
Workshop: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Cost: \$65 for church members
\$70 for non-members

Participants will take part in a variety of activities that will equip them with personal strategies to increase their connection with Spirit.

To register: phone 403-283-1102
email: info@calgaryfirstspiritualistchurch.ca

Pick up a poster for details!

Join Calgary First Spiritualist Church for:

Mini Readings & Refreshments Fund Raiser

Saturday, January 28, 2012
1:00 to 3:30 pm

Refreshments will be served upstairs while the Church platform mediums and developing mediums are giving mini-readings downstairs.

This is a drop-in event. Bring your family and friends. Everyone is welcome to attend.

If you have any questions, phone 403-283-1102
or email: info@calgaryfirstspiritualistchurch.ca

Pick up a poster for details!

MEDIUMSHIP: EASY DOES IT

Susan Gormley and Vreny Zumbuhl will be leading a full day of activities that will assist you in connecting with Spirit. **Mediumship: Easy Does It** will be held on **Saturday, January 14, 2012** from **10 am to 4 pm**. Whether you are a beginner or have experience giving messages, participating in a day of engaging exercises will enable you to connect quickly with Spirit and gain confidence in sharing what you get. Bring your laughter and your lunch for an enriching experience! Cost is \$65 for members, \$70 for non-members. To register, email info@calgaryfirstspiritualistchurch.ca or phone 403-283-1102.

MINI-READINGS

CFSC will hold the next **Mini-Readings: Refreshments & Fund Raiser** on **Saturday, January 28, 2012** from **1 to 3:30 pm**. This event offers an excellent opportunity for members of the public to receive a 15-minute reading with a skilled medium at the reasonable cost of \$20. Delicious refreshments will be served upstairs in the sanctuary, while the church platform mediums and developing mediums provide mini-readings downstairs. Everyone is welcome. Bring your friends and make it a fun-filled social occasion.

SÉANCE CIRCLE

Donna Kiss will hold her next **Séance Circle** on **Sunday, February 5** from **1 to 4 pm**. In her Séance Circles, each person will be given information about the people who are in Spirit around them. They will also be able to ask about specific people whom they would like communication with. Everyone has Relatives, Friends, Spirit Guides and Guardian Angels; come meet some of yours in this circle. If a certain person is asked for, the Medium cannot promise that they will come through, however, Donna has a high level of success. Cost is for \$30 members, \$35 for non-members. To register, please email info@calgaryfirstspiritualistchurch.ca or phone 283-1102.

CHARITABLE DONATION TAX RECEIPTS 2010

Charitable Donation Tax Receipts will be issued at the end of January or beginning of February 2012 if your total annual donation to CFSC for 2011 was twenty-five dollars or more. Receipts can be picked up at the church, while those not claimed by mid-February will be mailed. If you have recently changed your mailing address, make sure that the church has your new address.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL & AGM 2012

Wendy Aoki would like to complete the church **membership renewals** for 2012. The fee is \$30. The benefits of being a member are placement in a development circle, reduced cost for workshops, use of the library, etc. The importance of renewing your membership is so that you have voting privileges at the upcoming **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** which will be held on **Sunday, February 26, 2012** at **8:30 pm** following the Sunday Evening Service. Please see Wendy or a Board Member about the criterion for becoming a Full Member or an Associate Member. The CFSC Board wishes to welcome all new members.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

The Board is pleased to announce that a \$300 scholarship from CFSC was awarded to Corinne Gross and Delmar Hunter in order to attend **Stansted By the Rockies**. Congratulations! A \$600 church scholarship is awarded twice annually to facilitate members who wish to further their skills in areas related to Spiritualism and then share their knowledge or expertise with other church members.

DONATIONS TO THE CHURCH FOOD BANK ARE APPRECIATED