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CALGARY FIRST SPIRITUALIST CHURCH DECEMBER 2009 NEWSLETTER

WEEKLY CHURCH SERVICES

The church will be closed over the Christmas Holidays in order to facilitate renovations. The new look will be modernized and brought up to date. There will be new window treatments, fresh paint and a new carpet installed. The last service for 2009 will be on **Sunday, Dec 20**. The church will be closed Dec 21 until Jan 2, 2010. Please note that there will be no ASHA on Dec 21 or 28. There will be no Sunday Service on Jan 27, and no Wednesday services on Dec 23 or 30. The church will reopen on Sunday, Jan 3, with a fresh new look.

ABSENTEE HEALING NETWORK

This past September, my husband Tom and I traveled to Lilydale, New York. I had wanted to revisit this historic Spiritualist town where I had taken the Morris Pratt Pastoral Skills Course and reconnect with my instructor, Rev. Sharon Snowman. The National Spiritualist Association of Churches (NSAC) office was a beehive of activity as the staff was preparing material for the annual national conference being held in Texas.

Among the many NSAC handouts, one in particular caught my eye. It was a brochure on a Spiritualist healing center that had been established by the national organization. Our church has provided the gift of absentee healing for many years within the church, but I saw the opportunity for people to connect with a global Spiritualist absentee healing network.

This is how it works. Each month a list of names requesting Spiritual Healing is compiled and sent to NSAC Spiritualist Healers and NSAC Healing Prayer Groups, and the many independent Spiritualist organizations and individuals around the world, who will be praying for those whose names have been placed on the list. The goal is to have continuous prayers, unbroken for several hours each day. This is possible because of the many time zones. Prayers are continually being sent forth, creating a wonderful healing energy flow.

In the internet age, it is easy to get started. Go to the NSAC email www.nsac.org. Click on Healing and use the simple on-line request form. There are also write ups on different types of Spiritual Healing, healing prayers for adults and children and suggestion for self healing.

Another Spiritualist distant healing center that serves as a beacon of hope and healing is the Harry Edwards Healing Sanctuary. Go to www.harryedwards.org.uk and click on Healing. You can ask for healing for yourself, another person or an animal.

If you know of other distant healing networks, please email them to the church info@calgaryfirstspiritualistchurch.ca and they could be posted on the church web site. It should be noted that donations are appreciated as it helps to support the good work. — Rev. Ella Groves

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION FROM THE BOARD

During the holiday season and especially at the closing of the year, the Board wishes to sincerely thank all the many volunteers who have made the running of the church possible. Together you have provided the church services, special programs, fun-filled social events, maintained the building, made fund raising possible and contributed to the atmosphere of friendship and support. What more could a church want from such wonderful volunteers and members?

The CFSC Board Members would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas. This is a very special time of year for us to reflect on the past year's activities and to remember all the good things that we have been blessed with and shared together. May this Holiday Season be one of the best ever! — Greg Deabler, Tom Groves, Rev. Ella Groves, Marlene Harris, Delmar Hunter, Laura O'Connor, Sharon Macpherson, Mary Grace Nelson, William Pelech

SUNDAY 7:30 pm SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE

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| December 6 | Speaker: | JK Bryant |
| | Topic: | <i>Law of Attraction</i> |
| | Medium: | Louise Gebhart |
| December 13 | Speaker: | Jill Joblonkay |
| | Topic: | <i>Trance Lecture</i> |
| | Medium: | Rev. Ella Groves |
| December 20 | CAROLS & ALL MESSAGE SERVICE | |
| | Mediums: | Mary Jane Kapteyn, Susan Gormley |
| December 27 | 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

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| December 2 | Mediums: | Louise Gebhart, William Pelech |
| December 9 | Mediums: | Donna Kiss, Vreny Zumbuhl, Elsie Pytel |
| December 16 | CAROL SINGING SERVICE | |
| | Mediums: | Rev. Ella Groves, Sharon Macpherson, Susan Gormley |
| December 23 | CHURCH CLOSED, NO SERVICE | |
| December 30 | CHURCH CLOSED, NO SERVICE | |

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

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ONGOING GROUP MEETINGS

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| MONDAY | 7:30 PM | A.S.H.A. HEALING – open every Monday except holidays Closed Dec 21 and 28; starts Jan 4 — Donations Welcome |
| TUESDAY | 7:00 PM | A COURSE IN MIRACLES Closed Dec 15, 22, 29; starts Jan 5 — Facilitator: Greg Deabler |
| FRIDAY | 7:30 – 9:00 PM | EVENING MEDITATION GROUP Closed Dec 18, 25, Jan. 1, 8; starts Jan 15 — Facilitators: Rev Ella Groves, Susan Gormley |
| SATURDAY | 9:45 AM | ADVANCED ENERGY HEALING – Dec 5 |

SPECIAL EVENTS FOR DECEMBER

SÉANCE CIRCLE

with

Donna Kiss

Sunday, December 6
1 to 3:30 pm

Cost: Members \$30; Non-members \$35

To register:

Phone 403-283-1102 or Email
info@calgaryfirstspiritualistchurch.ca

All Welcome



CHRISTMAS GIFT HAMPERS

Donation Deadline:
Wednesday, December 16, 2009

ALL DONATIONS WELCOME

CHURCH SERVICES:

ALL MESSAGE CAROL SERVICE

Sunday, December 20, 2009
7:30 pm



CHURCH RENOVATION CLOSURE DATES

There will be no services on
Wednesday, December 23rd, Sunday,
December 27th and Wednesday,
December 30th. The church will
reopen on Sunday, January 3rd, 2010.

SÉANCE CIRCLE WITH DONNA KISS

Donna Kiss will hold her next **Séance Circle** on **Sunday, December 6** from **1 to 4 pm**. Donna will provide participants with an actual séance experience. She will describe the entity or entities that are with each person and bring spirit messages from them. She has a high level of success in making contact when requests are made to speak to specific individuals in the Spirit World. Circle size is limited, so please register early. To do so, you may phone the church message line at 403-283-1102 or email info@calgaryfirstspiritualistchurch.ca. The cost is \$30 for members and \$35 for non-members. Pre-payment is required.

CHRISTMAS GIFT HAMPERS

It is now time to get ready for the annual **Christmas Project**. The church enjoys providing **Christmas Gift Hampers** for individuals and families who are experiencing hardship or separation from their families. Church members work together to bring unexpected Christmas cheer to those who are less fortunate, and the volunteers are always delighted by the positive response they receive on behalf of the church.

You can help make this project a success in a number of ways:

- First, **donations of cash** are needed right away so that the shoppers know how much money is available and can purchase presents and grocery certificates. Charitable tax receipts are given for cash donations. See Tom Groves.
- Second, there is a **Christmas Wish List** posted on the bulletin board for those who want to purchase a particular gift for an adult or child. Gifts should be under the church Christmas tree by **Wednesday, December 16**. Please wrap your gifts if you can.
- Finally, you can **volunteer your time** to help pack the gift hampers or deliver them.

Please contact Rev. Ella Groves, for details. Messages or inquiries related to the **Christmas Project** can be left on the Church message line at 403-283-1102. Help be a Christmas Angel this year.

CLOSURE AND START UP DATES

- **ASHA**—last service on Dec 14, closed Dec 21 & 28, starts Jan 4
- **Course in Miracles**—last session/pot luck on Dec 8, closed Dec 15, 22, 29, starts Jan 5
- **Friday Evening Meditation Group**—last day Dec 11, closed Dec 18, 25, Jan 1, 8, starts Jan 15
- **Exploring Psychic Abilities with Children**—starts Jan 31 as a new ongoing program

HEADS UP FOR JANUARY

- Developing Your Intuition Through Spirit Art & Remote Viewing - Sarah Stewart
- Exploring Psychic Abilities with Children - Donna Kiss



DONATIONS TO THE CHURCH FOOD BANK ARE APPRECIATED