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CALGARY FIRST SPIRITUALIST CHURCH DECEMBER 2008 NEWSLETTER



WEEKLY CHURCH SERVICES

PASSING OF A GREAT LADY

Rev. Karen Voegelie, born on September 15, 1946 in Monahans, Texas, passed into Spirit on November 2, 2008 at her home in Calgary, Alberta at age 62. Our hearts are joined in sadness with the members of the Spiritualist Society of the Gateway Psychic Centre for their loss. It marks the passing of a great lady and a dedicated Spiritualist. Karen became the church leader as a young woman in her twenties and gave faithful service at the Gateway Centre for 39 years. Her presence will be missed in the Calgary Spiritualist community and at the national level where she served on the board of directors for the Spiritualist Church of Canada.
 —Rev. Ella Groves

FAREWELL TO THE GAINORS

Members of the *Calgary First Spiritualist Church* are saddened to say farewell this month to **Lorrie** and **Les Gainor** who have generously served the church in so many ways. We will miss the infectious cheerfulness, inspiration, friendship and loving support. However, we are happy for them to be moving to beautiful Courtney, BC where friends and family are waiting.

Lorrie and Les have made considerable contributions to the church. Les was a major force in the church renovations of the 1990's, and has made important donations such as the board room table, food bank shelving, etc. Lorrie and Les both served on the Board with wisdom and clarity and, above all, lots of laughter. They helped formulate church guidelines and a new constitution. Lorrie was instrumental in raising the profile of the church through the new website, new logo, Spirit Expo back drop, Synchronicity color ad, etc. Lorrie also acted as Advertising Chairperson, Advanced Energy Healing Coordinator and Instructor.

We wish them all the best in their new home and hope that they can continue to be a spiritual force in their new community. We send many blessings for their future.
 —Jane Fleming

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 the best ever!

—Tom Groves, Rev. Ella Groves, Marlene Harris, Delmar Hunter, Laura O'Connor,
 Sharon Macpherson, Mary Grace Nelson, William Pelech



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.

SUNDAY 7:30 pm SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE

Dec 7	Speaker:	Mary Jane Kapteyn
	Topic:	<i>Inspirational Talk</i>
	Medium:	Mary Jane Kapteyn
Dec 14	Speaker:	Elsie Pytel
	Topic:	<i>Welcome Home</i>
	Medium:	Donna Kiss
Dec 21	<i>Candlelight Service</i>	
	Speaker:	Andy Hall
	Topic:	<i>Trance Lecture by Blue Sky</i>
	Mediums:	Louise Gebhart
Dec 28	Speaker:	Andy Hall
	Topic:	<i>Trance Lecture by Blue Sky</i>
	Medium:	Rev. Ella Groves

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

Dec 3	Mediums:	Louise Gebhart, Jane Fleming, Vreny Zumbuhl
Dec 10	Mediums:	Mary Jane Kapteyn, Susan Gormley
Dec 17	Mediums:	Donna Kiss, William Pelech, Elsie Pytel
Dec 24	Closed Christmas Eve	
Dec 31	Closed New Year's Eve	

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 Dec 14 - Facilitator: Mary Grace Nelson
MONDAY	7:30 PM	A.S.H.A. HEALING Closed Monday, Dec 29 Open every Monday except holidays—Donations Welcome
TUESDAY	7:00 PM	A COURSE IN MIRACLES Closed Tuesday, Dec 23-30, Jan 6 Drop-in Discussion Group - Facilitator: Greg Deabler – Contribution \$5
FRIDAY	7:30 – 9:00 PM	EVENING MEDITATION GROUP In recess for Fall 2008 -- Facilitator: Rev Ella Groves
SATURDAY	9:45 AM	ADVANCED ENERGY HEALING Dec 13 —Enter <u>East Door</u> —Donations Welcome

SPECIAL EVENTS FOR DECEMBER

MEET YOUR GUIDE

With Donna Kiss

**Sunday, December 7
1 to 4 pm**

**Cost: \$30 members
\$35 non-members**

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

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

**See Marlene Harris,
Membership Director**

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PROJECT

GIFT & FOOD HAMPERS

DONATIONS WELCOME
Coordinator: Shannon Dobos

Phone 403-283-1102 or email
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DONATIONS TO THE CHURCH FOOD BANK ARE APPRECIATED

MEET YOUR GUIDE WITH DONNA KISS

Meet Your Guide is a half-day workshop in which church medium, **Donna Kiss**, will lead participants through a Guided Meditation that will allow them to have a 'face-to-face' conversation with the Spirit Guide who is assisting them on Earth. After the Guided Meditation there will be time for discussion and analysis of what has been discovered. The **Meet Your Guide** workshop will be held on **Sunday, December 7** from **1 to 4 pm**. The cost is \$30 for church members and \$35 for non-members. Pre-payment is required. To register, call the church message line at 403-283-1102 or email info@calgaryfirstspiritualistchurch.ca. This will be an invaluable opportunity to affirm and expand your awareness of the guidance we all receive from higher realms. The experience is facilitated by an outstanding church medium and teacher.

CHRISTMAS GIFT & FOOD HAMPERS

The church is gearing up for the Holiday Season and for the **Annual Christmas Project**. Our new coordinator, or Mrs. Claus for 2009, will be **Shannon Dobos**. She will be in charge of the volunteers who provide **Christmas Gift and Food Hampers** for individuals and families who are experiencing hardship at this time or separation from their families. Church members work together to bring unexpected Christmas cheer to those who are less fortunate and 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 for the purchase of presents, groceries and Safeway certificates. Charitable tax receipts are given for cash donations. See Tom Groves, Treasurer.
- Second, there is a **Christmas Wish List** for those who want to purchase a particular gift for an individual, especially the children. Gifts should be under the church Christmas tree by **Sunday, December 14**. Contact Shannon for gift ideas.
- Thirdly, lots of **non-perishable groceries** are needed to fill the hampers. Groceries should be in by **Wednesday, December 17** so volunteers can do the packing the next day.
- Lastly, you can **volunteer your time** to help shop, pack the hampers or deliver them.

Please contact Christmas Project Coordinator, Shannon Dobos or 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. Be a Christmas Angel this year!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2009

It is **Membership Renewal** time again for those who have full membership status! To renew, please fill out a *mauve Membership Renewal Application* form and give it along with the \$30 renewal fee to Marlene Harris, Membership Director, or to any member of the church board before the end of December. We appreciate your continued support of CFSC. Associate Memberships expire after one year and are not renewable; however, along with Associate Members whose memberships have expired, anyone who supports the objectives of the church and meets the criteria for full membership status is welcome to apply for full membership. Simply fill out a *yellow New Membership Application* form and give it along with the \$30 fee to Marlene or to any member of the church board. For more information on membership, please visit the church's website or pick up a leaflet on membership at CFSC.

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

The church will be **closed** on two **Wednesdays, Dec 24 and 31—Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve**. However, the church will be **open** for **all Sunday Services** including December 21 and 28. The last meeting of the year for **A Course In Miracles** will be Tuesday, December 16, and closed for Dec 23 to Jan 6. **ASHA** will be closed on Monday, December 29 only.