



Church Closure

Thank you for your understanding and patience as we all continue to adapt to COVID-19 and its impact on our services and programs.

In response to the pandemic, following directives from the San Francisco Department of Public Health, the Board of Directors of the Golden Gate Spiritualist Church closed the church to in-person services in mid-March.

Per the Shelter in Place Order, **the Golden Gate Spiritualist Church will remain closed until further notice.** We will follow national, state, and local directives and keep you apprised on our reopening date.

On Re-opening

Board President, Michael Franklin states: "The Board will decide upon re-opening when it is safe and sensible and does not produce liability for the Church. Science and numbers and potential for infection must be our determinants." This will include considerations for social distancing, disinfectant practices, and protecting those who serve.

He adds: "I doubt that anyone misses the live services more than I since hands on healing is my

service and my joy and Zoom services cannot provide such for me. But our responsibility now is to protect the physical health of our most fragile congregants. Their spiritual health, in my opinion, is being well served by the on-line services, and the physical health is paramount in our re-opening plans."

Board Secretary, Barbara Dullea, summed up the general consensus: "We should take our time reopening the church and see how the virus spikes in the next month or so due to all of the protests and business openings."

If members have suggestions or concerns, items would be welcome for Board consideration.

Current Zoom Services

Although hands-on-healing and singing hymns together remain on hold, the church has continued to hold Sunday services on the internet through Zoom. This has a unique advantage: The Zoom on-line format allows us to present sermons and mediumship from around the world and we can invite guest mediums from outside our area without incurring travel or overnight expenses.

Attendance has been averaging more than when we had live services, and we have an interesting cross section of

attendees, coming not only from our membership and friends, but also from far-flung areas of the globe.

In addition to our fine regular GGSC mediums, Licentiate Minister Charlyn Spitzer, Melissa Haddick, Sheila Medina, Haruka Takate, and Hassan Zee, several guest workers have "Zoomed in" since April:

Tom Flynn, who was scheduled to work here in San Francisco during the month of July, started us off on Zoom with his mediumship on Sunday April 12,

Previously scheduled NSAC mediums, The Rev. Dr. **Rosemary Calderalo** and The Rev. **Stacy Kopchinski**, both offered talks and messages on-line.

Japanese Medium **Jikan Kaido**, who had been scheduled to bring messages and unfoldment workshops in April, provided a talk and messages from Japan in May.

In June, **Faye Casey** offered a reading from spirit and took turns with **Robin Cook** providing messages from England; and member **Susan Hazard** offered demonstrations of the continuity of life from her new home in the state of Washington.



4th of July wreath by Gina Fogarty

Scheduled Upcoming Zoom Services Sunday Afternoons at 2 pm

Sunday, July 7 **Sheila Medina**,
talk, Sheila and **Hassan Zee**,
mediums.

Sunday, July 12 The Rev.
Lauderback, talk and **Haruka
Takate** and **Charlyn Spitzer**,
mediums.

Sunday July 19 **Michael
Franklin** talk, **Hassan Zee &
Melissa Haddick** mediums.

Sunday July 26 UK Medium
Gary Edwards.

Do you wish to Attend?

If you are interested in attending and participating, please email Pastor Lauderback, dellauderback@gmail.com, and request an invitation and link to these services.

The invitations to the on-line services contain date and time information, the link to connect to the service, and the schedule of workers who are planned to work at that particular service.

Keep an eye out for additional Wednesday evening offerings.

[Please see note on Access]

Our Thanks

The video and audio conferencing software that enables us to hold services on-line requires a team of contributors: **Ray San Juan Tonga** for the technical aspects; **David Haddick** for setting up the "bookends" of the service; The Rev. **Delaney Lauderback** for arranging and directing the Zoom services; **Barbara Dullea** for chairing the healing services and for arranging the many mediums from all around the globe; **Tom Merrick** for the music; all of the fine mediums and speakers, both guests and those of our Church.

Access to Zoom

The services are best accessed with a laptop computer or iPad with a built-in webcam and microphone which enable you to be seen by, and communicate with, the medium giving spirit messages as well as see and hear others participating in the service. If your laptop or computer is an older model without webcam or microphone, you can purchase a separate webcam and microphone on line to be used with your laptop. An iPhone or Android smart phone with appropriate app can also be used for video and audio connection to the services. You can dial in on a regular phone to gain an audio connection to the service. The dial-in number is on the service invitation you receive at your email address.

Sunday, July 12, 2020 marks the **50th anniversary** of the Rev. **Florence Becker's** passing to spirit. She founded the church in early 1924 with a group of people close to her. She was the church's principal medium and pastor.

In Memorium

The postponed Celebration of the Life of James Stewart Ehrhart in Milwaukee has been rescheduled for Sunday, July 26, 5 pm, at the Morris Pratt Institute. Travel, accommodation, and area information were included in the original announcement emailed on March 5. If you would like to attend, please let us know and that information will be sent again.

It is hoped a Celebration for Jim in San Francisco can be held in the fall if restrictions for social distancing have been sufficiently relaxed. In the meantime, attached is a lovely article about Jim published in The National Spiritualist Summit magazine.

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info@ggspiritualistchurch.org

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