



# GGSC News

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## Handicapped Access Plans Update

We are continuing to accept donations for this major undertaking. Your additional gift can help ensure that an improved Clay Street entry is aesthetically pleasing as well as functional. With the help of an anonymous member who donated \$5,000 in honor of her father, we reached our initial fundraising goal and received the generous gift of \$10,000 from Mary and Michael Franklin. With that start, our GGSC Board members have been dutiful this summer gathering information from three groups of advisors to explore possibilities for adding a wheelchair accessible entrance and restroom. If you have questions or would like to offer input, please contact June Johnson.

## Tom Flynn's Visit

Medium Tom Flynn arrived from London, England on July 1. He offered a talk, and gave healings and readings to the end of the month.

Tom also brought and signed copies of his informative new biography, *Tom Flynn, Medium & Healer*. Chapter one begins, "My parents both died when I was young, but are still with me as spirit guides from the other side." It's a good read.

## August 17 Mediums Day

Our thanks to the Rev. James Ehrhart for planning this successful event and to our other mediums who donated individual 20-minute Spirit Readings from 11 am to 4 pm: Melissa Haddick,

Charlene Spitzer, Hassan Zee, and our member Certified Medium Susan Hazard, who travelled here from Santa Barbara. And our thanks to the two guest mediums from the Circle of Love Spiritualist Community in Auburn who came: newly Certified Medium Katrina Thompson and Karen Gherardi. Although a few participants were teary with emotion, it was rewarding to see so many people leave wreathed in smiles.

## Harvest Dinner

What a lovely time we had! Gabriella Haddick set the tables the evening before with a fun Halloween Harvest theme and mama Melissa added pots of flowers and sparkling orange decorations. We had lots of food, but at 5:00 pm on September 14 there were only about 20 people. Happily both food and people kept on coming until a total of 65 tickets were sold.

John Shipman donated a large delicious upside-down cake

The abundant raffle prizes, including a number of \$50 and up gift certificates, and an 11" x 14" leaded glass window hanging drew a lot of interest. Barbara Dullea, MC for the evening, asked the donor of the glass piece to "draw the ticket spirit wants you to draw." June Johnson reached in the bin containing some 400 tickets and drew out her own ticket! She asked if there were any bidders. The impromptu auction netted an additional \$250 for the church.

Special appreciation goes to Lisa Jackson and her sons and the

other dedicated helpers who so willingly pitched in to clean up following the dinner.

## NSAC Convention 2019

The annual convention of the National Spiritualist Association of Churches opens in Milwaukee September 29. Our church will be represented by delegates Barbara Dullea, Joe Owen, and Mary Jane Zismann.

During this year's convention, GGSC Associate Pastor and Vice President of the Morris Pratt Institute, America's Spiritualist College, the Rev. James Ehart, will be conducting a Master Class on Mediumship which he developed.

Under the sponsorship of the Morris Pratt Institute, the Master Class will be open to all convention attendees.

## Winter Festival Raffle



Susan Hazard has created a beautiful garden with sunflowers, painted in oils and framed. Special raffle tickets have been printed; they will be distributed to

raise needed funds to maintain and upgrade our beloved church. This presents a rare opportunity for you or a friend to own one of Susan's treasured paintings.

Please spread the word. Buy (and/or sell) as many as you can. The Raffle is to be held at our Winter Festival.

**Another way to help is to join Barbara Dullea at a Planning Meeting for the Winter Festival on Sunday October 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:15 pm in the Social Hall. See you there!**

### Member Dues for 2020

An invoice for 2020 GGSC dues will be postal mailed to members early in January. Please wait to make payment until after receiving the invoice. Be sure to note on your check that it is for 'dues,' to avoid confusion. Payment may be mailed to the Church, placed in the offering

plate during a service, or given to church Secretary Barbara Dullea.

### New MPI Course: *Spiritualism: A Religion of Happiness*

The Morris Pratt Institute will be launching a new 27-lesson course: *Spiritualism: A Religion of Happiness*, during the upcoming NSAC Convention.

The course is based on the book, *Becoming A Spiritualist*, by H. Gordon Burroughs, published in 1962. Gordon's 137-page book has been a bestseller and never out of print since its publication nearly 60 years ago.

This new MPI course has been developed by the Rev. James Ehrhart to offer a user-friendly approach to the Philosophy (*Wisdom*) of Spiritualism, emphasizing Spiritualism as an affirmative religion—Spiritualism can make us happy!

### Do You Wish to Donate?

Keeping the doors of GGSC open relies on the generosity of members and friends. We all benefit when our donors "give until it feels good." However, due to limited storage, we ask that you please first contact President Michael Franklin or church Secretary Barbara Dullea before bringing items intended for sale at fundraisers to the church; [info@ggspiritualistchurch.org](mailto:info@ggspiritualistchurch.org) or 415-885-9976.

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