

This month, we remember ...

- The passing of Mäire Dee, on January 23rd, mother of Frances Hatcher and Anne Lenoir.
- Margaret Bueckert, friend of TC Kendall, who passed into spirit on January 1st, 2011. *"I miss the sound of her voice the most."* TC

Healing @ SSB

Healing is available, by appointment, on the 3rd Monday of each month between 6.30 pm & 8.30 pm. To book an appointment, contact MaryAnn Leonard: 905-332-9934.

Upcoming Dates:

16th January
20th February

(If the 3rd Monday of the month is a holiday, healing will be scheduled for the 2nd Monday instead.)

Who's On ...

January 2012

1st No Service
8th Rev. James Kinnear
15th Rev. Patti Tomczyk
22nd Pamela Paterson & David Jones
29th Marilyn Mazzotta

February 2012

5th Sheila Black & Jana Hefferman
12th Victor Abbott
19th Thought Exchange
26nd Rev. Doug Eyre

Upcoming Events

- January 22nd – *Future Platform Workers* @ 1 pm following the divine service.
- March 31st – *"Sensing and Seeing Spirit"* mediumship workshop with Sandra McFadden.
- April 6th & 7th – *"Reaching Further"* mediumship workshop with Sandra McFadden.



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The Message

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Happy New Year ...

Isn't it interesting that as we turn toward the New Year that we all seem to want to know: What's facing us in the future? No matter what our experience, all of us have that natural curiosity as to what awaits us in the days/weeks/months ahead. Some of us are merely curious, while others are seemingly driven to find out the details of what faces them ... with the hope that it's good and rewarding.

Curiosity is perfectly natural and in many ways makes us what we are, because curiosity leads to dreams and it's often been said that dreams are the signposts to our future. Spirit teaches us that if we live in the now, our futures will look after themselves, because by looking into the future we can miss what's happening around us today. It's what's happening now that counts ... this is what we can control and influence. Our futures come out of the thoughts and actions we initiate today. It is we who control our futures, spirit are simply there to guide us on our way.

Let's embrace the New Year by looking forward with curiosity, while focusing on the here and now, and making sure that we make the most of every opportunity we have today. If we go forward with a positive attitude, and love in our hearts, then we will be able to embrace whatever comes our way, taking us closer to spirit and closer to who we truly are!

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us, we were all going direct to heaven, we were all going direct the other way."

Charles Dickens, A Tale of Two Cities, 1859

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2012 is Here ... Now what?

2012 has long been targeted as an important time in history ever since scholars decoded Mayan glyph tablets that showed that their calendar system came to an end on what was the equivalent of the Winter solstice in 2012 or December 21st. What makes this more intriguing is the fact that the Mayan calendar spans many thousands of years and suggests a deep knowledge of time that we no longer have today.

Many have interpreted the ending of the Mayan calendar as a prediction that the world, or perhaps time as we know it, will also come to an end, but there is no definitive evidence to support this conclusion. In fact there have been libraries full of books written about the implications of the end of the Mayan calendar cycle, but it should be borne in mind that nowhere in Mayan text does it explicitly talk about the world ending. What should be remembered is that like any other calendar system, the Mayan system is cyclical meaning that when it reaches its end; it restarts to record the passing of another year or Age. Interestingly enough, the start of the new cycle also lines up with start of the Age of Aquarius. Some have even suggested that this is also the start of the Golden Age of prosperity for mankind.

Regardless of the literal meaning, or implications, the simple answer is to not let the fear control us. It is always better to focus on the positive, rather than the negative and let the love flow through us. Every event in our lives is there to help us grow and better understand who we are. If the information resonates with us, take it and move forward, if not, just ignore it. Perhaps the lesson here is not what the Mayan calendar suggests or doesn't suggest, but rather how we deal with situations that enter our lives. We are ultimately so much more than we seem to be right now, it's up to us to embrace every opportunity that allows us to realize this in the here and now.

And the New Year Ahead ...

Now that the Christmas festivities are behind us, we can turn our attention to the more serious matter of looking ahead to see what the New Year will bring us. Once again, we turn to our trusty sage Madam Fran who will imbibe a special brew of Starbucks bold to stimulate her senses so that she can cast an eye into the year ahead.

The year ahead is no ordinary year ... it is 2012. So, without further ado, let us step back from the intoxicating Starbucks brew and allow Madam Fran to do her work ...

- The world will not end on December 21st, but there will be a snowstorm. This will prevent many men from doing their Christmas shopping, meaning there will be no presents under the tree for their loved ones on Christmas Day. The men affected will probably just wish the world had ended.
- There will be continued financial confusion and anxiety in the world, but this may improve in the spring with some surprising revelations.
- Rev. Kinnear will make a mistake when arriving to give the opening blessing at the London Olympics ... he will go to London Ontario instead of London England. Have no fear; it's nothing that a glass of red wine, a bar of chocolate and a video conference call won't resolve. (Anyone thinking of gift ideas for Rev. Kinnear, may want to consider a map).
- There will be a Presidential election in the U.S. There could very well be a change at the White House.
- Michael Jackson will come to TC Kendall in a dream where he will point out her moon-walking short comings and suggest she try line dancing instead.
- Queen Elizabeth comes forward with shocking news telling the world Fran really is of Royal Blood and not adopted as previously thought.

Food for Thought ...

"There is no way to happiness, happiness is the way."

Buddha