

The Chicago Meditation Group of Self-Realization Fellowship

APRIL MAY JUNE 2010

REGULARLY SCHEDULED SERVICES

SUNDAYS:

9:00am- 9:20am Energization Exercises
 9:30am- 10:40am Meditation Service
 11:00am-12:00pm Reading Service
 See schedule below Kirtan Meditation

WEDNESDAYS:

10:30am-12:00pm Lessons Study Group

THURSDAYS:

(1st & 3rd each month)

7:30pm- 8:30pm 2nd Coming of Christ Study Group

THURSDAYS:

(2nd & 4th each month)

7:30pm- 9:00pm Meditation and Healing Service

SATURDAYS:

(1st & 3rd each month)

9:00am-12:00pm 3 Hour Meditation Service

Children's Sunday School at 11:00am on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month

APRIL

Friday	2 nd	Good Friday Meditation	12:00pm- 3:00pm
Sunday	4 th	Easter Sunday/Regular Sunday Service/Sunday School ..	11:00am- 12:00pm
Thursday	8 th	Meditation and Healing Service.....	7:30pm- 9:00pm
Sunday	11 th	Kirtan Meditation.....	9:00am- 10:40am
		Managing Council Meeting	12:15pm- 2:00pm
Saturday	17 th	3 Hour Meditation.....	9:00am- 12:00pm
Sunday	18 th	Regular Sunday Service/ Potluck/Sunday School	11:00am- 12:00pm
Thursday	22 nd	Meditation and Healing Service.....	7:30pm- 9:00pm
Sunday	25 th	Kirtan Meditation.....	9:00am- 10:40am
		Annual Elections	12:15pm- 1:15pm

MAY

Saturday	1 st	3 Hour Meditation.....	9:00am- 12:00pm
Sunday	2 nd	Regular Sunday Service/ Sunday School	11:00am- 12:00pm
Sunday	9 th	Mother's Day/ Kirtan Meditation	9:00am- 10:40am
Monday	10 th	Sri Yukteswar's Birthday Commemoration	7:30pm- 8:30pm
		<i>(Chapel opens at 6:30pm. Please see Comm. Services on the reverse)</i>	
Thursday	13 th	Meditation and Healing Service.....	7:30pm- 9:00pm
Saturday	15 th	All Day Silent Retreat (Details Enclosed)	10:00am- 3:00pm
Sunday	16 th	Regular Sunday Service/ Sunday School	11:00am- 12:00pm
		Managing Council Meeting	12:15pm- 2:00pm
Sunday	23 rd	Kirtan Meditation/ Social Tea	9:00am- 10:40am
Thursday	27 th	Meditation and Healing Service.....	7:30pm- 9:00pm
Sunday	30 th	Regular Sunday Service	11:00am- 12:00pm
		General Meeting	12:15pm- 1:15pm

JUNE

Saturday	5 th	3 Hour Meditation.....	9:00am- 12:00pm
Sunday	6 th	Regular Sunday Service/ Sunday School	11:00am- 12:00pm
		India Celebration (Details Enclosed)	12:15pm- 3:00pm
Thursday	10 th	Meditation and Healing Service.....	7:30pm- 9:00pm
Sunday	13 th	Kirtan Meditation.....	9:00am- 10:40am
		Managing Council Meeting	12:15pm- 2:00pm
Saturday	19 th	3 Hour Meditation.....	9:00am- 12:00pm
Sunday	20 th	Father's Day/Regular Service/Sunday School	11:00am- 12:00pm
Thursday	24 th	Meditation and Healing Service.....	7:30pm- 9:00pm
Saturday	26 th	Garage Sale/Fundraising (Details Enclosed)	9:00am- 4:00pm
Sunday	27 th	Kirtan Meditation	9:00am- 10:40am

Meditations

Meditation services provide members and students with an opportunity to practice together the methods of concentration and meditation taught in the Self-Realization Fellowship Lessons. Those who do not know any specific technique of meditation are also welcome to attend. In order for all devotees to derive the maximum benefit from the group meditations, these recommendations are strongly encouraged to limit disturbing others:

- Enter the chapel on time. If you must leave early, do so during a chant.
- Please sit down quietly.
- Attire for meditation and services should reflect a respectful attitude toward God and Gurus, the teachings, and be appropriate for attending any religious service.
- Please avoid wearing perfume or other scents as a courtesy to other members.

Kirtan Meditations

Kirtan is devotional singing to God, accompanied by traditional Indian instruments such as harmonium, tablas, cymbals, and bells. This service allows for longer chanting periods and helps us dive deeper in meditation. Kirtan meditations are held on Sunday mornings, once or twice a month.

Sunday Reading Service

This weekly 11:00am service includes inspirational readings, prayers, chants, and shorter periods of meditation. If you are new to our group, we suggest you first attend this service. Please follow the guidelines above under "Meditations." After the service, there is an informal opportunity to meet members of the group.

Meditation and Healing Service on Thursday Evenings

This meditation and chanting service is followed by a time in which we meditate and pray for physical, mental, and spiritual healing for ourselves, for others, and for world brotherhood and peace. Together, we practice the spiritual healing techniques taught by our founder Paramahansa Yogananda, explained in the free booklet, *Worldwide Prayer Circle*. Requests for prayers may be placed in the prayer box on the table in the chapel.

Commemoration Services

Special commemoration services are held to honor the birthdays and mahasamadhis of the SRF line of Gurus. All who attend are requested to bring a flower as a symbol of devotion and an offering in an envelope as an expression of loyalty and support of the Guru's work.

Bookroom

Our bookroom has SRF books, CD's, DVD's, and other items for purchase, as well as applications for the SRF weekly lessons. Our bookroom is open on Sundays only, before and after the Reading Service.

Service Opportunities

All members and students of the SRF lessons are welcome to serve as ushers, altar attendants, service readers, bookroom volunteers, and to assist with chapel cleaning. Not only is this a good way to show our appreciation for the benefits we receive from attending, but it is also a chance to make spiritual friends. Sign-up sheets are located on the bulletin board and on the bookroom table.

Potluck Luncheons and Social Teas

Each month, our group has either a Potluck Luncheon or Social Tea following one of the Sunday services. Everyone is welcome to attend. Social teas are an opportunity for newcomers to meet members and learn more about our group. Those attending Potlucks may bring a vegetarian dish to share.

The Chicago Meditation Group is composed of members and friends of Self-Realization Fellowship, the worldwide organization founded by Paramahansa Yogananda. **We are located at 10031 Roosevelt Rd. Suite 220, Westchester, IL. 60154.** For more information, please contact Jane McNally at 630-264-2507 (janemcnal44@gmail.com) or Rich Schnadig at 847-373-1930 (prinart1972@aol.com) or see our web site at www.chicagomeditationgroup.org.