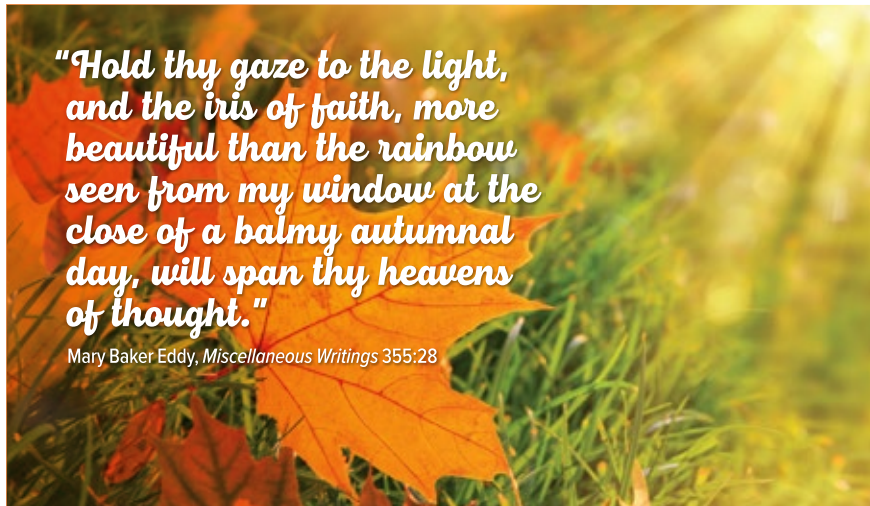


# Noontide NEWS

Fall 2022

Fresh information and fruition from  
Noontide Visiting Christian Science Nurse Service of Michigan



*"Hold thy gaze to the light,  
and the iris of faith, more  
beautiful than the rainbow  
seen from my window at the  
close of a balmy autumnal  
day, will span thy heavens  
of thought."*

Mary Baker Eddy, *Miscellaneous Writings* 355:28

## Season of gratitude

Autumn in Michigan is delightful and active. The leaves change to gold and red, and the weather has become cooler and wetter. As we hold our gaze to the light of Truth, as Mary Baker Eddy suggests in the quote above, we get even more beautiful views of good.

The last few months have been opportunities for our Noontide Visiting Christian Science Nurse Service of Michigan (Noontide) to do just that. Noontide's Visiting Christian Science nurses have been shining richly, utilizing their receptivity to Truth and Love, in support of those of us needing this Christ-like view and the assistance they bring.

Noontide's staff and trustees are grateful to provide visiting Christian Science nursing care in Michigan. During times when Jeanne Troutman, our full-time visiting Christian Science nurse is not available, we've contracted with individual Christian Science nurses, including Patricia Brugioni, Janet Cocciarelli, Patty Nuernberg, Paula Todd, and Jean Sarmiento. Each of these Christian Science nurses have brought cheer, divine Love, and supernal freshness and fairness to Noontide's services. We value Jeanne and each of our 'visiting' visiting Christian Science nurses.

Individual donors and organizations in Michigan that love Christian Science have supported Noontide, giving more reason for gratitude. For instance, Noontide recently received a grant from the Isabel Foundation, allowing us to hire these relief Christian Science nurses.

Would you or your branch church like to know more about what Noontide is up to? Noontide has created a new presentation designed to give students of Christian Science, newcomers, family, and friends a closer look at what Noontide and Christian Science nursing is all about. We'd love to show it to you. Just have your clerk or executive board contact our office manager at [office@noontidecs.org](mailto:office@noontidecs.org) to set up a presentation. We look forward to coming your way! ●

## What do you know about Christian Science Nursing?

By Kate Dearborn

I first encountered Christian Science nursing when a dear friend studied to become a Christian Science nurse. A few years later, as a Visiting Christian Science nurse, (along with a midwife), she was instrumental in the peaceful and calm home birth of my daughter. I've since had other delightful and inspiring encounters with Christian Science nurses.

This poem, quoted by Mary Baker Eddy in her book *Retrospection and Introspection* (p. 95), is a beautiful description of the Christian Science nursing ministry:

*Ask God to give thee skill  
In comfort's art  
That thou may'st consecrated be  
And set apart  
Unto a life of sympathy.  
For heavy is the weight of ill  
In every heart;  
And comforters are needed  
much  
Of Christlike touch.*

—A.E. Hamilton

Enriching ideas about ministering through Christian Science nursing are found in an interview in the November 2022 issue of *The Christian Science Journal* called 'Christian Science nursing—a ministry, a calling.' Tony Lobl interviews Vanessa Campbell, a Christian Science nurse and the Manager of Christian Science Nursing Activities at The Mother Church.

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## National Fund for Christian Science Nursing (NFCSN)

Words cannot describe the gratitude my family has for the National Fund for Christian Science Nursing (NFCSN) and Noontide Visiting Christian Science Nurse Service of Michigan.

My mother is a lifelong Christian Scientist and was a Christian Science practitioner for 35 years. When she unexpectedly needed full-time home care, we were able to keep her at home for the entire time. NFCSN provided a grant so that her son could be the primary caretaker under the direction of a Christian Science nurse, aided by local care providers. The grant also allowed for the purchase of supplies and rental of equipment.

This help from NFCSN allowed my mother to be kept in her home, working with a Christian Science practitioner and a Christian Science nurse, her preferred method of care. More importantly, this support from the NFCSN allowed my mother to be in an atmosphere that Christian Science care fosters: calm, peace, and joy during her entire care period. My mom was always a huge supporter of Christian Science nursing all through her practitioner days. It was just wonderful that the Christian Science nursing services were able to provide so completely for her when she needed it. ●

## “Caring For Christian Scientists:” a new service and website

We thought you might like to be aware of a new service available to Christian Scientists and their families called “Caring for Christian Scientists.” Begun by and supported through the Principle Foundation, it provides information, ideas and resources designed to meet the practical needs of Christian Scientists. The service offers assistance in two ways:

- **through a confidential call center support phone line**, which is staffed by experienced Christian Scientists, some of whom are Christian Science nurses. The toll free number for this line is **1(800)930-3797**. If no one is immediately available to answer the call, a voice mail can be left, which will be responded to within 24-hours.
- **through a website called [www.RiperYears.org](http://www.RiperYears.org)**. The website focuses primarily on addressing the needs of senior Christian Scientists, and the family and friends who may be assisting them. It provides a good deal of information on a variety of topics, including Christian Science nursing care, advance directives, insurance information, financial assistance, and home care. Be sure to check out this thoughtful and helpful website, and share the news about this service with other Christian Scientists who may be interested. ●

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## What do you know..?

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Vanessa answered a number of questions in the interview, including this final question in the article, “Can we take some time now just to talk about what training is like?”:

*When you’re new to the depths of this ministry, there’s nothing more supportive and eye-opening than working alongside more seasoned Christian Science nurses who teach from their own practice and experience. There’s really such a lot to learn, and the training is important for those who want to answer calls for care. In the variety of training programs now available, there’s a classroom portion and a side-by-side mentoring portion at each level of the training.*

*This applies to everything from providing light assistance to giving full care and, of course, caring for needs that require great discernment and skill. Even those who’ve had long experience in caring for others have gained so much from having training. It ensures that our representation in the world will have a high standard. [Christianscience.com](http://Christianscience.com) and the Journal Directory listing Christian Science nursing facilities are good resources to find out more.”*

Interested to discover more about what it takes to be a Christian Science nurse? Call our Noontide Visiting Christian Science Nurse at **(517) 582-0575** to find training close to you. ●

**Do you know a young person interested in exploring Christian Science Nursing Youth Service Corps?**

If you know someone 18-30 years old interested in exploring the healing work of Christian Science nursing they might want to go to [comforterscalling.org](http://comforterscalling.org) for job descriptions and applications. They will find information on part-time and full-time programs with opportunities to learn about Christian Science nursing, nonprofit management, hospitality, maintenance, and the culinary arts. While some of the deadlines for this year have passed, they are continuing with the programs this coming year. Check it out!



### Treasurer's comments, October 2022

The past few months have been a rough ride for most investors. Because Noontide's portfolio is structured to focus on income with conservative growth, the total value after withdrawals has continued to grow modestly.

Our trustees receive no compensation. We have a part-time office manager paid hourly. The major use of our funds is to compensate our full-time salaried supervising Christian Science nurse and vehicle. We also have substitute and part-time Christian Science nurses, as demand requires. In order to retain and acquire new qualified Christian Science nurses and staff we must continue to offer attractive compensation and benefits commensurate with the current economic environment. The situation has become more challenging as more Christian Science nurses are retiring and replacement demand is increasing.

So, even though our portfolio provides a substantial portion of our operating expenses, it does not cover all of them. This is especially the case when it comes to replacing capital items. Therefore, we especially value your donations which bridge the gap. Because of your generous continued financial support we don't have to consume portfolio capital to cover operations.

We thank all of you and deeply appreciate your continued financial support for this vital Christian Science service. If you'd like more details on Noontide's finances, please contact our office. ●

### Donations

Our Visiting Christian Science Nurse Service continues to need your generous donations.

Ways to donate include bequests, corporate matching gifts, or using Smile.Amazon.com when making purchases. (Smile.Amazon allows buyers to select a preferred charity and donates a percentage of the purchase to that charity.)



You can also make a direct donation through our website at <https://www.noontidecs.org/ways-to-donate> or use the enclosed donation envelope. Michigan Christian Scientists are so blessed to have a Visiting Christian Science Nurse service! *We could not provide this service without your help.*

### FRIENDS, we need your help!

We are currently updating our newsletter mailing/emailing list. Would you please mail us your current contact information using the form below and enclosed envelope? Or send us an email at [office@noontidecs.org](mailto:office@noontidecs.org). Please cut and send to: Noontide, P.O. Box 702072, Plymouth, MI 48170-9998.

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### MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Noontide Visiting Christian Science Nurse Service of Michigan is to provide to patients, under the guidance of divine Love, the proper practical services necessary to support healing as demonstrated through the teachings of Christian Science.



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