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CHERISHING YOU!

YOU ARE CHERISHED! What a lovely message to each of us from God, divine Love. We can find many places in the Bible where we are told of God's tender, loving care. Down through the ages this message has been repeated to mankind in multitudinous ways. Mary Baker Eddy's sharing of her work Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures was one. Her Church Manual another. Here, in 1908, she set forth the establishment of Christian Science nursing, certainly one form of CHERISHING mankind.



Noontide
Visiting Christian Science
Nurse Service of Michigan

A new name and a brief history of names

We are changing our name, and going back to our roots. Our new name: *Noontide, Visiting Christian Science Nurse Service of Michigan*. (See our new logo! -- Look for our new website coming soon.) We'll be calling our service 'Noontide' for short, but we're the same service.

Here in Michigan our first Christian Science nursing endeavor was called *Noontide Corporation*, officially a legal entity on October 1965. In 1966 a parcel of land was purchased near Bridgeport. Following in 1967, it was determined that a facility was perhaps not the solution for current needs, but, rather, a visiting nurse service where Christian Science nurses would go directly to homes of patients. Working closely with what was then called Department of Care at The Mother Church, *Noontide Visiting Nurse Service* was established. In February of 1972, the Department of Care notified the Field that training for Home Aide helpers would take place June 26, 1972. More CHERISHING! More than one thousand calls for help were received here in Michigan in each of several years forward. The CHERISHING continues!

Your *Visiting Christian Science Nurse Service for Michigan* has undergone changes during the past 50 years, including name changes. Recently, the Board of Trustees has elected to make another name change to better reflect its purpose. First, rather than be a service "for" Michigan, it has been decided to be a service "of" Michigan. This breaks down barriers, both geographical barriers and barriers within thought. Michigan is our home, but not the circumference of our love. We CHERISH ALL who call upon our Service for Christian Science nursing care.

When you call, using the simple 'Noontide' will be sufficient. With the holidays upon us and lives are busy, please be assured that each of us affiliated with *Noontide, Visiting Christian Science Nursing Service of Michigan* -- the Board, our Christian Science Nurse Jeanne Troutman, CSN, our Christian Science part-time Nurse, Carol Towar, CSN, our Office Manager Toni Nayback, and Christian Science home helpers are CHERISHING you, wherever you are. Hugs from each of us.

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Cherishing Michigan - Christian Science Nursing Meeting

On October 14, 2017, the nursing service held a meeting on Christian Science nursing -- updating Journal-listed Christian Science nurses, Christian Science home helpers, and Christian Science practitioners on recent activities in the field.

The title of the meeting was 'Cherishing Michigan' - and we hope that that's what was felt by all! It was an opportunity to reconnect, make new connections, and to have the opportunity to appreciate all of the resources Christian Scientists have in Michigan in terms of Christian Science nursing.

A number of the Christian Science nurses had attended the International Christian Science Nursing Conference 2017 held at Cedars Camps this year. Included in the discussion about the International Conference included the desire to 'open borders' and be available to provide information about our nursing services to other organizations when asked for, to build relationships among Christian Scientists and non-church members.

One Christian Science nurse mentioned being asked by a neighbor, not a church member, for help. There was a person needing assistance in their home after a fall. They shared the sweet results from praying about this request.

To read more about the International Christian Science Nursing Conference 2017 go to www.csnnetwork.org, and you can sign up for a newsletter called 'Vision Now'.

We also heard information about the new National Fund for Christian Science Nursing. Their website says: "The National Fund for Christian Science Nursing (NFCSN) is a benevolence fund that can assist Christian Science nursing patients in the United States who cannot pay the full cost of their care. The fund can help in any situation where a Christian Science nurse is needed, including in-home care and facilities." Their website is: www.nfcsn.org. Their contact phone number is: 800-873-2843.

The last discussion yielded these thoughts among others:

- We can each nurse the state of Michigan, the country, the world
- God and man (we) are ONE!
- We express Christian love, a love that is non-denominational
- We can nurture our fellow-man's faith in God
- Some are praying with the idea of "answer the call"
- Some have prayed with this phrase from Ecclesiastes 4:12 "a threefold cord is not quickly broken." Patient, practitioner & Christian Science nurse all working together.
- One Christian Science nurse shared how she was nursed at one time and needed encouragement. She was asked daily "tell me something new and wonderful you learned about God."

A final thought -- this group agreed that it would be beneficial to have a similar meeting on a regular basis. Stay tuned!

Board of Trustees Cherishing the Field

Serving on our Board of Trustees is an enriching experience. If you love and cherish the purpose and goal of Christian Science nursing, we invite you to consider joining us. The Board continues to look for more volunteer Board members. We meet the third Saturday of each month, 10:00 a.m., at the Plymouth church.

We have Board members that frequently phone in to those meetings as they are some distance away. Mother Church and branch church membership as well as Christian Science class instruction are required. We look forward to hearing of your interest. Questions? Call any one of the Board members listed on the back of this newsletter.

Fruitage

"The effects of Christian Science are not so much seen as felt. It is the 'still, small voice' of Truth uttering itself." S&H 323:28-29. In the same way the effects of Christian Science are felt, I recently felt the effect of Christian Science nursing. The Christian Science nurse's immediate help (she drove 2 hours on a day in January) provided much needed physical assistance for 24-hours for my Mom, until I could arrive to take over the care.

Other family members shared that they would have taken her to the hospital -- which would have been against her wishes -- if something was not done quickly.

The look of peace and appreciation on my Mom's face when I walked in the door told it all. The atmosphere of Love, the presence of the Comforter, was evident and permeated the room.

I was instructed by the Christian Science nurse, who had to leave to care for another patient, how to perform the practical care needed. The same members of the family admitted feeling relieved that they did not have to make decisions against Mom's will, and would also not have been able to perform the care needed. Thank you so much for the Visiting Christian Science nurse provision in Michigan! It is wonderful and an answer to prayer!

Home Helper Refresher

Hear ye, hear ye!! **To all who have taken the C.S. Home Helper workshop**---at any time--- would you like to come to a "refresher" class? A one-day meeting where we review what was learned about the ethics of helping someone in their home, or special ways to prepare foods, or how to demonstrate the correct use of a walker, cane or ??...Bring your questions (and perhaps your notebooks from the workshop) and let's share experiences, questions, and have some FUN!

Please call the nursing office --517-582-0575, and we can work out a date and place to host this important event! See you there!

(And for those who haven't yet taken the workshop but would like to---call the same number---and we'll begin to **schedule the next C.S. Home Helper workshop.**)

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 email our Business Manager with your name and email address at: csvnsm@gmail.com

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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."

Noontide operates solely on grants and donations. Your contribution is gratefully accepted and enables YOU to CHERISH someone in need of Christian Science nursing, TOO. A heartfelt 'Thank You!' from *Noontide*.

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Awareness of Christian Science Nursing

What are our fellow Christian Scientists aware of, and what is the general public aware of when it comes to the Visiting Christian Science Nurse Service in Michigan? It seems, based on a few inquires, that this beacon of healing isn't as noticeable as we would like! We all LOVE Christian Science, and the Manual-based nursing function we make available. We invite your help to reveal the great healing value of the Christian Science nurse and the visiting nurse services available. We welcome your ideas, suggestions, insights, and contributions on how to make our light shine brighter to Christian Scientists in particular and all mankind.

The Top 17 Things You Can Ask Your Visiting Christian Science Nurse To Do For You

Every contribution that is made to VCSNS-M goes toward our fellow man as taught in Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan. Because of your contributions we offer:

1. A peaceful, calm, healing atmosphere supported in the home by a Christian Science nurse
2. Confidentiality - no church members or neighbors need to know
3. Reasonable fees
4. In-home care to those who have need for cleansing and covering
5. Assessments at home or wherever the need may be
6. Care for injuries
7. Patient care any time day or night
8. Instruction on how to use mobility aids
9. Suggestions for proper and modified nourishment
10. Short-term respite care for those caretakers who need time off
11. Contact to C.S. facilities for possible admission
12. Care for new infants and moms, children and grown-ups
13. Care in a retirement facility
14. Preventative care to support independence at home while healing is going on
15. Information regarding benevolence funds and assistance with application process
16. Infant care classes, Home Helper classes, information meetings for Sunday School pupils 'What is Christian Science Nursing?'
17. Classes for church members - ushers, Reading Room attendants, etc.

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How I Found CS Nursing

Before joining the Board of this Manual-based, precious Christian Science Nurse Service here in Michigan, my experience with CS nursing was minimal. I had never used one personally, had not had a patient who engaged one nor did any patient use one of the CS care facilities. One morning I was quietly praying for an assignment where my CS practice could bless. What appeared to be "out of the blue" as they say, Love answered. I received an invitation to join the Board. I accepted without hesitation and I have been so blessed to be a part. Beyond learning what our nurses do, I have learned what they are. So beautiful, so kind, so gentle, so discerning of the needs of others and so tuned in to the voice of God for guidance. No personal sense or hesitation to drop whatever they are doing and go where needed. I strive to emulate this holiness more, practicing the CS nurse in myself whenever called to give a metaphysical treatment in my public practice and whenever or wherever I see a need. I'm grateful to each of you Christian Scientists for your own expressions of nursing qualities, for your commitment to the Manual in using this Service when needed, and for your financial support for its continuation.

Carol J. Nelden, CS

I was surprised how much I have been exposed to of the practical nature of Christian Science nursing! I recall visiting my grandmother in a Christian Science facility in Southern California - I was impressed with how gently she was cared for. Both my parents were nursed in Christian Science care facilities-- the care they each received was outstanding, pure and sweet. I needed care at Principia College's Cox Cottage, and had a very quick healing as a result. One of my best college pals became a Christian Science nurse, and when my daughter was born at home she skillfully and gently attended us. Then, a few years ago I needed CS nursing care - the home visits from a Journal-listed CS nurse were so encouraging and calm - it helped to break the mesmerism and hastened the healing. I'm very grateful to know about Christian Science nursing, and how it supports my spiritual growth, my patient's growth, and the entire movement.

Kate Dearborn, CS

2016 Fruitage From Our Service

I happily express my gratitude for the extremely prompt response to our call late one summer evening for help in cleaning and bandaging serious wounds received in an accident in West Michigan. The love, the spiritual support, and calm, professional care set the tone for eventual healing. This practical and uplifting atmosphere, once established, there was nowhere to go but up! This wonderful service could not have been more beautifully provided. It was Love in action!



I have witnessed CS nursing care over the years. My father was ill, needing constant round-the-clock care, and a CS nurse came to stay with us. He stayed several months and I recall how well she fit into our family and gave loving care to him AND my mother. During the current months that I have been visited, the CS nurse reads the Bible Lesson with me and we have inspired discussions. I have much gratitude for their CONSTANT AVAILABILITY. This is a great comfort to me and my family.



Thank you so much for helping my family member. The Christ shining through you helped to break the mesmerism. We had a wonderful holiday and I am so grateful for your steadfastness and loving kindness.



Thank you so much for your unselfed love and tender care you gave both _____ and me, while you were in our home. As Hymn #9 reminds us, God "knows the angels that you need, and sends them to your side, to comfort, guard, and guide." You were the angel that we needed and I will be forever grateful.



Thank you so much for your tender, inspiring, loving care of _____. You touched his heart in ways that save and heal. It's always a pleasure to have your Christly presence in our CS Reading Room, and in our lives.

(This from the husband of a patient visited at a "memory care" unit in a nursing home here in Lansing area--a "friendly visit")

About ten days ago, a caregiver staff person took _____ for a ride on a big tricycle. This was her first such experience. About ten minutes after she returned, I asked her about it. She drew a complete blank. She had absolutely no memory of it. With that background, you can imagine how thrilled I was on Friday afternoon about 2:30 when she reported in glowing terms about your (CS nurse) visit. That was in response to my question. However, twice later on Friday and three times on Saturday she repeated in glowing terms her description of your visit without any prompt from me. Each time, she starts by using words such as "strange," "amazing," or "surprising." This is quickly followed by words such as "wonderful" or "loving." She was clearly impressed by what you had to say. On one occasion she tied it to "Christian Science."

...I do not know how much she may have responded to what you told her while you were with her. But she has clearly been responding repeatedly since you departed....

With great appreciation for your helpful activities and prayers.

Changes in Charges

Beginning January 1, 2017, the hourly rate for your Visiting Christian Science nursing care will be \$60/hour for the first two hours. This charge has not been increased for many years. It is, however, in keeping with current Christian Science nursing rates in our surrounding states and the value of the services provided are "without price." When a Christian Science Nurse enters, they are accompanied by the healing Christ -- an atmosphere of expected and quick healing -- which surrounds the patient, Christian Science Nurse and the supportive work of the attending Christian Science practitioner.

As our dear Christian Science Visiting Nurse here in Michigan shares, "When I leave a patient after performing my duty, I pray that the patient feels more loved, affirming the healing expectancy of my visit."

When a need arises you can feel confident that the total package arrives: practical care, metaphysical care, Love's uplifting and regeneration--healing!

Attention Readers & Clerks!

SUGGESTED ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE DESK:

The Visiting Christian Science Nurse Service for Michigan has CS nurses available to take your call 24/7. You can find out more information about Visiting Christian Science Nurses in Michigan at csvnsm.org or call 517-582-0575. We are ready 24/7 to support you with Christian Science nursing

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