

Noontide NEWS

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



How do you know you've arrived, unless you know where you're going?

As a child, did you ever ask repeatedly on family trips, “**When are we getting there?**” Christian Science nurses base their “arrival time” on two writings by Mary Baker Eddy: *The Christian Science Nurse By-law* in *The Manual of The Mother Church*,* and from *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* by Mary Baker Eddy, “The nurse should be cheerful, orderly, punctual, patient, full of faith,—receptive to Truth and Love” (SH 395:18). *What a clear map these are to the advent of a Christian Science nurse’s ministry!*

Noontide’s Christian Science nurse does a yearly self-evaluation by using these two measuring tools to know if she’s arrived. The Board of Trustees and staff who maintain this Christian Science nursing service for the sole purpose of making nursing available and affordable are expected to do no less than express these same qualities. You can read one of our Trustees’ experiences on the next page, which tells how a deeper understanding of these citations brought healing.

As the new year approaches, we invite all of you to embark on this same voyage with us. The practice of these Christian Science nursing qualities opens the door to more recognition, appreciation, acceptance, understanding, availability, and sharing of Christian Science nursing in our dear world. These ideas are instrumental in funding our Service, recruiting more Christian Science nursing students, enabling supply and demand to balance, and making each of us better. Walking with the Comforter, Divine Science, enables each of us to rejoice, “We’re home!” ●

*“A member of The Mother Church who represents himself or herself as a Christian Science nurse shall be one who has a demonstrable knowledge of Christian Science practice, who thoroughly understands the practical wisdom necessary in a sick room, and who can take proper care of the sick” (The Manual of The Mother Church, p. 49:7 A).

Have you seen these at church?

Recently Noontide mailed every branch church and society in the state of Michigan a package with a clear acrylic card holder, and Noontide informational cards and magnets (see below). These card holders are great for hanging on your church bulletin board, or displaying on a table. The cards are handy for sharing with church members and guests, and have pertinent Noontide information, including our website, phone numbers, email addresses, and helpful information on Christian Science nursing in Michigan.

We are happy to provide additional cards and card holders upon request. Please contact us by email: office@noontidecs.org.





Jeanne Troutman,
Noontide Christian Science Visiting Nurse

Fruitage

As a Christian Science practitioner, I appreciate and value Noontide's services. I am so grateful for the Supervising Christian Science Nurse, Jeanne Troutman, — her fantastic Christian Science nursing skills, her wonderfully supportive nature, and her gentle loving approach when working with others. I know family members and other caregivers admire her willingness to grocery shop, do some of the laundry, or share meals during her visits, in addition to addressing the individual needs of personal care.

The Noontide Christian Science nurse's outlook and enthusiasm helps others, too. One of her many talents is offering hymn singing while she plays the piano. Music time is often a favorite part of the visits for everyone in the home. It provides such a fun, happy, and healing atmosphere as others join in, especially, when singing hymns by Mary Baker Eddy.

The Christian Science nurse seeks the best ways to meet the individual needs and establish a beautifully peaceful atmosphere. I have always valued the quiet time she may spend with individuals reading the *Christian Science Bible Lesson* together or from portions of a Mary Baker Eddy biography, and then sharing inspiration.

I admire her work, patience, dedication, and professionalism. She is truly an outstanding Christian Science nurse and I am grateful for the service. ●

Qualities of a Christian Science Nurse

What do the Scriptures and Mary Baker Eddy have to say about these qualities? Our Board of Trustees took a deeper look into these attributes over the summer and had rewarding and sometimes surprising results.

CHEERFUL

“Cheerful” is the first of the six qualities Mary Baker Eddy chose to describe a Christian Science nurse. Why did Mary Baker Eddy select this quality to lead the list? A 1828 Dictionary gives several helpful definitions of the word cheer: “to dispel gloom, sorrow, silence or apathy; to cause to rejoice; to gladden; to infuse life; spirit, animation; to encourage.”

It became clear to me that cheerfulness is a quality that requires action. Cheer is *happiness in action*! It is the action of bringing happiness and joy to the forefront—and sharing it with others.

Our study assignment also included giving prayerful consideration to our Noontide nursing service for 30 minutes each day. I asked myself, “how can I go about praying for our Service utilizing this quality of cheerfulness?” An idea came—I can practice being cheerful for one minute, 30 times each day! I immediately began putting this quality of being cheerful into practice.

I began looking for opportunities to express and share joy with others everywhere I went. I soon discovered that this practice uplifted my whole day! It truly had a transformative effect on my thinking and actions. Several weeks into this practice of being more cheerful, I realized that I had experienced healing. A small growth which I had been concerned about for over a year had disappeared from the side of my face. This passage helped me to understand how this healing came to be, “..false beliefs will disappear, when the radiation of Spirit destroys forever all belief in intelligent matter. Then will the new heaven and new earth appear, for the former things will have passed away” (*SH 556:5*). The “radiation of Spirit” had caused this former concern I had to pass away!

I'm truly grateful for this opportunity to study more deeply the essential qualities of our beloved Christian Science nurse. These qualities, when embraced, bring healing.

Below is a small sample of quotes shared with the Trustees and staff:

ORDERLY

“False realistic views sap the Science of Principle and idea; they make Deity unreal and inconceivable, either as mind or matter; but Truth comes to the rescue of reason and immortality, and unfolds the real nature of God and the universe to the spiritual sense, which beareth witness of things spiritual, and not material” (*Miscellaneous Writings*, Mary Baker Eddy, 218:14).

“For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little:” (Isa. 28:10)

PUNCTUAL

“When one can do nothing of himself and is forced to let go of all reliance upon the human mind or material means, turning in desperation to God, the situation is prepared for demonstration. If there is yielding to God's will of health and harmony, when physical distress seems to frighten, the possibilities of instantaneous healing are demonstrated. While few of us may feel we can maintain the high peak of self-surrender at all times, yet it is at this point where



➔ we rise to spiritual authority and dominion...Behold, therefore, the grandeur and wonder of self-surrender, as gained in the garden of Gethsemane!" (The Way of Gethsemane, by Lucy Hays Reynolds, *The Christian Science Journal*, April 1945, p 167)

"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty, / Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee" (*Christian Science Hymnal*, 117, v. 1).

"And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord" (Acts 22:16).

PATIENT

"Self-love is more opaque than a solid body. In patient obedience to a patient God, let us labor to dissolve with the universal solvent of Love the adamant of error, — self-will, self-justification, and self-love, — which wars against spirituality and is the law of sin and death" (*SH* 242:15). ●

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Noontide is in need of a reliable vehicle for our relief Christian Science nurses to drive when on duty. If you have a used vehicle you are ready to part with, please consider donating it to Noontide. It will bless our Christian Science nursing service, and can result in a tax deduction for you. Please contact our business office at **(734) 459-5850**. ●

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