

Noontide NEWS

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Fresh information and fruition from

Noontide Visiting Christian Science Nurse Service of Michigan



A Christian Science Nursing student writes of her time with Noontide

By Abigail Strub

I had considered Christian Science nursing as something I could do ‘later,’ perhaps as a second career, when I would have more life experience and spiritual fortitude. But when a relative suddenly needed at-home care, I found myself doing ‘later’ for the summer. My relative made progress, so I went back to school, but I was no longer satisfied with my career choice. It just wasn’t fulfilling in comparison to that summer.

Months of prayer led me to take a job as a camp house-keeper, where I was able to talk with and observe the work of several Christian Science nurses. When I got home, I took the Home Helper course with Noontide’s Christian Science Supervising Nurse, Jeanne Troutman. I was then quickly accepted to the Christian Science Nursing Assistant Class at Tenacre School of Christian Science Nursing in New Jersey.

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From the Board of Trustees

Ministering through joy and affection are the hallmarks of our visiting Christian Science nurse, Jeanne Troutman. During this time of “sheltering in place” that joy and affection has not faltered. While Noontide must obey the COVID-19 mandates as carefully as the medical facilities, we do not give in to fear. Mary Baker Eddy assures us, “Fear never stopped being and its action” (*Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, p. 151).

For 35 years since its inception Noontide has been like a flowing stream throughout the year carrying nurturing Truth-sustaining support to wherever the call for aid has been requested. *Thank you for being a part of this Life-giving stream.*

Currently, we are replacing our Christian Science nurse’s computer with newer, state-of-the-art technology, and are adding an off-site storage unit to house nursing supplies and equipment.

Noontide needs your help to continue to meet the calls of those who choose to rely on Christian Science nursing. With your generous support we can meet those needs. “Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees. Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not” (Isa 35). You are a big part in this call of the prophet.

The Power of Gratitude

As the holidays approach, it is pure joy to remember these loving individuals that mean so much to Noontide’s operations, and what a tremendous blessing they are—donors, volunteers, and staff. Gratitude is powerful; it gives us strength, joy, worth, love, and healing. Gratitude keeps Noontide’s eyes open to God’s ever present goodness for us all. —Natalie Wright, Board of Trustees

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Interested in knowing more about what our Visiting Christian Science Nurse Service offers?

Many Christian Science branch church communities might not be aware of all that Noontide, Visiting Christian Science Nurse Service of Michigan has to offer. We'd love to remedy this by visiting your branch church and sharing some encouraging and helpful information. The visit can be either virtual or in-person. Given the current restrictions, you may opt for a Zoom or WebEx meeting.

Our Supervising Christian Science Nurse, Jeanne Troutman, and a member of our Board of Trustees conduct these meetings. We have two presentations. We can schedule a short presentation, which would be appropriate for a church business meeting, an interested group, or for a Sunday School class. We also have a longer presentation with more information and time for answering questions that would work well for your entire church community.

We'd love to be invited to meet virtually or in person, whichever is most appropriate. To find out more, go to our website, www.noontidecs.org. Feel free to contact Jeanne by calling (517) 582-0575 or via email office@noontidecs.org. We look forward to seeing you, and giving you more news about what Noontide's services provide—especially when this might be just the information about Christian Science Nursing that can meet a need! ■

*"What is gratitude
but a powerful camera obscura,
a thing focusing light
where love, memory, and all within
the human heart is present
to manifest light."*

Mary Baker Eddy, *The First Church of Christ, Scientist, and Miscellany*, p.164:10

2020 Trustee's Gratitude List (Continued from page 1)

WE ARE GRATEFUL:

- for God's infinite abundance for all Her children.
- to be associated with this Soul-inspired, Love-driven service, and for selfless care to those relying on Christian Science treatment.
- that Divine Love is the source of true nursing—which is never absent.
- for the continued "opening-up" versus shut down of Noontide. Our Supervising Christian Science Nurse and phone responder have been able to continue to serve our region.
- for church friends that have provided overnight accommodations to our Christian Science nurse when working in their area.
- for The Commission of Accreditation that worked with us this year to do a tri-annual review of our policies and procedures.
- to offer a two-week mentoring experience to a student from Tenacre.
- to Glenmont for being available to serve our state if Christian Science facility care is needed.
- for equipment donated to Noontide.
- for the love felt by our Christian Science nurse in the homes she serves.
- for "Good Samaritan" family, friends, and neighbors that help the cases served.
- to The Principle Foundation for sponsoring and planning the November 2019 workshop: "Follow Thou Me, Inspired Leadership." One of our trustees said the conference "provided an uplifting change to her life."

Christian Science nursing student (Continued from page 1)

The two-and-a-half years that I spent at Tenacre greatly strengthened my skills and my understanding of proper Christian Science nursing practice. Jeanne continued to provide mentoring and support from afar throughout my time away.

After returning home to Michigan, I spent two-and-a-half weeks working directly under Jeanne at Noontide. I helped with inventory, familiarized myself with the administrative work

behind the scenes, observed and then provided care on visits to several different cases.

My favorite experience was a couple of visits several days apart, that we made to a new patient. The second visit was wonderful because progress was already apparent, both in the home and in the patient's uplifted thought. I'm very excited to be home in Michigan again and to finally have had the opportunity to work with Noontide! ■

Donations from an IRA

QUESTION: Can funds in an IRA be transferred directly to a charity thus avoiding paying a tax on the withdrawal and satisfying required minimum distributions?

ANSWER: YES. If you are 70.5 years or older, a donation made directly from your IRA can help you save valuable income tax dollars. Notify whoever controls the IRA to set up a direct transfer to the charity of your choice. Then you must also note the transfer on your tax return. Consult your tax preparer as to the details. ■

We're looking for new Board members — are YOU looking to serve?

Noontide is currently looking to fill positions on our Board of Trustees. Our mission 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.”

The board members are the “business trustees” of the service. We oversee the financial well-being of the service, as well as the Christian Science nurses, and marketing. We meet monthly by teleconference or in person (meeting locations can vary). If this is something you feel you might be interested in, we would love to speak with you and answer any questions.

Serving on the board is a very rewarding experience. We dearly appreciate your consideration of this possibility. Trustees must be a member of The Mother Church, and of a branch church. If you love and cherish the purpose and goal of Christian Science nursing, we invite you to be in touch... just call the business office (734) 459-5850, or email us at office@noontidecs.org. ■



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. *Please cut and send to:* Noontide, P.O. Box 702072, Plymouth, MI 48170-9998.

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EMPLOYMENT

Visiting Christian Science Nurse—
MICHIGAN NEEDS YOU!

If you'd love to serve fellow Christian Scientists in beautiful Michigan and are looking for a full-time position, consider applying. The position is ideal for a Christian Science nurse who's either *Journal*-listed or working toward this. Please give Jeanne Troutman a call at **(517) 582-0575**.

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