

# Noontide NEWS

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



## From Our Board President

Our gratitude is immeasurable! You, our Michigan Christian Science family of donors, have participated in a most wonderful activity—helping Noontide Visiting Christian Science Nurse Service of Michigan spread divine Love, by financially supporting Noontide's work.

The work? Meeting the practical needs of Christian Scientists in Michigan, night or day, every day of the week, anywhere in the state, whether the call is urgent or not. You can call our Visiting Christian Science nurse at (517) 582-0575. It's a privilege for us to serve. Our collective obedience to our *Church Manual* (see Art. VIII, sec. 31), brings out the Christian Science nurse in you as well as in us.

God guides us at every step. One example we hope you've seen is our name change—you'll see it in recent mailings and in this newsletter. (Our new FULL name is '**Noontide Visiting Christian Science Nurse Service of Michigan**,' though we answer to 'Noontide.')

'Noontide' is easier to remember, shorter to write, and is not a tongue-twister!

Take a look at our new website, [www.noontidecs.org](http://www.noontidecs.org). Available on mobile phones as well as computers, our new website makes reaching and researching our services for Christian Science nursing easier than ever! Easy to find (and type), it is full of pertinent information. For those unfamiliar with Christian Science, information is easy to understand. You can even meet our Christian Science nurses there! Let us know what you think. We look forward to your comments.

We encourage you to visit [www.noontidecs.org](http://www.noontidecs.org) often for updates on what we're doing and how you can help. Visit our website and see how the needs of your fellow Christian Scientists are filled through your great love and generosity.

Thank you! — *Carol Nelden, C.S., President* ■

We'd like to reintroduce our Christian Science visiting nurse service to you, via our newly designed newsletter!

**Noontide** is here to serve our Christian Science field in and near Michigan. Take a look at our newsletter, and sign up to receive it via email: [office@noontidecs.org](mailto:office@noontidecs.org)

And, as you'll read in the rest of the newsletter, we've got a newly designed website as well — [www.noontidecs.org](http://www.noontidecs.org). Please take some time to explore the site and to discover all of the useful information we've provided on it for your benefit.

With love and gratitude,  
*The Noontide Board  
of Trustees*

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## An Invitation or Three!

We are offering a series of workshops for anyone interested in exploring how the two great commandments—to love God and love our neighbor—support healing in our family, branch church, workplace, and community relationships.

### 1 SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2018

#### “...God’s Minute Men and Women”\*

Speaker, **Jeanne Troutman**, Noontide Christian Science nurse, will focus on:

- Demonstrating and teaching some simple aspects of assisting others in a home, at church or out in the community.
- Answering participants’ questions about specific caregiving situations.

*\*Miscellaneous Writings*, p 158, by Mary Baker Eddy

### 2 SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2019 at the

#### Annual Meeting of Noontide Visiting Christian Science Nurse Service of Michigan

Guest Speaker, **Tina Bilhorn**, *Director*, Tenacre School of Christian Science Nursing, will discuss “**Christian Science Nurse: A Manual By-Law for Every Member.**”

The workshop portion of our Annual Meeting will explore the foundational ideas and qualities expressed in Christian Science nursing, based on *The Manual of the Mother Church By-Law*, by Mary Baker Eddy, Article VIII, section 31, “Christian Science Nurse.”\* Join us to discover more about how the spirit of this By-Law enlarges and supports your practice of Christian Science—right where you are. Tina Bilhorn has given this well received workshop to the Christian Science Field nation-wide.

*More information on our Annual Meeting to come!*

### BOTH MEETINGS

**Place:** First Church of Christ, Scientist, Greater Lansing, 709 E. Grand River East Lansing, MI 48823

**Time:** 1:00–4:00 pm  
Refreshments will be served

#### Each meeting will include:

- Inspiring, practical ideas about fostering a community of caring in the context of Christ Jesus’ and Mary Baker Eddy’s teachings.
- Clarifying the relationship every member of The Mother Church has with the *Manual By-Law*, “Christian Science Nurse.”

*Looking forward to seeing you!*

### 3 DETAILS FOR THE THIRD MEETING OF THIS SERIES TO BE ANNOUNCED

*\*Christian Science Nurse. Sect. 31. 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. (Man. 49:7)*

## Fruitage

**W**e were so grateful for the services of our Visiting Christian Science Nurse Service at the births of both our children and the days afterward. With the arrival of my son a few months ago, the nurse's uplifted thought, expectation of good, and practical assistance were invaluable. She worked well with my midwife, husband, and daughter and was appreciated by them all. And I was grateful to have someone caring for me as I was caring for our new little one. ■

**N**ot long ago I experienced a physical challenge. After two weeks I was unable to meet obligations at church and with others, and I was unable to eat. At that time I felt impelled to contact our Visiting Christian Science Nurse Service. The nurse arrived that evening. She was so loving and caring, and even brought homemade stew for me. By the next day I was eating normally, but I felt that I should go to a Christian Science nursing facility.

In all of this I felt that God was guiding me. The Christian Science nurse helped facilitate my admittance, and the next day I left for a Christian Science nursing facility. I arrived on Friday afternoon, and by Saturday I felt the healing had been accomplished. I felt totally free. The last few symptoms disappeared in a few days. I left on Sunday.

As I consider this experience, I can see that I learned a valuable lesson. Whenever Jesus healed, it was apparent that he was addressing the thought of both the patient and of the thought surrounding the patient. In my case I absolutely trusted in the Science governing me, but the healing had not come. I believe the availability of the Christian Science nurse and her loving and kind manner helped to put out the fears and allay the concerns of my son and of others aware of my situation.

The healing has been permanent. ■

## Donations

Our Visiting Christian Science Nurse Service continues to need your generous donations. We've made it simpler to focus your donations in a specific way, such as helping Noontide keep our nursing car in top shape, helping us pay for nursing supplies, Christian Science nurses' salaries, patient benevolence, office supplies, or to support in whatever way God leads.

Ways to donate include bequests, corporate matching gifts, or using [Smile.Amazon.com](https://www.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 Christian Science visiting nurse service! We could not provide this service without your help.

Be assured, however you may donate, we're mindful to be good stewards of Noontide's funds.

## 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:*

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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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