

Spring Spring

has Sprung!
First Church of Christ, Scientist,
San Juan Capistrano

Eblast of April 6, 2018

GCW-OF: Growing Church Workshop & Open Forum

- This coming Sunday, April 8th at 11:30 am

All members and guests are invited to remain after church this Sunday for our monthly GCW-OF. The Agenda, Minutes from the March meeting, as well as a Quarterly Report and summary from the Finance Committee are attached.

Please note these future GCW-OF Dates:

Monday, May 14	6:30 p.m.
Monday, June 11	7:00 p.m.
Sunday, July 8	11:30 a.m.
Monday, August 13	6:00 p.m.

Revised Reading Room Hours

949-489-0771

In-House

Cyber

Sunday: 9:00 am - 9:50 am; 11:15 am - 12:00 pm

Wednesday: 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Tuesday: 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Friday: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Wednesday: 6:30 pm - 7:20 pm; 8:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Saturday: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Thursday: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Joint Lecture at Orange Coast College

- Tomorrow, Saturday, April 7th, starting at 9:20 am

Please join us for the Joint Lecture at Orange Coast College in Costa Mesa this Saturday, April 7th. This will be a 3-hour event starting at 9:20 am which will include a lecture by Michelle Nanouche, CSB, entitled:

Christian Science - What it Is and How It Heals

followed by a Q and A session, followed by a podcast by Rob Gilbert, CSB. A flyer is attached and has been

posted to our website: <http://www.csinsanjuancapistrano.com>

Founding Purpose of our Church:

... to promote unconditional Love,
spiritual growth and healing,
based on the Bible and the writings
of Mary Baker Eddy.





Our Inspirational Study for April Fruitage!

Our church family is continuing the study of our textbook, *Science & Health, with Key to the Scriptures*, by Mary Baker Eddy. This month, we are reading the first 50 pages of the last chapter entitled FRUITAGE. Inspiration gained from our reading will be shared Monday evening, April 23rd starting at 7:00 pm, on our teleconference line.



Openings for 2nd Quarter Readers

May: Wednesday, May 9th & Wednesday, May 16th
Sunday, May 27th

June: Wednesday, June 13th & Wednesday, June 27th

Please email our Reader Coordinator, Tien Langlois, if you wish to read: tienlanglois@me.com

“SPRING”

... is when life's alive
in everything.

-Christina Rossetti



Talk at The Willows

- Thursday, April 12 @ 4pm

Attorney and Christian Scientist, Henry Dearing, Esq., who concentrates on estate planning and probate work, including wills and trust matters, will be speaking on the importance of planning your Health Care Agents and Power of Attorney. Be prepared for a good Q & A session. Plan on staying for dinner - \$15 per guest. Reserve by calling: (949) 586-5220.



From our Reading Room

- New Number: (949) 489-0771

Our Reading Room has a subscription to the weekly magazine edition of the Pulitzer-prize winning **Christian Science Monitor**

If you don't subscribe, please come by, sit in a comfortable chair and enjoy the timely, world-wide topics covered impartially in a very appealing style! If you're off site, we'd love to send you a copy (topics are of interest even when not current). Just call our NEW Reading Room number noted above on Tuesdays between 10 and 1 or Thursdays between 10 and 4 and we'll be happy to mail one to you.





Our April Tithing Recipient:

R - Star Foundation

10% of our collections in April is going towards:

R STAR FOUNDATION



R Star which started in 2003 by one of our regular attendants, serves and educates the isolated and disempowered women and children of Nepal, thus supplying resources to some of the neediest people in one of the more remote areas of the planet. With an initial gift of 89 goats in 2003 and additional funds for goats raised each year since, R Star, along with the village women of Nepal, are responsible for funding and increasing the goat population to more than 15,000. Rosalind also started the *Top of the World School*, a K-5 school, in 2008. Twenty minutes of each school day is devoted to teaching the children about peace. The twin earthquakes that struck in April and May of 2015 caused around half a million families in Nepal to lose their homes. In the quakes' immediate aftermath, relief and rescue work began swiftly, with local volunteers working with the army and international aid workers; however, over the next couple of years, the recovery effort slowed to a crawl and there was little relief given to the more remote regions. Last December, the World Bank approved \$300 million in additional finance for the Earthquake Housing Reconstruction Project. The additional credit will help finance hazard-resistant reconstruction of an additional 96,000 houses. Let's pray that some of that relief effort will extend to the more remote villages of Nepal that R Star serves.



Lola & Bryan Toben

Are Singing at The Ranch in Laguna!

- Friday, April 13th from 4:00 pm to 8:00
- Friday, April 27th from 4:00 pm to 8:00

Come one, come all! Two of our favorite soloists will be performing a wide range of music at **The Ranch** in Laguna Beach on the above dates. While overlooking the beautiful golf course, you and your family can listen to the superb music and enjoy dinner or snacks on the heated patio.
31106 Pacific Coast Hwy, Laguna Beach, CA 92651



The latest news from
Petals of Africa School in Kenya
along with Prayer Requests



Prize-Giving Day

The first term at Petals will be ending on Thursday, April 5th. On that same day the school will hold its big Prize-Giving Day in celebration of the school's excellent performance last year. Students, parents, community members and local dignitaries are all invited to attend. Our own dignitary and member of the San Juan church, Dick Smith, will be there. The photos below were from the celebration in 2016, and it was quite a celebration with music, speeches, student performances, dancing, and a special meal! As William Otieno, Petals Board member, told me, "When we Kenyans give a party, we give a party!" The school also gives gifts to the teachers to honor their part in the school's success. It would appreciate help in making those purchases and giving out small cash gifts. If you would like to contribute towards the teacher gifts, please log on to <http://e3schools.org/donate/> and indicate that your donation is for Petals. Or you can send a check to the address below.

Maize Harvest

The maize harvest earlier this year was excellent. The Treasurer thinks the school grew enough of its own maize to last through July. In her email she commented, "The Divine Love is good to His children." Another crop has been planted.

Kenyan Flooding

Some of you may have heard about the flooding in Kenya. I have checked with Petals, and though they have had heavy rains, they have not been affected.

Prayer Needs

To my sense of things, the biggest key to the success at Petals over the last few years has been the fact that the school is being run with integrity, transparency and love by the current Board. We need to be alert to attempts to undermine or sabotage that success. These attempts sometimes appear to be personal, but we know that is never the case.



There is a continuing need to see through the whole belief of tribalism and blood ties to a higher sense of family and brotherhood, that of the "whole family of man."

With love to all,

Barbara Brown, President

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