

NOVEMBER 22, 2019

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST

FOUNDING PURPOSE

OUR PURPOSE IS TO PROMOTE UNCONDITIONAL LOVE, SPIRITUAL GROWTH
AND HEALING BASED ON THE BIBLE AND THE WRITINGS OF MARY BAKER EDDY

December Tithing

Our December tithing is Holiday giving and there's many ways to participate in this both on site and off site.

OPERATION HOLIDAY HOMEWORK

You are invited to join us in supporting our Christmas gift donations to the Boys and Girls Club of Capistrano Valley. We are collecting unwrapped gifts for children ages 7-12 as well as for moms and dads---gifts of all kinds, any value, including gift cards. These gifts will be used for their annual Christmas shopping event where boys and girls can shop for presents for their families. Every school day, club members participate in Power hour - a homework help and tutoring program targeting members ages 6-18. As members stay on task, quietly and respectfully, they receive daily points. These points get tallied up throughout the year and the members are then invited into the Operation Holiday Homework event to shop. Please help us fill the container in our church lobby or contact Bonnie MacDonald, if you wish to make special arrangements to contribute.

ADOPT A FAMILY

This year we will be adopting families from both Family Assistance Ministries and the Boys and Girls Club. They give us a list of the family members and gift ideas. We shop, wrap and then take them to the destinations to be delivered to the families. You don't have to adopt a whole family you could do a couple gifts for a family member if you'd like. Talk to Paul Garman about how you can participate in this. We also include gift cards to the market so that they can buy groceries for their holiday dinner, so contributions to the holiday giving fund

Thanksgiving Service

Please plan to join us for our annual Thanksgiving Day service at 10:00 a.m. It will be a special service filled with lots of music by soloists Lola Kristine and Beau Briens and our wonderful Candi will be joined by guest musicians: Trumpeter, Andrew Rodman and flautist, Mahfrin Santoke. The service will be available by phone and Internet.

Please forward the attached flyer to friends and family that might enjoy coming to visit or listening in to this joy-filled celebration.

are always appreciated and especially for offsite members who would like to help with this project but aren't local.

We have just received two large families from the Boys and Girls Club. One family has 11, with the mother and father and children ranging from 1 to 23. And another family has eight with a mother and father and children aged 11 to 21.

Each family has indicated their gift requests and many times it's just a gift card. Offsite members can certainly help with this in contributing gift cards, or money for local members to shop.

ADOPT A CHILD

On the back pages his report from Petals of Africa school showing the eighth graders who have graduated and are ready to go on to high school. Because there is a cost involved in Africa, in order for them to continue they need sponsors to cover \$600 a student per year. You can sponsor a student on your own, or join with another in co-sponsoring at a lower cost. Talk to Dick or Kathy Smith about how you can be involved with this or also Paul.

Upcoming Events

November 25 7:00pm

MET meeting - Teleconference

November 28 10:00am

Thanksgiving Day Service

In Room and Teleconference

December 8 3:30pm

Christmas Hymn Sing

Tustin Church

December 9 7:00pm GCW

In Room and Teleconference

December 22 1:30pm Lecture

San Juan Hills Golf Club

December 23 7:00pm

MET Meeting - Teleconference

December 25 5:00pm Christmas

Wednesday Testimony Meeting

Welcome New Members...

Cherise Ross, Mark Mohlenbrook

LOVE IS IN THE AIR...

One of our long time soloists **Richard Bermudez** wed girlfriend **Carly Rorer** in a June destination wedding in a chateau outside of Paris.



Logan Willian McPeak grandson of beloved member **Priscilla Pepke** and son of **Sheree McPeak** wed **Dr. Dominique Piper** in August and moved to Germany to live.

Member **Brian Hirst** wed **Margaret Johnson** in an October wedding in Scottsdale Arizona. Brian began attending our Sunday school when he was in high school and joined our church during that time as well. Although he moved to Arizona quite sometime ago, he remains a member of SJC.



A NEW ARRIVAL

Former members **Melanie** and **Ryan Duffy** welcomed a new addition to their growing family.

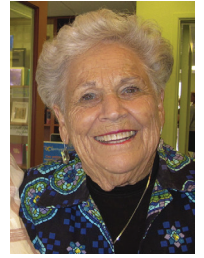
Coura Tiger
(pronounced like **Laura**)

Duffy was born October 26th in St Louis where **Melanie** is Dean of Students for the Principia Upper School and **Ryan** teaches and coaches proud brothers **Desmond Fox (Desi)** and **Dominic Bear ((Domi)**.

LOVINGLY REMEMBERED...

Kay Witmack

Kay was a founding member of SJC, enthusiastically embracing this new idea of church from the very beginning... in so many ways.



She was part of the group that made sandwiches in members homes in Laguna Beach and then shared them along with literature with the homeless on Main Beach. She joined in several of the YWAM Homes of Hope building projects down in Tijuana and we have pictures of her with a hammer in hand up on the roof helping to build a house! When several members of the group joined the gospel choir at Saddleback College, she joyously participated and had so much fun with that music and their concerts. During the early days, she was a frequent Reader for our church services and participated in every aspect of church with so much selfless service and joy.



LaRae Fast

(Pictured with **Phyllis Moore** who passed in January)

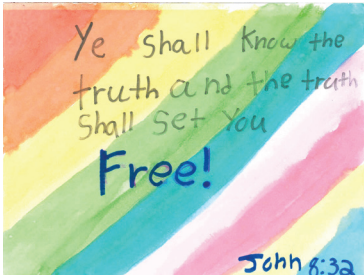
Former member, **LaRae Fast** is fondly remembered for her long devotion to our Reading Room as librarian for many years. Also a musician, she was the organist for several years at the Laguna Niguel church and transferred over to San Juan about 15 years ago. She loved the outreach activities of our church as well and traveled to Tijuana to help build houses one year over the holidays with a group from church. After moving back to the Fresno area where she had lived before moving to Southern California, she still was a frequent caller to our services and we enjoyed keeping in contact with her through her testimonies.

Marjorie Farrell

Former member **Marjorie Farrell** was known for her genial southern wit and accent. You found yourself smiling whenever she spoke over the phone. As a frequent phone host, she warmly welcomed callers from all over the country and stayed after the service for phone fellowship, many times long into the night from her home in Georgia. The wife of a leading surgeon in Atlanta, she raised her two daughters in Christian Science, one of whom became a practitioner, our dear **Heather Bauer**.

After the girls were raised, she began a second career as a concert pianist and toured extensively, even in Europe. She still maintained three grand pianos in her home. **Marjorie** was known to support so many of the outside activities of our church, including **Petals of Africa** school and helping the orphans with their education expenses.

With Grateful Hearts



Deep appreciation goes to Lew Colarossi who has served so selflessly as our bookkeeper for the last 10 years donating hundreds of hours of his time each year to keep our books up and our accounts balanced.

Also to Kay Owens who has served as treasurer for the last year working with Lew and the finance team.

And our gratitude goes to Jack Mathis who offered to step in as bookkeeper and began in late October working with both Lew and Kay during the transition.

Much appreciation to Marlene Bridges Winegar who served so faithfully as our administrator for the last several years.

Also to Judy Stump who has stepped in and assumed several of the administrative duties along with facilitating team members while an ad hoc team reviews the job description and prepares to interview new candidates for the position in the near future.

Special thanks go to LeChi Mathis, who is now helping with refreshments and fellowship, coming in early each Sunday to get everything ready as well as staying late to clean everything up. And if that wasn't enough, she has lovingly repotted most of the plants in our patio area and created works of art with new plants and revitalizing the old ones!

And our thanks to Marshall Reddick who each week prepares delicious food to serve as the foundation of our fellowship time after church, and all the others who add goodies to what he brings.

Treasurer's Update

Our finances generally remain the same, we're consistently spending almost double what we take in each month which has required us to transfer \$48,500 from savings thus far in 2019.

Our savings account is now down to approximately \$80,000.

Our monthly collections average between \$6000 - \$7000, with our monthly expenses averaging \$10,000 - \$11,000. Several months we are just able to cover our \$5,400 monthly rent. Your financial support and prayers are much needed and appreciated.

Christmas Services

Plan to join us Christmas Sunday, December 22 for our 10:00 a.m. service which will be filled with lots of special music and guest musicians.

Christmas Day, December 25, our regular Wednesday evening meeting will be held at 5:00 p.m. and will feature the Christmas story told in scripture and carols.



MEETINGS AND EVENTS...

MET Meeting

Please join us as we dig into our spiritual focus for the month - **inclusion and exclusion**. Let's see how these concepts apply to us individually, our church, nation and world. Our next **Metaphysical meeting** will be Monday night, November 25, at 7:00 p.m. on teleconference only. Please dial in for an active and inspiring dialogue.

Christmas Hymn Sing

First Church Newport Beach and Tustin will be presenting **Peace on Earth, Goodwill toward Men**, a Christmas music program with vocal and instrumental selections and Christmas hymn sing on Sunday, December 8 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Tustin church.

December Growing Church Workshop

Please mark your calendar's to attend our GCW on Monday, December 9 at 7:00 p.m.

We have a very full agenda starting with our lecture preparatory meeting with lecturer David Hohle. Also that evening tithing recipients for 2020 will be discussed as well as the budget for next year.

If you have an organization that you work with and would be interested in submitting for tithing consideration, please contact any member of the tithing team before the meeting.

And also very important, if you have something you'd like to include in the 2020 budget, contact our treasurer Paul Garman or any member of the finance team.

Minutes of the November meeting and an agenda will go out closer to December 9.

Lecture

Our lecture will be on Sunday, December 22 at 1:30 p.m. at the San Juan Golf Course. The lecturer is David Hohle, CSB and his subject is : "**Time is not a factor in your life**"

We will have a lecture preparatory meeting as part of our December 9 growing church workshop.

A complete packet of information will follow from the lecture team next week.

WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT GOD IS ABLE TO ORCHESTRATE EVERYTHING TO WORK TOWARD SOMETHING GOOD AND BEAUTIFUL WHEN WE LOVE HIM AND ACCEPT HIS INVITATION TO LIVE ACCORDING TO HIS PLAN.

PETALS OF AFRICA

There's more great news from Petals!

8th Grade Scores

The 8th grade test scores are in, and the Petals students have done it again! Though we don't yet know the overall rank of the school, we do know that the Petals students did slightly better than last year, when they made Petals the #1 school in the Migori County. We are proud of these teachers and students, who all worked so hard. And we're even happier that Petals students have a reputation for honesty.

You've seen it before, but here is a photo of the 20 students who took the tests.



11 of these students need financial support in order to be able to attend high school.

We will be sending another email in a couple of weeks about opportunities for sponsorship.

Teacher Professional Development

Next week, the Petals teachers will be traveling to Nairobi for five days of training in the new Kenyan curriculum. They will be joining teachers from Dream Education Centre and the Sunrise of Africa School for a 5-day workshop on the new competency-based curriculum (CBC). We've hired a recommended professional trainer/facilitator, and we're especially excited that all three CS-based schools in Kenya will be involved. Though Emilly Akirapa, Petals Head Teacher, has visited both Dream and Sunrise, this workshop will be a wonderful opportunity for the rest of the Petals teachers to get new ideas, make connections with their colleagues, and develop their skills.

Below are photos of the Petals on-site school leadership team. Each one of them is dedicated to Petals and also a member of the Christian Science Society. Thanks to all of you who have supported the teachers through your donations for teacher salaries. It's so important!



Okinyi Dishon,
Deputy Head Teacher,



Emilly Akirapa
Head Teacher



Grace Anyango, Senior Teacher



Artwork from Sunday School Students in New Orleans and Mobile (see attached letter)

October 25, 2019

Dear Christian Science Friends,

Hello from New Orleans, Louisiana (Fourth Church of Christ, Scientist, New Orleans) and Mobile, Alabama (First Church of Christ, Scientist, Mobile). We are six cousins who love Christian Science and also love helping others. For the past three years, when we get together we like to have projects to earn money, and in turn, use the money to help others. Our very first project helped to feed the homeless, our second project helped to keep the homeless warm by earning money and purchasing gloves, socks, and scarves for the cold weather. For our third project, we raised money to buy personal items to help the homeless have clean bodies and teeth. Then we stretched out to Africa to send money that we raised by selling lemonade and cookies to Tanzania to help buy a water well.

When we read your newsletter, we realized that you send money to the Petals School of Africa, and we want to help. We got busy making gift items and selling them at a craft fair recently to help the Pedals School students.

We are sending a check for \$380.00 for the Pedals School and also some notes that we would like to share with the student s.

Thank you so very much for spreading God's goodness around the world. We feel so blessed to be part of your project.

Elliot Gomes – New Orleans, LA Age 14
Lily Hoyle – Mobile, AL Age 13
Charlotte Gomes – New Orleans, LA Age 11
Jack Hoyle – Mobile, AL Age 9
Tyler Konecni – New Orleans, LA Age 8
Ella Konecni – New Orleans, LA Age 3

Mary Baker Eddy
DIVINE
LOVE
HAS
ALWAYS
Meet
AND
ALWAYS
Will Meet
EVERY HUMAN
NEED



GLORY BE TO GOD, AND PEACE TO THE
STRUGGLING HEARTS! CHRIST HATH ROLLED
AWAY THE STONE TO THE DOOR OF HUMAN
HOPE AND FAITH, AND THROUGH THE REVELATION
AND DEMONSTRATION OF LIFE IN GOD, HATH
ELEVATED THEM TO POSSIBLE AT-ONE-MENT WITH THE
SPIRITUAL IDEA OF MAN AND HIS DIVINE PRINCIPLE, LOVE.

SCIENCE AND HEALTH 45:16-21
BY MARY BAKER EDDY

And a heart that's
full of....
love
truth
Peace
mind
soul
happiness
can Not be broken
this heart of mine ceases an weaken
when and hoping





Join us for Thanksgiving!

“Gratitude and love should abide in every heart each day of all the years.”

— MARY BAKER EDDY
(MAN. 60:15-17)

Thanksgiving Day Service of Prayer and Gratitude
Thursday morning at 10:00 a.m.

Or join us via Teleconference: 805-309-2350, Access Code: 12111#

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All are welcome! www.csinsanjuancapistrano.com Childcare provided.