

"...where meekness will receive  
him, still the dear Christ enters in."

Christian Science Hymnal, 222  
Phillips Brooks



# FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST

December 2019

## Founding Purpose

Our purpose is to promote unconditional love,  
spiritual growth and healing based on the Bible  
and the writings of Mary Baker Eddy

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22 Christmas Concert & Presentation

You are invited to a Christmas concert followed by a talk given by Christian Science Lecturer, David Hohle, CSB, of Chicago, Illinois. The event will take place on Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> at the San Juan Hills Golf Course. The concert will begin at 1:30 p.m. followed by the talk at 2:00 p.m. The concert and talk will also be available on ZOOM – both video and/or audio (information on the attached flyer).

Mr. Hohle, a dynamic and inspiring lecturer, will show us how to exercise our God-given freedom from the limitations of time, including age, stress, inefficiency, frustration, past mistakes and missed opportunities.



### Christmas Eve Tuesday, December 24

7:00pm

Laguna Niguel Church  
29012 Aloma Ave.

Hear the Christmas story  
read from the Bible

together with readings from  
Mary Baker Eddy  
and sing hymns and carols!



### MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

7:00 p.m.

**MET Meeting  
Teleconference Only**

Continuing with our topic of inclusion and exclusion. Our assignment is to do something out of the ordinary to demonstrate, in some tangible way, the divine arms of Love including all and excluding none. We'll report our results at our next meeting. Join us for a Lively and Inspiring sharing.

**Looking for  
the perfect  
gift for  
someone  
special?**



Consider one of  
the many products  
from our reading room/bookstore.

There are many holiday related items including CDs, audio recordings and a brand new pamphlet entitled "Christmas " which is a collection of articles from the periodicals over the years and makes a wonderful gift to help lift thought over the holidays!

Stop by and visit the Reading Room after our services, or Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m to 1:00 p.m., Thursdays from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. and check our website for the online hours almost every day of the week!

The staff will be happy to ship items as well.



### Abiding In The Field

Luke 2:8

By Pearl Strachan Hurd

Father, my Mother  
thank You for the door to Life.  
Let me be ready; now restore  
lost innocence.  
Reveal that virgin view that Mary  
and her son Christ Jesus knew,  
in Science, gift no human art  
can praise adequately.

And in field where graze my flock,  
through the contemporary night  
refresh me with  
remembrance of that light!

From the July 9, 1966 issue of the  
Christian Science Sentinel



### Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 25

Join us at 5:00pm  
for a  
Special Testimony  
Meeting



## HIGHLIGHTS OF GCW - December 9, 2019

At the December **Growing Church Workshop** we elected the facilitating team: Bonnie MacDonald, Shana Johnson, Dorene Ford, Kathy Smith and Candi Daggett.

Elected as officers for the coming year (per the state requirements): President Bonnie MacDonald, Secretary Shana Johnson, Treasurer Paul Garman.

Preceding the meeting for the first 45 minutes, an excellent lecture preparatory meeting was held with remarks by our lecturer Dave Hohle CSB.

The MET team led a discussion about what church is all about and what does it look like to us.

The Finance team reported that they will be sending out pledge letters in early January and then use those to come up with a budget to be presented hopefully at the February GCW.

The ad hoc team for the administrative position reported they are almost done with the job description and hopefully will be asking for resumes from potential candidates soon.

Linda Vara, the Reader coordinator thanked everyone who has signed up to read in January and mentioned we still have remaining spots in February and March to fill, so please contact her.

## THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE MEMORIES



## Christmas Sings To You

By MARY LEE S. O'NEAL

From the December 14, 1981 issue  
of the Christian Science Sentinel

Dear heart, missing a loved one,  
the Christ lights and fills every  
dark and empty space.

Feel the blessed presence of  
Love's tender touch  
(the Christ, oh, so compassionate!)

comforting you, cherishing you.

Dear child, longing for wholeness,  
the healing power of the Christ  
upholds and strengthens you.

Rejoice in the enveloping  
embrace of Truth (the Christ,  
the unchanging Christ!)

controlling you, cleansing you.

Dear one, pressed by myriad tasks,  
the Christ has prepared and  
opened the way for you.

Accept the nowness of  
Life-being-expressed  
(the Christ, forever complete!)

calming you, composing you.

Hear the Christmas song:  
Christ always here,  
Christ already come,  
claiming you, cheering you,  
crowning you with joy!

Christmas sings its song to you -  
you are loved, you are whole,  
you are free!



*Sunday school students and guests on the recent Sunday*

Member **Joan Marsh** talks about how she got involved with the tutoring program:

While walking my dog I met another dog walker who told me how she enjoyed tutoring reading fluency at the Boys and Girls Club. This is not a program you can just volunteer for, you must go through the training first. This past fall I attended tutor training to learn the structured approach they use.

Now I am "practicing" it two days a week with three students. I'm working with a fourth grade girl, a third grade girl and a fifth grade boy. The tutoring takes place at the club in the afternoon. I've never worked with young children like this before because I was a high school teacher during my teaching career.

I've always been good at working with young children since I joined my first branch church when I was 15 years old and immediately was given an assignment to work with the preschool children in Sunday school. At that church, there were two Sunday school services. One at 9:00 a.m. where I attended Sunday school, and another at 11:00 a.m. where I was working with the small children in Sunday school. And of course then I attended church at the 8:00 p.m. service all while I was attending High School in Alhambra/San Gabriel!

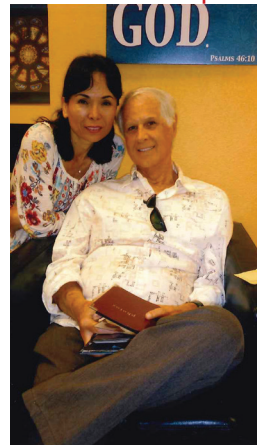
I am in my fourth week of tutoring now and absolutely love the job, my 3 "touties" (students) and the beautifully organized process.

*Tutoring volunteers/Joan Marsh second from the left in the front row*

New member **Mark Mohlenbrock** is a lifelong Christian Scientist who lives in the White Mountains of eastern Arizona. Mark has been interested in the San Juan Capistrano Society/Church since 2003. In 2005 he and his wife, Marilyn, joined SJC and were members until 2012. Mark has attended SJC services off and on via the teleconference through the years. He visited our church in October of this year and realized that he wanted to support the SJC concept of church by rejoining our church. Mark looks forward to supporting our activities as time permits from his home in Arizona. He is the Executive Director of the Foundation for Prayerful Living which runs the Prayerful Living and CS Directory website.



*Longtime member Ruth McLeod is hugged by Patty Smith*



*Jack and LeChi Mathis*



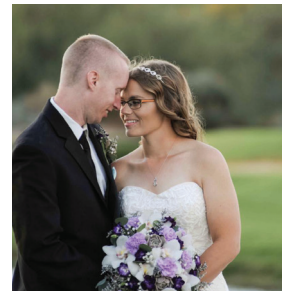
*Candi Daggett at the keyboard with Lola Kristine*



*Dick and Kathy Smith welcome Petals of Africa school founder Jared Ambugo and his daughter*



*Paul Garman and nephew David Stirling*



*Newlyweds Brian and Margaret Hirst*



## Dear Friends at San Juan...

Thank you for your kind donations for Burma. We gave the donations to the Salween Peace Park for the purchase of trail watch cameras for the detection of endangered animal species. Here are two black infra-red cameras donated by a friend which we also handed over to the peace park project manager from Karen Environmental Social Action Networks (KESAN). These cameras are vital for tracking endangered species such as tiger, leopards and scores more. Chinese gold miners have infiltrated and are polluting the environment. See KESAN's updated website: <https://kesan.asia/>



Four weeks were spent working with various leaders, as well as younger generations protecting three wilderness sanctuaries in Northern, Western and Southeastern Burma.

We provided training to Arakan, Karen and Ta'ang between the ages of 19 and 30+ who are holding the last major sanctuaries in Burma. These young men are handling tough odds: Two of the groups are daily facing attacks by Burmese infantry. Chinese drones use high-tech surveillance detection systems to pinpoint rebel locations

## REPORT FROM BURMA



in these sanctuaries. We trained them how to deceive/spoof and counter this technology, as well as how to protect themselves against intrusive detection of cell phone, computer and radio communications. They all have food security problems for long-term survival. Survival is Job #1 at the moment.

Also met with key pro-democracy revolutionary/reform leaders and laid out a strategy for unifying all pro-democracy aspirants. At present these are scattered across Burma and resident in hundreds of civil society organizations, religious groups, undergrounds and armed forces. Lots of spirit, but lacking essential knowledge and unity of effort in the face of overwhelming challenges. China uses casinos in borderlands as mini Hong Kong's to corrupt local leaders. Then the Chinese traffic methamphetamine from these bases for extraordinary profit making and further corruption of local leaders and police. Human trafficking and prostitution follow for added income, as well as devastation of ethnic communities. Finally cement factories are built in order


to develop infrastructure to harvest profits from stolen ethnic lands, as well as create debt burdens for the Burmese. In this way, China will be able to manage a network of mini Hong Kong's to dominate Burma. This involves the eventual destruction of ethnics' ways of life that have stood for millennia. One has only to witness China's handling of Hong Kong protests, the incarcerations of over a million Uighurs in concentrations camps in Western China, and Tibetans still setting themselves on fire, to get a sensing of what ethnic Karen and other ethnics are facing.

This was our base camp with student mess hall on the left, living quarters to the right, and our mess table on the right by our quarters. This newly-built base was located in the southeastern corner of Salween Peace Park.

Our hope is to integrate our efforts in supporting this peace park and promoting pro-democracy unity of effort among a scattered talent pool of revolutionaries and reformists. Thanks for your prayers.

**Sincerely, Tim and Linda**  
**Worldwide Impact Now (WIN)**  
**[worldwide-impact-now.org](http://worldwide-impact-now.org)**





TIME IS NOT  
A FACTOR IN  
YOUR LIFE



**You are invited to a Christian Science talk**  
**Sunday, December 22, 2019**

**The Christmas Concert starts at 1:30 p.m.**

Featuring Soloists: Richard Bermudez and Rachel McLaughlan  
Keyboardist: Candi Daggett and Flutist: Mahfrin Santoke

**The talk starts at 2:00 p.m.**

**This free community event will address how to overcome  
limitation associated with time and age, by living in the timeless,  
stressless, spiritual now.**

**San Juan Hills Golf Course**  
32120 San Juan Creek Road,  
San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675

Also offered on

**ZOOM**

Sound & Video

<https://zoom.us/join>

Meeting ID: 820 500 468

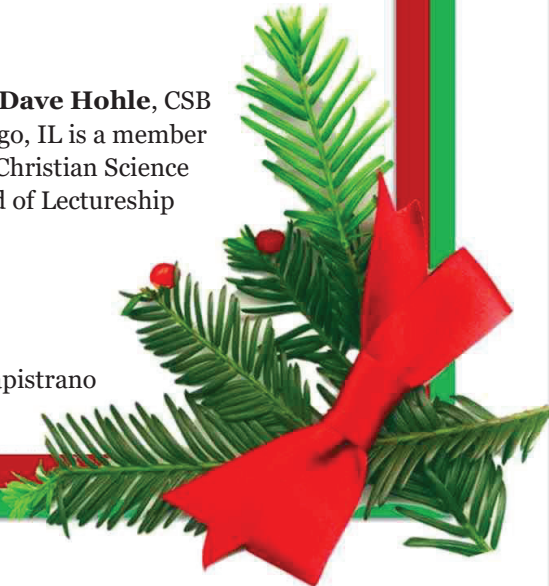
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of Chicago, IL is a member  
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