

DECEMBER 2024



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# CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH IN SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO

## WE ARE A CHURCH WITHOUT WALLS

### SAN JUAN'S MISSION

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

### METAPHYSICAL TOPIC FOR DECEMBER



*Witnessing the global celebration of the true meaning of Christmas*



### REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETINGS

7pm PT on Zoom

Monday, December 9th: Growing Church Workshop (GCW) every 2nd Monday  
Metaphysical Meeting: no meeting this month due to the holidays

### CHRISTMAS CONCERT!

Sunday, December 22nd ~ 5pm PT



Our friends, Davya & Matthew from **LOVE ONLY GROWS** will perform an in-person/online concert at the San Juan church as part of our 30th year celebration! Woohoo! You won't want to miss it! See flyer for more information.

# DECEMBER TITHING

One of San Juan's longtime loves is to see other non-profit groups thrive. We do that by donating financially AND supporting that organization prayerfully.



This month we are supporting:

## FAM/CREER

*FEED THE HUNGRY, HEAL THE HEART...*

The focus of our tithing for December is alleviating hunger and food insecurity in our local communities. There is a growing need for assistance among our neighbors. Two wonderful organizations that have been recipients of our tithing this year need increased support now, this Christmas season as they collect and distribute food to families throughout south Orange County. FAM (formerly Family Assistance Ministeries) and CREER (Believe!) are both increasing their services to individuals and families to meet the growing need for food assistance in the county. For information on how to contribute food items visit their websites: [creeroc.org](http://creeroc.org) and [lofefam.org](http://lofefam.org). If you wish to make a financial contribution to either organization, be sure to make your check out to FCCS SJC and write 100% to (organization name on the check memo line.

*I WAS HUNGRY AND YOU GAVE ME SOMETHING TO EAT...*

*Matthew 25:35*

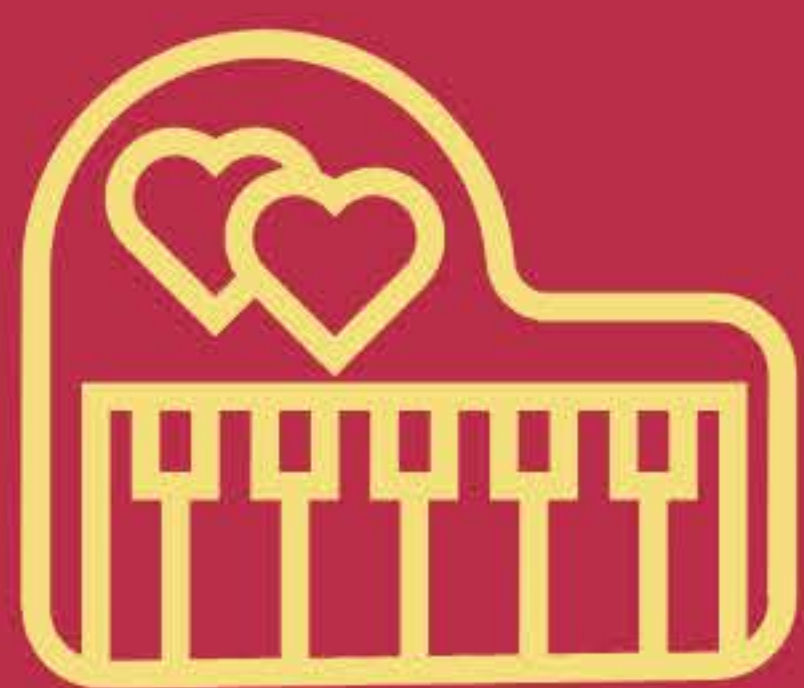
## ~ PRAYER REQUESTS ~

### SUPPORTING OUR TITHING RECIPIENT PRAYERFULLY

*YOUR PRAYERS ARE INVITED...*



- To see new volunteers signing up to help with food collection and distribution
- To increase awareness of neighbors in our community who are in need of food assistance
- To erase the shame that some families feel when seeking food assistance
- To see greater awareness and solutions to widespread hunger in war zones around the world



## PRAYERFUL ANTICIPATION OF OUR HEALING SERVICES

Our amazing musicians prepare an inspiring 10 minute-ish prelude before our Sunday services and Wednesday meetings accompanied by stunning visuals! Whether joining in the room or online, we hope you will come early with prayerful anticipation of the healing power that awaits us!

*"WHATEVER BLESSES ONE BLESSES ALL..."*

## THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR ARTICLE ON THE SINIXT PEOPLE

The November 11, 2024 issue of The Christian Science Monitor welcomes its readers to the world of an Indigenous people declared "extinct" in 1956 by the Canadian Government. My husband is an enrolled member of the Spokane Tribe of Indians which includes many Sinixt. Both sides of his family are Sinixt (Arrow Lakes) descendants pushed off their traditional territory by miners, settlers, government edicts, and greed, confined on reservations in Washington State. The international boundary has separated different tribes from their ancestral lands all along the arbitrary, continent-wide border placed between the United States and Canada.

How satisfying it has been to read this accurate and clear account of the Sinixt struggles to achieve recognition of their continued presence, and to be legally and culturally affirmed by the Supreme Court of Canada! Staff writer, Sara Miller Llana and staff photographer Melanie Stetson Freeman have captured the essence of these years-long efforts and the actual court cases experienced by the Sinixt who say: "WE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN HERE. WE ARE STILL HERE."

The Sinixt know: "The salmon, the water, and all our prayers have no borders." Their concept of Creator is expressed in their word  $k^wI^{\prime}anc\acute{u}t\grave{a}n$ . Its English translation: one who made oneself.

The people in the photos are my husbands relatives.



I have been told by the publisher that a lot of interest in the Monitor and in this article has been expressed by other tribes. ~ Tina Wynecoop

[CLICK HERE TO READ ARTICLE IN THE MONITOR](#)



## INTERESTING HAPPENINGS... FROM THE MARY BAKER EDDY LIBRARY

A friend of San Juan's, Sara Rockabrand, shared a couple of neat things you might want to check out...

1. The "Seekers and Scholars" podcast from The Mary Baker Eddy Library comes out with an episode each month. The latest episode is titled, "Spiritual and musical evolutions in the Christian Science Hymnal. Hear the backstory of this beloved church songbook and learn how it compares with those of other religious traditions.

**[CLICK HERE TO LISTEN TO THE SEEKERS AND SCHOLARS PODCAST](#)**

2. Also from The Mary Baker Eddy Library is a chapter-by-chapter sharing of a book, "The Christian Science Hymnal: History, Heritage, Healing", by Robert Rockabrand. Sara Rockabrand has assisted the library in publishing her husband Robert's complete manuscript of the book.

**[CLICK HERE TO LISTEN TO THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE HYMNAL:  
HISTORY, HERITAGE, HEALING](#)**

## BRAVO REBECCA!

Thank you for helping us celebrate 30 years in San Juan, Rebecca!  
And thank you for gracing us with your gorgeous voice and beautiful presence!  
What a gift you gave us!



Many thanks to everyone who worked so hard to give us all  
such a bountiful Thanksgiving! You are sooo appreciated!

# AND A LITTLE CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM



David, Lenore's grandson



Sweet Mazie



Soloist, Richard's son, Bear & new friend, Mazie



Former soloist, Sarah Comb welcomes baby Noemi



Online participants from Georgia!

We love all of our four legged furry friends in the room and online!



Happy holidays to everyone!



Until next time... blessings on your headz!