

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST

FEBRUARY 2020

Founding Purpose

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

FROM THE TREASURER

A huge thank you to those who have turned in their pledge form for their financial commitment as well as participation on teams during 2020. As of today, we still have only heard from one fourth of our membership, so we're hoping others are getting ready to send theirs in. Please remember the amount is not important, your participation in responding is what is most important. Some have responded that they're able to contribute by participating on teams but not financially at this time and others vice versa. Our goal is to try to get at least 50% of the members to respond to this annual opportunity to serve our church. 100% would be fantastic!! As far as our current financial report, we still are taking in about half of what is needed to meet our monthly expenses so your prayers are most welcome.



Dee Gruenig & Kathy Smith

Upcoming Events

- February 23** 11:30 AM after church
Our Fathers Table presentation
- February 24** 7:00 PM MET meeting
Topic- Inflammation
- February 29** 10:30 AM
First Church, Fullerton
The Helen Wood Bauman story
- March 9** 7:00 PM
Growing Church Workshop
- March 22** 11:30 AM after church
R Star Presentation
- March 22** 2:00 PM
First Church, Laguna Beach
What's poetry got to do with it?
- March 23** 7:00 PM MET meeting

TEAM REPORTS & OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE



Lew & Diana Colarossi

FROM OUR READING ROOM

The concentrated prayers for our Reading Room are definitely being felt. Our schedule for March is totally full, and we've been able to add two more days each week. Beginning March 1, the Reading Room will be open Monday, Thursday and Friday from 1 to 4 PM, Tuesdays from 10 AM to 1 PM, and a half hour after each service. Online hours via teleconference are Monday, Friday and Saturday from 12-1 PM, Wednesday from 1 to 3 PM and Thursday from 9 to 10 AM. So we're now open now almost 20 hours a week to serve our community. As mentioned in the last newsletter, we are tremendously grateful to **Diana Colarossi** for serving as our librarian and faithful steward of the Reading Room activity for the last 12 years or more. Her solid metaphysical foundation to base this work on has been so helpful and we see it bearing fruit in so many ways. We welcome new attendants Collier Kaler, Dick Horner, Bonnie MacDonald and Paul Garman. We'd love more participation! Our goal is to have every member of the church devote at least one hour a month to serving in the Reading Room in some capacity, Whether it be serving in the room itself, online hours, or metaphysical support during the open hours of the Reading Room partnering with the attendants. **This is an area where offsite members can definitely be involved and we welcome your participation.** Please contact Paul Garman to find out more about your opportunities to be of service. paul@musical.org

WeAreUno....

Our support continues for **WeAreUno** and their services to the houseless in Los Angeles. You can help by contributing to our ongoing fundraising/recycling program, donating recyclable cans and plastic bottles picked up monthly at church. There is also a continued need for all kinds of items to be auctioned in their online silent auction. For more details **contact Ingrid Butaya.....** weareuno111@gmail.com

Working Wardrobes....

A recent devastating fire destroyed the headquarters of a local charity that has supported over 100,000 women and men looking for a fresh start and a job opportunity, supplying them with suitable clothing for employment. Thousands of clothing items were lost in the fire and the call is out to fill up their temporary warehouse with clothes for both men and women, as well as purses, scarves, and costume jewelry. Even one item is welcome! **Important:** All donations should be in good / excellent condition---something you would give to a friend to wear. For more information contact **Bonnie MacDonald** bonniemacdonald1@cox.net



Kaily, Tate & Makenna Johnson

ABOUT OUR MUSICIANS



Lola, Candi and Christopher

Lola Kristine has been singing with us for 2 to 3 years since she moved here from St. Louis. She was the music director for the Brentwood Christian Science Church and has toured with Dick Davenport for his seminars primarily geared to Christian Scientists. She sings for us on the first and second Sundays of each month, at 13th Church of Christ Scientist on the fourth Sunday and substitutes regularly at 10th Church, LA and Malibu Society. She is a cabaret performer and has regular gigs at The Drake and The Ranch in Laguna Beach as well as Bayside in Newport Beach to name a few. This winter she will be touring with her band throughout the Midwest. She graduated from Webster University with a degree in Jazz performance and composition. She recently moved to Laguna Beach.

Deborah Garrett's first professional singing job was at a CS Church after graduating from Smith College. She has been a regular and substitute soloist for over 30 years, and for the past 10 years has been co-soloist at 5th Church LB (Naples). Her performance career has spanned opera, operetta, musical theater, oratorio, and vintage music on both US coasts and Europe. For the past 20 years, she has specialized in bringing back memories to our elders with songs from the 1920's-60's. She is President/CEO of Living Vibrant Lives Inc and Flashback Music Memories, providing over 300 activity and music sessions to assisted living facilities in Orange County each month. Deborah is grateful to be able to enhance the lives of others through music in so many different ways.



Deborah Garrett



Lola, Candi & Christopher

Christopher Wolf grew up in Maryland and is a class taught Christian Scientist. He received his Bachelor of Music from Butler University and his Masters in Music Vocal Performance from the University of Michigan. He has performed for the past two summers at the Aspen Music Festival, last winter in Germany and this past fall in an opera in Saint Petersburg, Florida. He has been a guest soloist at The Mother Church on several occasions and sung for us frequently when he spent the summers in the area, or visited during the year. Recently he has become bicoastal, so we will have the pleasure of his singing on a more frequent basis.

Christopher will be singing for The Mother Church Service April 5 & 12. Please tune in!

GETTING TO KNOW YOU!



Marcia Brannon & Milt Lane



Mike Mastagni & Gregg Archer



Cathy Talili & Jean Newbold



Dick Smith & Jack Mathis



Glenna Lovett, Karen Brown & Brian Bates

Cindy Damico is a lifelong student of Christian Science and class taught. She grew up in the Portland area, and then moved to San Diego where her Mother became a Journal listed practitioner. She has been a member of the La Mesa church, as well as Sixth Church Portland and others. She helped start the CS College Organization at San Diego City College, has attended many of the youth meetings in Boston and even worked for a summer as an intern for The Mother Church. She was introduced to our church about 4 1/2 years ago while living in the Las Vegas area, when she was referred to our online services by Linda Vara, at a time when she was not able to attend church due to transportation issues when her car broke down. She loved what she heard and has been attending ever since! She has now moved back to the Portland area and is currently living in Astoria. Cindy loves the openness and inclusiveness of our church, but particularly the aliveness. The whole service just seems alive with love to her and she can feel it tangibly over the phone. She's been a professional DJ, performed in shows in Las Vegas and began singing in commercials when she was 16 years old. Her desire is to become more active with our church and is always willing to contribute wherever she can.



Cindy Damico



Married in December in Arizona, Scott Brown (son of David and Karen Brown) and new wife, Alexa



Craig Carter & Sandy Nahan

Sandy Nahan was raised in the Catholic religion and in her twenty's, she converted to the Jewish faith. **Craig Carter**, on the other hand, had been raised in Christian Science. They met when Sandy started taking golf lessons. They became friends and he introduced her to CS. She started to come to services with Craig and in October, 2018, their life merged and they both consider themselves to be Christian Scientists. Growing up, Craig was always interested in sports. He eventually took up golf, which turned into his life's career, both playing and teaching. He currently gives lessons at San Juan Hills Golf Club. Sandy's career took a few turns. She was hired to work in the accounting office at NBC in Chicago. After eight years, they transferred her to the Burbank office. She worked in budget and finance until she went back to school in 1992 to get her license to become a Psychologist. She had her own practice for the past 28 years. Being a psychologist, there were many opportunities to challenge her beliefs about healing. Knowing that unconditional love for self and others is the best path to spiritual growth and healing has allowed Sandy to let go of those old beliefs. Both Sandy and Craig have been coming to the SJC church for a relatively short time. They both enjoy the open and loving welcome they have experienced and have made many good friends in the few years they have been attending the Wednesday and Sunday services. Since they recently split their time between San Clemente and Bear Valley Springs, they so appreciate the "Church without Walls" element. Through teleconferencing, they have rarely missed a service and so love the music, solo selections, lessons, testimonials and hymns. They also read the weekly lesson to each other daily and will be taking class instruction this summer.



Debbie Stucker & Paul Garman



Dick Horner, Judy Douglas & Mike Stucker



Janet Richardson, Laura Lee Pehkoff, Joan Marsh & Marsha Golden

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE METAPHYSICAL SUPPORT FOR OUR JAIL SERVICES

Our Church has been asked to supply the metaphysical support for the services in the Orange County jails during the month of April. There are two services on Saturdays at 8 AM and two at 9 AM, Sunday at 1 PM and 6 PM. We need at least one worker for each timeslot, more volunteers would be wonderful and hopefully they would be able to do all four weeks although we can split if necessary. This is a wonderful opportunity for those offsite to participate in this vital activity of our church. The March newsletter will feature the institutional work and testimonies from those benefited by this outreach. Please contact **Paul Garman** if you were willing to help serve in this way.

NEPAL - R STAR FOUNDATION YEAR END ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Shana Johnson & Rosalind Russell

We are proud to share with you our 2019 accomplishments. Our list is long... thanks to all of you!

JANUARY

Rosalind met with Dr. Lisa Sparks, Chapman University Dean of Communications, Chapman President and Professor Michael of Communications along with President, Dr. Danielle of Chapman University while they were all in Nepal in January. Their goal is to have their university students intern at TOW-N elementary while living in the village and other possible projects.



FEBRUARY

Rosalind departed Nepal for the Philippines for a short visit with her family as well as the purpose of touring **Regina Apostolorum Academy** to learn what she can to serve TOW-N elementary school. Numerous videos were made to document the visit and ideas which can be viewed on YouTube. The intended well by **Walking for Water** didn't transpire disappointing two villages and us. The reason was the group could build two wells in Africa which meet with better numbers of wells drilled.

MARCH

The government's first water project was begun and ended successfully with water being reached to serve 3.25 villages and animals at a cost just below \$22,000 with another water project looming even bigger soon.

APRIL

Rabin is the Chairperson for the huge project to serve 20 of our villages, bringing water to the door. The project has begun with a strict timeline to complete or government funds will be frozen. This is a first with water piped to the homes!

MAY

Drilling for water began which will bring the water to the homes. HUGE program by the government from funds received so generously following the quakes of 2015.

An addition to the school is complete with decorative and protective tires readied for the school grounds. Plants will be in the center for beauty while protecting the young ones from falling six feet down to the fields.

JUNE

Drought conditions wreaked havoc with the harvest and prosperity for the villagers. Plants burned and dried out before maturity arrived for a proper harvest.

JULY

Doll making training took place for 20 excited women. It is possible to make a small income if the women wish to market their soft art.

The first water reservoir was completed including the pump installation. It is ready to serve the first villages.

AUGUST

Teacher training is given by Sandy Ramsey, at the school she runs in Kathmandu. The teachers and Principal noted simple things were well done to enhance the educational development of the children. Another training will transpire in 2020.

SEPTEMBER

Water filled the first reservoir to the excitement of everyone! 120,000 liters, arsenic-free. It is ready for pumping! The water project is going well with the pipelines to follow.



OCTOBER

The engineers have agreed on how to go about the continuation of pipelines with all approvals met and signed. Full throttle until completion once their holidays have completed.

NOVEMBER

The pipelines are being placed in the ground to bring the water to the homes. An additional project is transpiring with paving the rural roads, including curbs and grading. Produce will get out sooner, bringing in better prices. The roads serve six of our villages and ME!

Habitat for Humanity is building homes in our villages. Rosalind walked the footprints of the incoming homes and videoed the thrilled to-be-residents.



DECEMBER

Both water is arriving at homes and the road paving is continuing on the roads blessing everyone coming and going. No more ruts, mud or rocks to encumber the rural villagers with agricultural products, reaching the market faster for higher profits.

A \$1000 grant was awarded by **Network for Good**; there were other grants of \$1000 by the **Mansour Family Trust**, and **Anne Krizman, of Fresh Produce**, a Laguna store; **Laguna Soroptomists** \$1000; **First Church of Christ Scientist, San Juan Capistrano** of \$1700 and others who prefer anonymity

85% of our original quake-lost homes have been rebuilt. Our volunteers in Nepal have connected us to agencies to see to the building. The remaining 15% tell strongly of struggling people years later in the #2 poorest country in the world. Nepal is not even listed as a 3rd world country! Yes, they are that poor which is why we do all we can to lift them with our donors' support and belief in us. The national average of rebuilds is 60%.

Our rural villages are kickin'!