



Desert View News - Spring 2021

Monthly Prayer Project – Derek Swire, Vice President

Each month we send out a prayer email to those who are on our list. Last month we undertook the metaphysical project of finding the rules for divine mental healing. Mrs. Eddy had said that “Our Master healed the sick, practiced Christian healing, and taught the generalities of its divine Principle to his students; but he left no definite rule for demonstrating this Principle of healing and preventing disease. This rule remained to be discovered in Christian Science. A pure affection takes form in goodness, but Science alone reveals the divine Principle of goodness and demonstrates its rules.” *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, Mary Baker Eddy, p.147:24.

The rule itself is the Science of the Christ. As in any science, there are lots of “laws” or processes that, when followed, get good results in the practice of the science. In my searching for these “If you do this, healing will result” statements, I looked in our Bible Lessons for each week and found many. We hope that those of you who took up this project with us had as wonderful a time in your search as we did.

If you are not on our prayer team and would like to get these prayer emails, please let us know. We will be happy to include you. Just send an email to admin@desertview.us.

Annual Meeting 2021 – Save the date

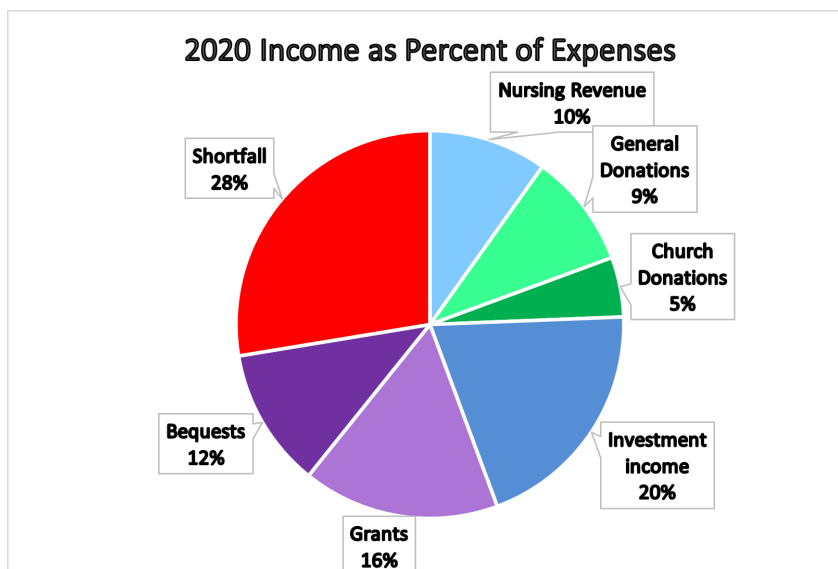
Desert View’s 2021 Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, November 13th. We are pleased to announce our speaker, Heather Vogel Frederick. Heather is the Director of Research and Publications at Longyear Museum. You are probably familiar with a recent biography of Mary Baker Eddy she co-authored, *A World More Bright*. Heather has written two more books for Longyear – *Life at 400 Beacon Street: Working in Mary Baker Eddy’s Household* and “A Woman of Sound Education” – *Mary Baker Eddy’s School Years*. More details will follow, but for now...**Please Save The Date!**

Thoughts from my first year on the Board – George Fay

I've been thinking recently about what I've learned this past year as the newest Desert View board member. When I joined the board, I really knew little about Christian Science nursing. So, I have been listening in order to understand how it works and its place in Christian Science. Unfortunately, operations this past year have been severely restricted by the pandemic. Even so, the people at Desert View have strived very hard to provide care in any way, such as with off site visits and reaching out with calls and letters. A few weeks ago, it finally dawned on me what Christian Science nursing is all about. It is about love, living it, sharing it. It's about establishing that atmosphere of love so essential for healing. This seems so simple and obvious to me now, that I'm embarrassed I didn't see it before. What an incredible service to those struggling in stressful times when even prayer can seem out of reach! The love in action I have witnessed this past year is truly inspiring.

Message from President, Joy Mee, & Treasurer, Ann Deputy

This past year was a challenging one financially for Desert View as we did not have any in-house patients from March on due to the pandemic, while most of our costs remained the same. For the year 2020, we had a deficit of \$85,000. Patient revenue is our main source of revenue with income from assets, bequests, grants, and donations from churches and individuals making up the balance of revenue.



We are grateful for grants received from the Isabel Foundation and the Legacy Fund which allowed us to replace some nursing beds and lift chairs. We are also grateful for one time grants from the Trustees under the Will of Mary Baker Eddy and a small Special Needs Trust. We received a federal PPP 1% loan which may become a grant once the paperwork is processed. We had increased revenue from visiting Christian Science nursing calls which allowed us to serve

more individuals in their homes, and we also served the community in non-revenue generating ways through our Friends Visiting Friends program.

As we go forward this year with some unknowns, we know that Spirit, not matter, is the source of our supply.

In the scientific relation of God to man, we find that whatever blesses one blesses all, as Jesus showed with the loaves and the fishes, — Spirit, not matter, being the source of supply.

(Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, Mary Baker Eddy, p. 206:15)

Sharing some gratitude

“We would like to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude for the loving, knowledgeable care provided by the Desert View Christian Science nurses.”

Family of Desert View Visiting Christian Science Nurse Patient

*“I want to thank you for the outreach you have been doing for our Christian Science Community. The care committee visits and work with the churches and individuals is amazing. I have been blessed and benefited by this outreach. It was such a release from being overwhelmed with all that I seemed to be facing. This is truly practicing what Mrs Eddy referred to in the **Manual of The Mother Church**, article VIII, Sec. 31 Christian Science Nurse.”*

A friend of Desert View



Sharing about Caring

On January 14 and 16, Arizona Care Committee members from all around the state participated in Zoom calls. Affectionately titled, *Sharing about Caring*, that's exactly what took place. Desert View DCSN, Cindy Snowden was on-hand to answer any questions about caring for fellow church members, but mainly this was a time for church members to talk directly to one another about what they were doing to reach out to fellow members and attendees during these months when churches were not meeting, and members were often not in direct contact with each other. We heard from several participants who appreciated the support among fellow churches. Folks responded that it was not so much that churches were doing completely different things, but that hearing about even a little tweak to the way members reached out to one another was inspiring and helpful. Participants then went on to share about challenges with the technology of online services, and once again members quickly responded to help one another from their experiences.



“Help us to help each other, Lord,
Each other's cross to bear;
Let each his friendly aid afford,
And feel his brother's care.”

Hymn #105

Will we do it again? We are ready when the time is right. While we are giving thought to possible topics, if you have thoughts on what you would like to discuss with others, let us hear from you. Give us a call at (480) 307-6060 or email us at admin@desertview.us.

“Thine is the call...”



“**Thine is the Call and Thine the Care**” Hymn 190, from the Christian Science Hymnal, was the theme of an incredibly special one day, on-line conference, held for all Christian Science nurses around the world, on February 25, 2021. If you have an active practice, the organization, Christian Science Nursing Network, Inc., normally supports it with newsletters and a biennial 4-day conference

held at CedarS CampS, in Lebanon, Missouri, bringing up to 125 Christian Science nurses together for networking, workshops, and inspiring talks. This year, they decided that hosting an online one day Zoom conference would be the most supportive event possible for all the Christian Science nurses worldwide. The response was breathtaking, with over 300 participants, from 15 countries! The event included interviews of Christian Science nurses from around the world, musical gifts from Christian Science nurses, and discussion groups handling various topics necessary for the sustainability of Christian Science nursing worldwide. The blessing has already made a fruitful contribution to many Christian Scientists, through the inspiration the Christian Science nurses experienced that day. We look forward to many more conferences both online and in person in the years to come. Be sure to look up their website at CSNNNETWORK.ORG to see the incredible support it gives to our beloved Christian Science nurses!



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