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CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH IN SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO

THE SWALLOWS TIMES

OUR MISSION

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

METAPHYSICAL TOPIC FOR NOVEMBER

WHAT IS THE HEALING POWER OF GRATITUDE?

What are Metaphysical Meetings?

Church gives us the opportunity to put our money where our mouth is, so to speak. We are all about healing, individually as well as collectively. Our monthly metaphysical topics and fruitage meetings on the 4th Monday of the month enable us to walk our talk by exploring spiritual paths through various world problems. Please come take a stroll with us. The views are inspiring!

REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS

7pm PT on Zoom

- **Monday, November 9: Growing Church Workshop (GCW) every 2nd Monday**
- **Monday, November 23: Metaphysical Meeting - every 4th Monday. Everyone is welcome!**

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Sunday, November 8th after church: Embraced:Fully tithing presentation**
- **Sunday, November 15: OC 3rd Sunday Service, Rancho Santa Margarita CS church**
- **Thursday, November 19 at 7pm: Christian Science talk by Dave Hohle titled, Progress is Inevitable - It Begins with Vision, Witte Hall at Newport Beach Civic Center, 998 Avocado Avenue**
- **Thursday, November 26 at 10:00 am PT: our Thanksgiving service**

For more details about talks & lectures in So Cal visit prayerthatheals.org

NOVEMBER TITHING

READY TO COME HOME...

We are tithing this month to Embraced:Fully, supporting their work with individuals who are making the challenging transition from prison to successfully re-entering the community. Our church has participated in their Angel Team program, generously welcoming a new friend, and now member, in returning to society as an inspiring, contributing citizen.

Embraced:Fully has been growing by leaps and bounds through developing an innovative course---Ready for Re-Entry---that is already available in over a thousand prisons nation-wide with thousands taking the course and indicating a desire to be connected with a faith community upon their release.

***The Embraced:Fully Vision....*"A world where transformation continues after the prison gate."**

***The Mission....*"Support the whole journey home"**

"We envision returning citizens contributing to healing in their families and communities and becoming trusted neighbors, mentors, and pillars of society."
Join us after church Sunday, November 8th for an update from Embraced:Fully to learn how we can continue our support, including volunteer opportunities.

Visit embracedfully.org

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please support Embraced:Fully in your prayers...

~ That we can keep pace with the tremendous growth we are experiencing and have the wisdom required to meet our future needs.

~ That we can attract a team of letter-writers to correspond with the thousands of people on our waiting list who want to connect with a faith community, like Christian Science.

~ That Embraced:Fully receives sufficient financial support to keep pace with the substantial growing need for our services .

AND WE KNOW THAT ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD TO THOSE WHO LOVE GOD, TO THOSE WHO ARE CALLED ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE. ~ ROMANS 8:28

CALLING ALL READERS! NEAR OR FAR!

FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Did you know we focus a lot of attention on being a Church of Readers? When there's a fifth Sunday in a month, we often organize and present a Fellowship Sunday where we all read the lesson together, online and in person. Kind of like sitting around the living room. Those interested in participating, read a passage or two from the Bible and Science & Health. We'd love for you to be a part of Fellowship Sunday. To participate online or in the room please contact Paul Garman: paul@musical.org

A CHRISTMAS LECTURE AT SAN JUAN!

Mark your calendars for our lecture on Sunday, December 20 at 2:00 pm PT! Our own member, Tim Myers, CS and Member of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship will give the talk titled, The Greatest Gift. It will be available in person and on Zoom. Please help get the word out!

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Latest update ...

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COMMUNITY CORNER VIDEO!

In case you missed it, here's the latest Community Corner video!

Watch here!



LOVINGLY REMEMBERING KAREN CARDER

Karen joined San Juan Capistrano First Church of Christ, Scientist with such enthusiasm, with much love for Christian Science and an eagerness to serve and be active in the community.
She was no newcomer to being active in serving the cause of Christian Science and she shared that she had served in different capacities over the years and on the board of at least one previous church.

After she joined, she was made aware of a need for some assistance with the reading room online. Karen not only chipped in to meet the immediate need, but also was enthusiastic about participating and offering leadership across all the days and varying activities that had been going on in the reading room over the years before she arrived.

First Church of San Juan Capistrano Zoom on-line reading room had been ongoing since 2020 or so, and there was a community of those who found enjoyment in chipping in topics for research and reading articles and books and other material from the Mother Church Publishing Society together.

She attended every meeting, even the ones she wasn't hosting. Karen wholeheartedly shared of herself and fostered a sense of belonging. She had such enthusiasm for the online community and Online reading room ministry that she attended The Mother Church's online reading room in Boston, which she sought out and regularly attended. This inspired others of us to attend The Mother Church online reading room as well and incorporating ideas and new guests and relationships amongst us.

She also stepped up to usher at San Juan Capistrano Zoom meetings, greeting on line guests and sharing the hymns of the day. She brought her own ideas and enthusiasm to that work, as well as sharing at testimony meetings and metaphysical gatherings at church.

Celebrating Karen and all she brought: her ideas, her enthusiasm, her dedication, and the spirit of love and reverence for Christian Science and Mary Baker Eddy and every one she touched, which will always remain a part of the community.

WELCOME

Welcome to new member, Kathy Bazan! Kathy has been a long time regular attendee but has recently joined us officially. Enjoy learning a little bit about her!

How My Family Came into Christian Science

By Kathy Bazan

My great-grandparents met while singing in the Los Angeles Light Opera Company. They married and had eight children. By 1908, my great-grandfather, Charles Richard Gahr, was bent almost in half by severe arthritis. A kind neighbor suggested that he meet a Christian Science practitioner. Since he'd met every doctor in town and found no relief, he was willing to set an appointment. Since the journey from Norwalk to downtown Los Angeles was a long one in a horse-drawn wagon, Charles asked my grandmother, Margaret Virginia Gahr, to accompany him. Even though she was only about 7 years old at the time, she was the one with whom he had deep discussions about theology. At that first treatment, he was completely healed! Charles rode home sitting up straight with an elegant posture. When they joined The Mother Church, Charles was sent an admissions letter addressed to "Dear Brother in Christ," while his wife, Frances, was addressed as "Dear Sister in Christ." Later, he became the first Journal-listed CS practitioner east of downtown L.A.

I was born and raised in Christian Science. I have been active in Adventure Unlimited teen group, the CS Colorado camp, and Asher House UCLA. As an adult, I was co-leader of Discovery Bound San Diego for five years. Many years ago, I was the administrator (clerk) when SJC church was a society. I have been a member of branch churches in California, Arizona, and Washington. You'll find my writing in the Monitor's humor column and Children's Page as well as in the periodicals.

It's wonderful to meet you!

Welcome, Kathy!

We're happy to have you part of us!



EVERYONE SMILE!

Honor Haase signs the register while in town visiting!



Glenna, Tim, Alan, Honor, Joan, Dick, and Kathy



Finnegan's first visit to church! Adorable!
Also pictured: Glenna, Joan, Carl, Lenore, Malcolm & Terri

Until next time...blessings on your headz!