



Second Church of Christ, Scientist, Phoenix, AZ

250 W. Bethany Home Rd.

GOOD TIDINGS

“...for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people”. Luke 2:10

Fall 2014

Our Church to Offer Webinar Lecture by Evan Mehlenbacher, CSB

What is a Webinar?” you may ask. According to webopedia.com, “Short for Web-based seminar, it is a presentation, lecture, workshop or seminar that is transmitted over the Web [Internet] using video conferencing software. A key feature of a Webinar is its interactive elements—the ability to give, receive and discuss information.”

Why are we venturing into cyberspace to tell people about the Christian Science that we love? The goal of our Lecture Committee this year is to reach new and wider audiences. Many of them are active on the Internet where no cars or buses are needed to get to the speaker, and each listener’s curiosity and interest can be as private as he chooses.

Where is the lecturer in this process and who is he? Our speaker for this webinar lecture is Evan Mehlenbacher CSB, a member of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship and an authorized teacher of Christian Science. He says, “I give this webinar lecture from my office through an Internet conference service which has a live video feed for me to speak directly to your audience and chat tools that allow me to interact with users during the broadcast. Participants can ask me questions and receive real time answers. I can speak with individuals at their home computers or to groups in a Reading Room, Sunday School or other gathering place, or to a combination of both. The possibilities are endless.”

What is the speaker going to talk about? Evan’s topic is “Prayer that Heals.” He says, “I walk my audience through practical, spiritual truths found in Christian Science that empower prayer to heal and are based upon Jesus Christ’s teaching, ‘Know the truth, and the truth will make you free.’” During this talk, Evan tells of a man’s healing of cancer.

Later in the lecture, you can see the man himself confirming his healing and his health many years later.



When will this webinar lecture take place? The date is Thursday evening, January 29, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. Our West Wing computer will be tuned in so that all who prefer to watch with a group may gather there.

How can I invite my friends, family and others to see this talk on Christian Science? An email invitation will be sent to all on our church mailing list and will include the registration link one needs to electronically enter the lecture. You can forward this invitation with its embedded link to all your friends, family, co-workers, etc. Evan will also send the invitation to folks on his list who have asked to be informed of future webinars.

What if I don’t have a computer? A paper copy of the invitation and its link will be distributed at church for you to hand or mail to others. You can also invite them to attend the Internet lecture with you in the West Wing of our church where it will be projected on a wide screen.

How will we know if anyone tuned in? Evan will forward us a report of the number of people who logged on via their computers. We can add to that the attendance in our West Wing. Evan also asks people online to fill out a survey if they wish. If they do, we can learn how many tuned in who were not familiar with Christian Science before our webinar. People in other parts of the country, as well as in our area, will be listening.

Dates to Remember

Lectures on Christian Science

2014

Nov.15 Sat. 10 am Mary Alice Rose on HAS TECHNOLOGY MADE GOD AND SPIRITUALITY OBSOLETE? at Oro Valley Public Library, 1305 W. Naranja Dr., Tucson, AZ. Sponsored by 3rd Church of CS, Tucson, AZ

Dec.6 Sat. 10 am Mark Swinney on WHAT IS IT THAT CONNECTS PRAYER WITH HEALING? at Grayhawk Golf Club Banquet Rm. 8620 E. Thompson Peak Pkwy, Scottsdale, AZ. Sponsored by 1st Church of CS Carefree-Cave Creek

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Jan.17 Sat 2 pm Leide Lessa on THE JOY OF SAYING 'YES' TO WHAT'S RIGHT at the Heard Museum, 2301 N. Central Ave., Monte vista Rm., Phoenix, AZ Sponsored by 1st Church of CS, Phoenix.

Jan.29 Thur. 6:30 pm MT Evan Mehlenbacher on PRAYER THAT HEALS. *Live webinar lecture on your computer.* Sponsored by 2nd Church of CS, Phoenix, AZ. Also viewable at the church.

Feb.7 Sat. 1 pm Mary Alice Rose on THE HEALING COMFORTER at 1st Church of CS Sun City West, 14140 Meeker Blvd. Sun City West, AZ. Sponsored by the same church.

Feb.26 Thur. 12 noon MT Evan Mehlenbacher on PRAYER THAT HEALS. *Live webinar lecture on your computer.* Sponsored by 1st Church of CS, Tempe, AZ. Also viewable at the church.

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May 16 Sat. 2 pm Josh Niles on LIVING IN HARMONY at 1st Church of CS, Prescott, AZ, 410 E. Gurley, Prescott, AZ Sponsored by the same church.

Activities of Interest to Christian Scientists and their Friends

2014

Oct.11 Sat. 9:30 am BIBLE STUDY GROUP on Madelon Maupin's CD talk, "Overview of the Old Testament," with discussion following at 2nd Church of CS, Phoenix, 250 W. Bethany Home Rd., See Madelon's credentials on bibleroads.com.

Oct.26 Sun. 11:15 am AFTER CHURCH PICNIC at Second Church, Phoenix

Nov. 2 Sun. 2 pm Principia Club Event: video of the MADELINE ALBRIGHT TALK AT PRINCIPIA COLLEGE. Location: North Mountain Visitor Center, 12950 N. 7th St., Phoenix AZ

Nov.8 Sat. 2 pm DESERT VIEW ANNUAL MEETING at 2nd Church of CS, Scottsdale, 10180 N. Hayden Rd., Scottsdale

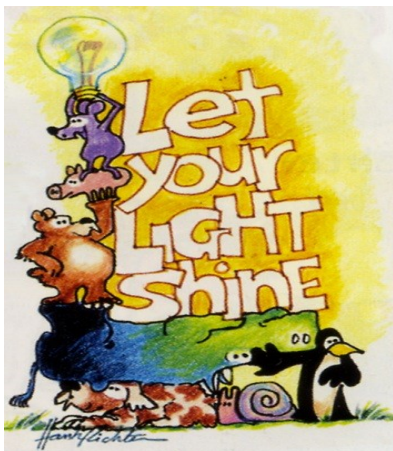
Nov. 9 Sun 11:05 am READING ROOM OPEN HOUSE at 2nd Church of CS, Phoenix

Dec.7 Sun. 4-6:30 pm PRINCIPIA CLUB CHRISTMAS SING at the Kaehn Home, 6612 N. Ironwood Dr., Paradise Valley, AZ

Dec.21 Sun. 2 pm CHRISTMAS PROGRAM at 1st Church of CS, Scottsdale, 6427 E. Indian School Rd. Scottsdale, AZ

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Jan.24 Sat. 10 am PRACTITIONER ROUND TABLE at First Church of CS, Glendale, 8228 W. Orangewood Ave., Glendale, AZ



LIGHTS SHINING from the SUNDAY SCHOOL

Boston Bound Trip was "Awesome"

"Approaching the huge Mother Church Extension at the Christian Science Plaza—a symbol of world-wide Christian Science—was awesome for me. Then spending two days there getting an in-depth introduction to the vast activity going on beyond that iconic scene was overwhelming."

This was how Tristan—our Sunday School's high school junior (then)—described his experience at Discovery Bound's (DB's) national event called "Boston Bound" on a weekend last May.

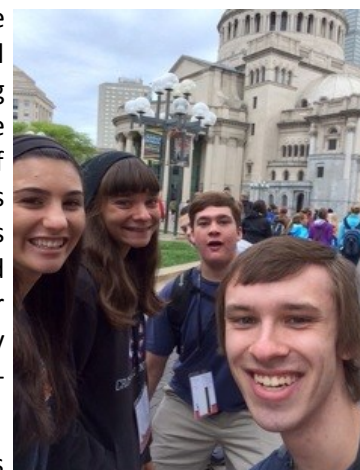
Over 100 teen participants gathered Friday evening to hear speakers focus on the weekend's theme: "The 'still, small voice' of scientific thought reaches over continent and ocean to the globe's remotest bound." (From *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* by Mary Baker Eddy, p. 559:8-10.) The young people were told how pivotal they are to the Christian Science movement and encouraged to see themselves as part of a worldwide church.

On Saturday they toured the Mary Baker Eddy Library and also participated in many small group discussions on a list of subjects students could choose from. One of Tristan's choices was: "The Bible Lesson—How Can we Use it more Effectively and What is the Bible Lesson Committee?" Tristan learned more about how the Lesson is put together than most members know in a lifetime.

Sunday morning before church the teens met with three of the Christian Science Board of Directors, Scott Preller, Margaret Rogers and Lyle Young, for a session of very direct questions and answers. For example, students wanted to know, "How do you Directors use prayer in directing the church?"

Sunday School was very special. The huge group of

DB guests piled into the original edifice of the Mother Church along with the regular Sunday School attendees for opening exercises. Then up on the giant screen in front of them appeared the faces of additional students from around the world who Skyped in as regular attendants on Sunday mornings. What a world-wide dimension that was!



As the DB students settled into their own small groups of five or six (20 teachers were provided) there was a deep concern to address that morning. It was the weekend of the horrific mass murder of six people, with many injured, near the university campus in Santa Barbara, CA. Students were concerned about "How do we pray for these people? How do we love someone who has done such a terrible thing? How do we remove the labels of 'perpetrator' and 'victim?'" Tristan said it was a "very powerful" Sunday School class."

Sunday afternoon brought insights to the history of Christian Science through visits to the Longyear Museum and Mrs. Eddy's home at Chestnut Hill. Topping off the weekend was a relaxing cruise through Boston Harbor—a time to socialize, dance a little, and express gratitude.

"What an opportunity that weekend was to grow," said Tristan, "to spend time in that environment with other Christian Scientists, to learn how to pray more effectively, and to just experience the root of the Christian Science movement."

Thank You, Helen

Helen Hayden Backer had just finished high school when her mother and others founded this church in 1948. She would have been one of the first older students in our Sunday School and was a member of the church for over 60 years. Helen saw this branch build two edifices--the first in 1953 on Osborn Rd.--and its replacement in 1963, here on Bethany Home Rd., to accommodate a burgeoning population.

Helen proved a dedicated Christian Scientist, an active church member, and often brought friends to services to introduce them to Christian Science. She was our church soloist many years ago, served for decades on the Music Committee, was a Second Reader, and many times was elected to the Executive Board. Her artistic sense often involved her in décor decisions for the church. Fellow members remember her as "forward thinking" and ever mindful of the imperative for spiritual growth—for herself and the church.

In early adulthood, Helen graduated from Arizona Normal School, the precursor of Arizona State University, with a degree in musical performance. As a trained classical singer, she performed in operettas, i.e. "The Merry Widow" and works by Rudolph Frimmel and Gilbert and Sullivan—Phoenix's offering of "light" opera before the days of Arizona Opera Company. Helen also performed with like-minded artists in small groups around the Valley. She held high standards for all of the performing arts—music, theater and ballet whether she was a participant or a supporter.

As Helen's public relations career flourished, it edged out her time for performing. She worked for the Urban League in Phoenix and the Maricopa Community College District, each for many years. She was described as "a highly ethical professional expert in her field." Even after "retirement" she was sought out for her consulting services.

One sweet comment about Helen in the guest book at Legacy.com reads, "She was a bright, sensitive, lovely person. God's heaven will be enhanced by her presence."

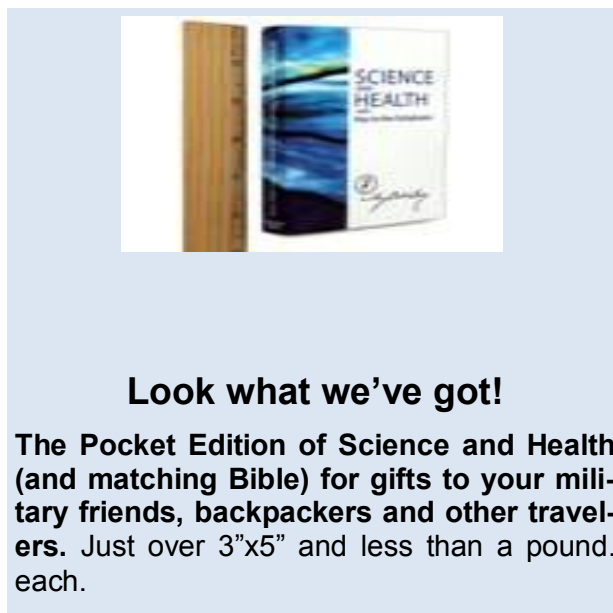
We would add, it is, and always has been, as it is by all of our presence, too.

"Man is not God, but like a ray of light which comes from the sun, man, the outcome of God, reflects God." (*Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* by Mary Baker Eddy p.250:12.)

Thank you, Helen, for letting your light shine endlessly throughout our church and community. Your love and generosity continue to bless us.

MANA House Welcomed Gifts!

Bill Krahn pulled up to MANA House with his suburban packed high with your gifts--kitchen supplies, bottled water, food items and clothing—truly a Christmas in July. One unloading helper pointed to an item and said gratefully, "Almost out of it. So glad to get it!" They also appreciate our Monitor gift subscription. MANA takes care of homeless veterans, both in the House and on the streets. The acronym MANA stands for Marines, Army, Navy and Air Force, the veteran community they serve.



Look what we've got!

The Pocket Edition of Science and Health (and matching Bible) for gifts to your military friends, backpackers and other travelers. Just over 3"x5" and less than a pound each.



Editor's Note: Helen's friends may not be aware that there is a Guest Book online where they may leave expressions of appreciation for her "light" in their lives. There are only seven comments in it since March and none from her church community. We have through April 2015 to post comments. Easily access the guest book by Googling Helen's full name which brings up a list including the Guest Book at Legacy.com.