

Peace Haven

INSPIRED TO SERVE

June 2021 Newsletter



"NEVER DID GRATITUDE AND LOVE UNITE MORE HONESTLY IN
UTTERING THE WORD THANKS, THAN OURS AT THIS SEASON."

(Mary Baker Eddy, *Miscellaneous Writings*, p. 160)



2021 SUMMER NEWSLETTER



LESLIE GERBER

by Leslie Gerber, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

"Mind demonstrates omnipresence and omnipotence, but Mind revolves on a spiritual axis, and its power is displayed and its presence felt in eternal stillness and immovable Love. The divine potency of this spiritual mode of Mind . . . is proven beyond a doubt in the practice of Mind-healing" (Retrospection and Introspection, p. 88).

This "eternal stillness and immovable Love" has indeed been an all-encompassing presence as we have held fast to the unmovable constancy of our healing mission through Christian Science nursing. The journey these past few years from the old Peace Haven building to our temporary location, and then recently back into our new home, has been consistently uplifting and spiritually sweet.

It truly has been an unfoldment of Love with our highest understanding of Christian Science nursing at the heart of it all. We are deeply grateful for the overflowing support we have received, and continue to receive, from caring Christian Scientists throughout the country and overseas.

Our move back to our new building was shared by the many volunteers who worked tirelessly and selflessly to ensure that our patients' new home was comfortably prepared for their return. After initially seeing the newly completed building, patients and staff responded with sheer joy and heartfelt gratitude for the uplifting beauty and harmony that welcomed them.

One of our Christian Science nurses commented about our new building, "This was very much a prayerful endeavor for many, many, years and it is so refreshing to see it all come to fruition."

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A DEDICATION AND A PRAYER

At our first all-staff meeting in our new facility, Leslie Gerber shared:

We dedicate this place to seeing and witnessing God's beauty and love surrounding us. We see this beauty and love and rejoice in the wholeness and perfection of divine Love that we each reflect.

May we be so God-enthralled that we see ourselves in Her image and likeness—with the understanding that within this Love "...we live, and move, and have our being..." (Acts 17:28). This recognition is not theoretical but a demonstrable fact of all being.

May this be a sacred place—holy ground where God's grace lifts our vision to see the Christ that has always been present, always walked with us as one, and whispers to us every moment, "You are, and always have been, whole."

May this building be a symbol of the Christ-love—always nursing each other, right where we are, without judgment or criticism, and seeing face-to-face the purest reflection of who we are.

May all who walk through our door feel this uplifted Love and be a gift and blessing to each other and the world every day.

MORE ABOUT OUR FRONT COVER

Two beautiful quilts, created by artist Sun Smith-Foret, hang in our Chapel and Christian Science nurses' training area. The front cover highlights many different elements from these quilts that inspire us with spiritual messages throughout the tapestry.

We are so grateful to all the talented artists whose creative works hang in our corridors, open areas, and patient rooms, bringing inspiration, light, color, and great joy to our facility.



ONE OF THE BEAUTIFUL QUILTS FEATURED ON THE FRONT COVER



KRISTY L. CHRISTIAN
BIBLOS FOUNDATION

"The church is the mouthpiece of Christian Science..." (Miscellany, p. 247)

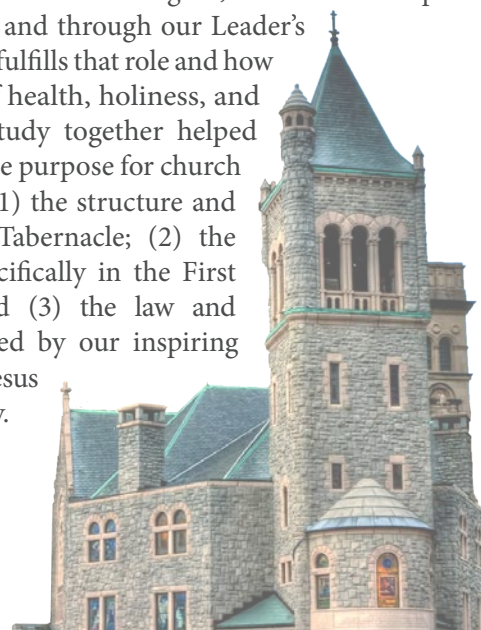
Peace Haven is grateful for the inspiring talk presented May 1, 2021, by Kristy L. Christian, M.A.R., President of Biblos Foundation. Many uplifting and spiritual truths were shared that reaffirmed the importance of Church and its healing power. Christian Science nursing, as defined in *The Manual of the Mother Church* (p. 49), spreads its wings through these higher concepts of Church as we cherish, support through care, and witness the individual demonstration of Christ's healing efficacy.

Here are a few inspirational comments from the online seminar:

Why is church needed in our world today? We learn from our study of the Bible and Mary Baker Eddy's writings that our welfare and the world's is closely interwoven with the welfare of God's church. Consequently, church is one of the most relevant and healing concepts to spiritually understand and practice. Consider what the demonstration of church includes: "...elevating the race, rousing the dormant understanding, ... casting out devils, ... healing the sick" (*Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, Mary Baker Eddy, p. 583). In *The Manual of The Mother Church*, Mrs. Eddy defines its purpose and mission, noting it is "designed

to be built on the Rock, Christ; ... healing and saving the world from sin and death; thus to reflect in some degree the Church Universal and Triumphant" (p. 19). "Healing and saving the world from sin and death" is a noble and divine purpose for members of The Mother Church.

Mrs. Eddy also writes: "The church is the mouthpiece of Christian Science,—its law and gospel are according to Christ Jesus; its rules are health, holiness, and immortality..." (*The First Church of Christ, Scientist, and Miscellany*, p. 247). If church is the mouthpiece of our religion, does this fact impel us to learn biblically and through our Leader's writings how church fulfills that role and how we live those rules of health, holiness, and immortality? Our study together helped us focus closely on the purpose for church as defined through (1) the structure and furnishings of the Tabernacle; (2) the rules as defined specifically in the First Commandment; and (3) the law and gospel of love as lived by our inspiring examples, Christ Jesus and Mary Baker Eddy.



ROLLING AWAY THE STONE – Peace Haven's 2021 metaphysical theme



JORDAN KRUEGER

Christ unlocks the power that rolls away the stone

by Jordan Krueger, JOURNAL-LISTED CHRISTIAN SCIENCE NURSE

Mrs. Eddy writes, "Glory be to God, and peace to the struggling hearts! Christ hath rolled away the stone from the door of human hope and faith, and through the revelation and demonstration of life in God, hath elevated them to

possible at-one-ment with the spiritual idea of man and his divine Principle, Love" (*Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, p. 45).

That event, rolling away the stone, can be seen as a metaphor of what Jesus' three days work in the sepulchre consisted of—namely, working out "the great problem of being" (*Science and Health*, p. 44). The problem appears as laws that render us limited, lacking, and controlled by a belief of a beginning and an end to life. This problem equates to a stone—that is,

acts as an obstruction that holds thought in a sepulchre, or a false sense of being that is constrained from seeing reality.

Its counter fact is spiritual understanding. This Christly understanding unlocks the power that rolls away that stone and lets in the light of reality! It transforms one's sense of being, traveling from the sepulchre of suggested mortality to the freedom of spiritual living and blessedness.

Beautiful opportunities abound—here and now—to work on this great problem of being as Jesus did and to see revealed the angelic conviction that stands with us at the portal of thought. It points upward to enlightened being, dissolves the problem, lays aside the dream of mortality, and delivers us to our native-born innocence and freedom, yea the kingdom of Heaven reflected in man!



PEACE HAVEN FRONT ENTRY



RECEPTION AREA



CHAPEL / AUDITORIUM

THE UNFOLDMENT OF LOVE *(continued from page 2)*

We are overjoyed to see the fruition of that prayerful work. As Mrs. Eddy tells us, “Metaphysics resolves things into thoughts, and exchanges the objects of sense for the ideas of Soul” (*Science and Health*, p. 269). We worked with many divine qualities throughout the project, and to see them visible in our new surroundings is a heartwarming and joyous experience. These qualities are our dearest friends who have taken up residence in our lobby, dining room, study areas, and patient rooms—permeating the whole building!

Perhaps one of the most significant benefits gained along the way is a deeper understanding of Love. This blessing, combined with our highest sense of Christian Science nursing, has guided our footsteps.

Our Chapel is a beautiful example of this guidance with its inspiring new mural provided by Longyear Museum. This mural highlights 12 early Christian Science workers who our Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, directed to lay the foundation for the Christian Science movement in the Midwest. It is such a humbling experience to stand in the presence of so many Christian Science workers whose dedication and demonstrations established the groundwork we stand on today. The Midwest has such a rich heritage through those who have embraced and embodied Christian Science healing in our area. Through their work and that of many others not shown on the mural, we see an unbroken link to recent times. Their examples encourage and strengthen our demonstrations of Christian Science nursing at Peace Haven as well as our Christian Science branch churches and workers.

We are humbly grateful to all of our Peace Haven friends who have supported us and our new building project. We look forward to the time when we can invite the Christian Science community to an Open House and celebrate together. In the meantime, please stay in touch by visiting our website for updates at www.phcsn.org.



THE PRINCIPIA SCHOOL ART TEACHERS
(L TO R) CAITLIN HEIMERL ALLEN
AND LOUISE ELMGREN



A SPECIAL THANK YOU . . .

THE PRINCIPIA SCHOOL'S STUDENT ART WALL

Contributing to the beautiful artwork throughout our facility, students from The Principia School have created an art exhibit in our reception area. This will be a rotating exhibit with new pieces added periodically. Thank you to The Principia art faculty who coordinated this entire project. Our patients and staff are enjoying the artworks, and we are grateful to these students for sharing their talents with us. This display puts smiles on our faces every time we walk past.



JEANNE DUNN

A WELCOME EMBRACE

by Jeanne Dunn,

JOURNAL-LISTED CHRISTIAN SCIENCE NURSE

Paul's words, "For in him we live, and move, and have our being..." (Acts 17:28), describe the transition we experienced at Peace Haven earlier this year. The seamless move from our temporary location at Mason Pointe to the welcoming embrace of our new Peace Haven facility is cause for great gratitude. Family members, volunteers, and Christian Science practitioners all shared in this move giving of their "heart's rich overflow" to settle our patients in their beautiful new space.

How special to share this experience together as each resident crossed the threshold of their new room for the first time, knowing that they were embraced in a comfortable, safe place. Families, friends, and patients have offered glowing comments about the new building and the tangible peace they feel within its walls.

Everyone who comes to Peace Haven feels the blessing that radiates from the hearts of those who work here. Like the Good Samaritan, Christian Science nursing meets each individual where they are, supporting, nourishing, and loving every patient. And in that continuity of care is a guaranteed blessing.

"Working in our wonderful new facility is very special, but what makes it more meaningful is the harmony expressed and the support for one another—Christian Science nurses and staff all working together for good."

(AMY PENNAMON, CHRISTIAN SCIENCE NURSE)



SPIRITUAL RESOURCE LIBRARY



MAIN DINING ROOM



RESIDENT CHRISTIAN SCIENCE NURSES' COMMON AREA

... TO ALL OUR FRIENDS VOLUNTEERS

We had an amazing group of dedicated volunteers help us move into our new facility. As part of the move, local Christian Science branch churches worked together to provide lovely welcome baskets for each patient. Some of the volunteers moved furniture and boxes while others set up rooms. Everyone who helped with the move was such a tremendous blessing. We cherish all who contributed in so many unique and loving ways to support Peace Haven.

VOLUNTEERS HELP
MOVE BOXES IN THE
NEW FACILITY.



(LEFT) A YOUNG VOLUNTEER HELPS
DELIVER WELCOME GIFT BASKETS
FOR THE PATIENTS' ROOMS.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE NURSES TRAINING



BROOKE ENOCH
DIRECTOR OF
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE
NURSES TRAINING

One of the special highlights of Peace Haven's new facility is our Christian Science nurses training classroom. And it's already being put to good use! We just completed our Christian Science Nursing Arts (CSNA) II classroom course work this May. The new training area has classroom space and offers facilities for all the skill activities—even cooking! The training programs are always inspiring. We

regularly witness spiritual growth as our students deepen their understanding of unselfed service and learn how to support healing through Christian Science nursing.

As we continue to move forward this fall, we plan to offer an introductory CSNA I course. If you are thinking about becoming a Christian Science nurse, we are always here to discuss the next steps. Please contact Peace Haven at 314.965.3833, ext. 251, or email brooke@peacehavenassociation.org.

OUR CURRENT CSNA II STUDENTS – "BEING LED BY LOVE"

JULIE BECK – Since finishing the Christian Science Nursing Arts I class in November 2019, I have greatly enjoyed working at Peace Haven. I have grown so much, not only through my own personal spiritual study, but also from inspiration shared with me by other nurses, visiting Christian Science practitioners and lecturers, and also from the wonderful patients with whom I work. I have been looking forward to the CSNA II class, to expand my practical skills and support Christian Science nurses and patients in an even greater capacity.

I'm grateful for the opportunity to be at Peace Haven and be an active participant in promoting the Christian Science movement.

LINDA LUCIANI – Being led by Love, I am blessed to be in my "right place" as I grow in my understanding and appreciation of Christian Science nursing, through the CSNA II course. For me, Christian Science nursing is, as Peace Haven's mission states, "...an active expression of divine Love meeting the human need..." There is no other place I would love to be than in the divine consciousness. Being that transparency of the Christ is most rewarding in meeting the present need of my fellow man with expectant good as they rise in consciousness, express dominion, and discover and realize their real spiritual potential in health and holiness.

LOGAN ARAUJO – I am very grateful to be a Christian Science nurse at Peace Haven. I have been able to see great healings and significant progress since working here. Being able to grow spiritually and individually through the levels of Christian Science nursing is a great opportunity to assist and love our neighbor, and I couldn't have chosen a better way to help others in need. In the CSNA II class, I hope to gain more spiritual understanding and improve my skills to better attend to all the needs on the nursing floor and in

my daily life as well. Studying Christian Science on a daily basis shows me how to demonstrate a higher sense of the Christ. I am grateful for all that I have learned and for all the patients and staff here at Peace Haven.



CHRISTIAN SCIENCE NURSING ARTS II
MAY 2021

INGER HAMILTON – I felt the sweet and gentle presence of Love from the moment I came to work at Peace Haven. I knew this was a higher calling. I could feel Christ throughout my work-days and it would follow me home. I knew then I wanted to become a Christian Science nurse. I love my job and everyone I encounter, be it co-workers or patients. Each and every day, I am able to freely share the joys and wonders of Love.

I am enjoying the CSNA II training, and I thank Mary Baker Eddy for seeing that there was a need for Christian Science nurses.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE NURSING – YOUTH SERVICE CORPS OPPORTUNITY

Peace Haven is partnering with the Christian Science Nursing–Youth Service Corps (CSN-YSC) to host youth (ages: 18-30) interested in growing spiritually and finding ways to serve our movement. Young Christian Scientists can give in creative, meaningful ways by applying their wonderful qualities through Christian Science nursing.

Participants can join us for a full-time or part-time program (with room and board included) and take part in a variety of departments that support the role of the Christian Science Nurse (see *The Manual of the Mother Church*, p. 49). It's an exciting way to express love for others and serve church at the same time!

To learn more visit:

<https://www.comforterscalling.org>



WORKING AT PEACE HAVEN

AN EXTENSION OF OUR CHURCH WORK

No matter what our tasks may be at Peace Haven, our true purpose is to support one another in an atmosphere conducive to healing. We are all committed to beholding man's indestructible relationship with God.

Recently, Joey Yeaple joined our Hospitality staff and commented:



"I chose to work at Peace Haven to continue my practice of Christian Science, to be useful and purposeful, and to express the joy of being a 'servant in the House of the Lord.'"

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

YOU ARE INVITED TO SUPPORT CHRISTIAN SCIENCE NURSING IN OUR COMMUNITY

- Leadership positions are available in our Christian Science Nursing department and Visiting Christian Science Nurse Service
- Mentor for Christian Science nurses training
- Hospitality team member

For more details, please call
314.965.3833

you can also visit our website at
www.peacehavenassociation.org/employment/
or email HR@peacehavenassociation.org.



ENJOYING THE FIRST SIGNS OF SPRING, A PATIENT AND CHRISTIAN SCIENCE NURSE ASSISTANT REFLECT ON ITS BEAUTY.

SAVE THE DATES

Saturday, September 25, 2021



BEVERLY J. GREENLEY

Managing Member of
MGD Law, LLC in St. Louis, Missouri

**Estate Planning Can Save Money,
Time, and Effort for You, Your
Loved Ones, and Favorite Charities.**

Save the date for an informative talk by Beverly J. Greenley, who has decades of experience in the practice of law concentrating in the areas of estate planning, income taxation, estate and gift taxation, and more.

Beverly also serves on charitable organization boards and planned giving committees. Currently, she is a member of Peace Haven's Board of Trustees.

Join us on September 25—more details are coming soon.

Saturday, November 13, 2021

Peace Haven 2021 ANNUAL MEETING

Keynote Speaker: **CAROL WORLEY**

*Director of Christian Science Nurses Training
at Chestnut Hill Benevolent Association*

Please join us this fall!



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BRIAN WEBSTER
DIRECTOR OF
DEVELOPMENT

THE INCREDIBLE POWER OF GIVING

As we rejoice in the completion of our new home and the gratitude expressed by patients and staff alike, we are reminded of the selfless generosity of those who made it possible. The many gifts we received are evidence of the field's love and appreciation for Christian Science nursing. No gift was too small to make a difference. Every gift was carried on the wings of Love to its ultimate destination, and each fulfilled its divine purpose.

Our focus now turns to the long-term sustainability of Peace Haven and the Christian Science nursing that is practiced within this hallowed sanctuary. Planned gifts allow you to help Peace Haven maintain its ability to provide Christian Science nursing for generations to

come. Planned gifts include bequests in yours or a loved-one's will, or naming Peace Haven as a beneficiary in a life insurance policy, retirement account, estate, trust agreement, or annuity.

When should you include a gift in your estate plan? Any time you draft or change your will or estate plan is a good time to consider charitable legacy gifts. Your financial or legal advisor can provide professional guidance related to your specific estate, beneficiaries, income goals, taxes, and other considerations. Peace Haven's website includes wording and information that may be helpful to your advisor.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of Peace Haven and your investment in its future. If you have any questions, please contact: Peace Haven at 314.965.3833, ext. 159, or at brian.webster@peacehavenassociation.org.



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From all of us at Peace Haven

**Thanks to you, we met our
2021 Spring Appeal goal!**

*What a tremendous help your gift
has made to our General Fund*

*and our Wish List. We
greatly appreciate your
support of our Chris-
tian Science nurses and
Peace Haven.*



HOW CAN WE HELP?

If you have questions about Christian Science nursing care for a family member or friend, please contact us and we will be happy to help.

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING AT PEACE HAVEN?

Volunteers are interacting with us via Zoom. You, too, can participate! We seek readers for Sunday and Wednesday Christian Science services, slideshow presentations from your travels, workshops on the Bible, remote concerts, and more. Email your ideas to our Activities and Volunteer Coordinator, at Susan.Clark@peacehavenassociation.org. Thank you!