

The Lamplighter



First Church of Christ, Scientist, Laguna Niguel

JANUARY 2012 CALENDAR

Sunday, January 1, 2, Reading Room Closed
1st. Wednesday, 8:10: Hymn Sing in the Sunday School
2nd. Wednesday: 7 pm: Informal Testimony Meeting;
refreshments served in the Reading Room
Friday, January 13, 7 pm : Bible Study Seminar Concert
Saturday, January 14, 9:30 am – 5 pm: BIBLE STUDY
SEMINAR “Thrive” & 7:30 pm Celebration worship

Sunday, January 15: Willows Annual Mtg
Monday, Jan. 16, RR closed
Thursday, January 19, 7 pm: Quarterly Business Mtg.
Monday, January 23, 9:00 am: RR Staff meeting
2nd. & 4th. Tuesdays , 8 p.m.: Men’s Bible Study in RR
2nd. & 4th. Thursdays, 11:30 am: Bible Study in
Sunday School; bring bag lunch at 1:30
4th. Wednesday, 7 pm: Informal Testimony Meeting

Hymn 218
Christian Science Hymnal

O Life that maketh all things new,
The blooming earth, the thoughts of men;
Our pilgrim feet, wet with Thy dew,
In gladness hither turn again.

From hand to hand the greeting flows,
From eye to eye the signals run,
From ♥ to ♥ the bright hope glows,
The seekers of the Light are one:

One in the freedom of the truth,
One in the joy of paths untrod,
One in the heart's perennial youth,
One in the larger thought of God; —

The freer step, the fuller breath,
The wide horizon's grander view;
The sense of Life that knows no death,
The Life that maketh all things new.

Samuel Longfellow

thrive

What is this???



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**QUARTERLY BUSINESS
MEETING**

**THURSDAY,
JANUARY 19, 2012
7 PM
AUDITORIUM**

BIBLE STUDY SEMINAR!!!!



is the title and theme of the Bible Study Seminar scheduled for our church, Friday and Saturday, January 13 and 14, 2012. The theme is taken from

*My purpose is to give them
a rich and satisfying life.*

John 10:10
New Living Translation

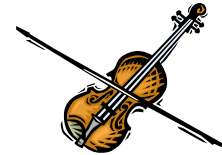
This Bible Study Seminar will be unique in that it will feature two tracks of learning styles. The first will be a traditional lecture presentation. The second will be geared towards those who are in their 20's and 30's and will be run in a discussion mode. Both presentations will be given by experienced Bible Scholar instructors.

It will also be unique in that it will pattern the Church Alive program we experienced in Pasadena last January. There will be a lively Friday night concert featuring a young Christian Scientist who plays the guitar and sings. The Friday concert has been designed to attract as many of the younger crowd as possible for the Saturday seminar program. Then Saturday evening, there will be a celebration worship service which is much more contemporary in nature. This will be led by the Living Love church group.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE



Everyone who attended loved singing the Christmas hymns and carols which were accompanied by organ, piano, and the violin. The singing was interspersed with readings from the Bible and Mrs. Eddy's writings. There were five readers this year.



Junior ushers included two of our Sunday School students, a graduated Sunday School student and her two cousins ! They handed out the programs and three music sheets, as well as handing out the flickering battery tea lights to each members of the congregation as they filed from the pews into the outside aisles to form a big circle to sing "Silent Night."

READING ROOM

The Reading Room's focus for January is "Church." In *Miscellaneous Writings* (p.127; 1-6) Mrs. Eddy said, "Hitherto, I have observed that in proportion as this church has smiled on His 'little ones,' He has blessed her. Throughout my entire connection with The Mother Church, I have seen, that in ratio of her love for others, hath His love been bestowed upon her; watering her waste places, and enlarging her borders." These observations may be expanded to include Branch churches as well.

The Reading Room has been a busy place this past month: 2nd Wednesday Fellowship time, Men's Bible Study twice a month, the reception after the Christmas Hymn Sing, and the Interfaith Council meeting here on December 6th at 7:30 a.m.

READING ROOM, CONTINUED



It is so wonderful to see the Reading Room filled with so many visitors for so many different occasions. The Christ is here to welcome all.

The food barrels will continue to be available for donations until they are picked up the final time on January 6th. The South County Outreach Program is so grateful for all you do to support their food bank.

There were lots of Christmas sales this past month. One reason for this was the release of the most recent biography, *We Knew Mary Baker Eddy, Expanded, Firsthand Accounts, Vol. 1* which contains three expanded reminiscences; four never-before-published reminiscences by Alfred Farlow, Hermann Hering, John Salchow, and Laura Sargent; and biographical information about the authors. These are reported to be "fascinating accounts of commitment, dedication, and steadfast Christianity." The 14 disc audio set of this biography which runs for 16 hours, 10 minutes is also new.



Another new release is the package that includes *What Christmas Means to Me and Other Christmas Messages* in both paperback and audio (compact disc) formats. The CD also includes the poem, *Christ and Christmas*. The approximate playing time is 1 hour.

Two new Christmas greeting cards were also added to the collection of cards showcasing the stained glass windows of The Mother Church.

Your Reading Room is a loving, quiet place to study and pray. Use the Lending Library, research on the Ark computer program, or purchase items available for your collection of Christian Science publications.

Your metaphysical support and presence are lovingly welcome. See you in the New Year!

The next Reading Room Committee meeting will be at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, January 23, 2012.



READING ROOM HOURS

Monday–Friday 10–4, Saturday
10–1, Wednesday evening 6–7
and Sunday 11–noon.

POT OF GOLD



Our community outreach is achieved through your donations to both Christian Science related and public charities.

January–March: Hold Fast Foundation For Paul White's Hold Fast Institute

Paul White is a seasoned Christian Science educator who founded and taught at the Leadership Academy in Canoga Park under the Los Angeles Public School system. This school took in the worst of the urban disadvantaged teenagers who were not succeeding in any area of their lives. Through discipline, sharing, hard work, and love, the students started turning their lives around. Then LA Unified cut charter schools including the Leadership Academy in Canoga Park. Paul now plans to start a private school with the same sort of curriculum and rules for the same type of students through Hold Fast Foundation, a 501.C.3 pending non-profit organization.

MUSIC COMMITTEE

The December 18 Hymn Sing after the service was great with Sunday School students and Hymn Sing regulars performing! Both our organist, Jim Kistler, and pianist, Wendy Manker, accompanied the Christmas hymns and carols! 🎵



Ongoing Heifer International Project

Bring your "CA CASH REFUND" only washed soda cans and plastic water bottles without caps into the Reading Room kitchen collection container.



**PLEASE EMPTY
EVERYTHING
AND RINSE!!!!**

**NO
BOTTLE CAPS OR LIDS, FOOD CANS, GLASS FOOD JARS!**

DECK PROJECT

As most of you have watched, the deck project between the Sunday School sidewalk and the parking lot has been shaping into the long desired project!!!! When you drive



up, look at it, and what is your thought? For many, it has been: "It looks like it's always been there!" This is so exciting! The deck will

give us more room to converse, hold Sunday School classes, Vacation Bible School crafts, and for fellowship at our many events.

During the school holidays Sunday School students Austin and Evan Cooling were seen on the job site; this was not easy work!

CLASSIFIED ADS

- WANTED: One church newsletter editor! Contact the Clerk.

Each succeeding year unfolds wisdom, beauty, and holiness.

Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy 246: 25

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