

THE CHAUTAUQUA CHRISTIAN SCIENCE HOUSE AND STUDY ROOM

April 5, 2024

Dear Chautauqua Friends,

“Today hath need of thee” is a familiar line from hymn number 6 in our Christian Science Hymnal. For over 100 years, Christian Scientists have been active on the grounds of the vibrant Chautauqua Institution Community, which is celebrating its 150th anniversary this year. **Thanks to your generous support** those important Christian Science activities continue today.

We are deep into preparations for our programs this summer and thrilled to share our progress.

Website

Please visit our new website - **ChristianScienceChautauqua.com**. - which contains helpful information for visitors and volunteers alike. We hope you’ll enjoy perusing the beautiful photos of Chautauqua along with inspiring quotes.

Volunteer Staffing

In the upper right-hand corner of our new website, you’ll find a tab for “volunteer login.” If you’re interested in helping to staff the Christian Science House, please click on that tab where you’ll find the volunteer application. You will be prompted for both:

Username or email: **volunteer**

Password: **love**

We are delighted that due to strong interest, all the slots for 2024 have been filled. In 2025, we will fill all staffing positions based on the online volunteer application process. We are excited to welcome many new volunteers for this summer as we strive to introduce Chautauqua to an ever-broader cross section of the Christian Science community, and vice versa.

Lecture and Inspirational Talks

We are happy to share that **Nicole Virgil, CS, of Elmhurst, Illinois**, a member of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship, will be giving her talk entitled “Be Set Free” on **Sunday, June 30th**. The lecture will be co-sponsored by the Christian Science Church in Jamestown, New York, and the Department of Religion at Chautauqua. The lecture will be a perfect fit for Chautauqua’s weekly theme of “Religion’s Intersections: Interdisciplinary Imagination with Science, Technology and AI.” Please visit our website for further details.

In addition to our lecture, we are also pleased to be hosting two inspirational speakers. **Madelon Maupin**, a Bible scholar and founder of BibleRoads, a Biblical education company for spiritual speakers, will be giving a talk entitled “Radical Hospitality: Doors Wide Open Biblical Style” on **Thursday, July 18th**. **Chaplain Colonel Janet Y. Horton (retired)**, the

first woman to enter the military chaplaincy as a Christian Scientist and the first woman promoted to Colonel in the Army Chaplain Corps, will be giving a talk entitled “The Birth of a New Idea” on **Thursday, August 15th**. Again, please visit our website for further details on these talks.

Renovations

The House and Chapel have never looked better, but we are facing some major deferred maintenance expenses including:

- New signage on the corner of the property (\$5,000)
- Winter curtains for the House and Chapel (\$7,000)
- Upgrades to the electrical panels (\$8,000)

These are essential improvements to our grounds, and we are carefully researching the most cost-effective way to accomplish them.

Annual Appeal

None of our recent progress would have been possible without your generous support. And we hope that our demonstrated momentum will inspire you to give again to help us meet our future renovation costs, and the expenses of our lecture and inspirational talks.

Your help today will allow us to fortify our Home and Chapel to best be able to share Christian Science with the over 100,000 visitors who will come to Chautauqua this summer.

Yes, indeed, “today have need of thee!”

With much love,

The Board of Directors: Carol Arnold, Cindy Baird, Rick Knowles, Sally Logan, Dennis Marunde and Helane Roberts

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