

THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE HOUSE AND STUDY ROOM

November 10, 2024

Dear Chautauqua Friends,

We are thrilled to share with you the bountiful blessings we experienced at Chautauqua this past summer, including welcoming over 120 visitors to the Christian Science House and Study Room, and over 100 visitors to our Sunday services and Wednesday testimony meetings. **It is supporters like you who allow us to open our doors each summer** and fulfill our mission of maintaining an active, uplifting, healing presence in the Chautauqua community. We can't thank you enough for your financial and metaphysical support!

While we are so grateful for a successful 2024 summer season, we are also gearing up for next summer and some major deferred maintenance projects including upgrades to the electrical panels and repairs to the front porch. As such, we are thrilled to share that a **generous donor has agreed to match every dollar you give now through the end of the year up to \$25,000.** This is a wonderful opportunity to double your impact!

With our mission in mind, we know you will rejoice with us as we mention just a few examples of the summer's successes:

[Lecture and Inspirational Talks](#)

We are continuing our sponsorship of live lectures and inspirational talks by Christian Scientists. Our lecture was given by **Nicole Virgil, CS, of Elmhurst, Illinois**, a member of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship. Nicole's talk, "Be Set Free", resonated with all in attendance as Nicole shared examples of finding God-given liberty in her own life. Her talk was co-sponsored by the Christian Science Church in Jamestown, New York, and the Department of Religion at Chautauqua.

We also sponsored an inspirational talk by **Madelon Maupin of Scottsdale, Arizona**. Madelon's talk was entitled "Radical Hospitality: Doors Wide Open Biblical Style." Madelon included the Bible quote "**Enlarge the place of thy tent,**" (Is. 54:2) in reference to our own expression of hospitality, which fit perfectly with our mission of engaging with the community by sharing Christianly Scientific perspectives to benefit all. Madelon was one of our hostesses for the week and several of the friends she made during her stay attended her talk.

[Staffing and Website](#)

We again substantially expanded our pool of volunteers to include many who were experiencing Chautauqua for the first time and from a larger geographic area. We added a zoom orientation meeting for our volunteers to better respond to questions, and a zoom debrief meeting to receive helpful feedback. We are grateful to our wonderful summer staff (both experienced and new), who conducted our services, welcomed visitors to our Study Room, and participated in the interfaith activities.

Please visit our website at **Christiansciencechautauqua.com**. where you can apply for a summer staff volunteer position for next summer. All applications should be submitted by January 31st, 2025. On the website, you can indicate the weeks that you are available. We also added a volunteer week for the week prior to the official Chautauqua season and the week after for those who may be interested in helping us open and close the Chautauqua House. Volunteers will be advised in February of their assignments. For those wishing to volunteer to serve, the application form may be accessed using the “Volunteer Login” in the upper right corner of our website. The **username or email is “volunteer”**, and the **password is “love”**. While on our website, please send your email addresses to TreasurerCSHouse@gmail.com as we are working on updating our contact list. Finally, please share our website with any friends who may also be interested in serving.

Renovations

Thanks to your generous donations, we were able to purchase canvas winter curtains for the house (which are affixed to the outside of the House and Chapel), two dehumidifiers, and a new A-frame sign for our lecture and church services. There is always more to do but the House and Chapel are ever more inviting.

Fruitage

Here are just a few of the metaphysical needs our staff met last summer: a man stopped by the Study Room and asked for someone to pray with him; a chorus member came to the Study Room with questions about healing as she was trying to overcome a cold before her next performance; a woman who grew up in Christian Science wanted to get reacquainted with it; and another whose father is a Christian Scientist living in Belgium was grateful for a Journal with Belgium resources highlighted. In addition to attendance at many of our services by those who were new to Science, we also had visitors at our Tuesday socials who were curious about Christian Science. One week our staff stapled short quotes from the lesson on each paper dessert plate before serving them and reported much lively conversation as a result.

None of this progress would have been possible without your generous support. We hope you will be inspired to help us continue to **“enlarge our tent”** with a gift of any size. Your donation will support our on-going maintenance projects and our 2025 lecture expenses – and will be doubled through year end! Donations may be made on our website which provides for payments with PayPal, Venmo, Credit card or Debit card. Checks, payable to Christian Science House, may also be mailed to:

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With much love and gratitude,
The Christian Science Executive Committee at Chautauqua

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