

Winter at Wayside

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Christmas

"The star that looked lovingly down on the manger of our Lord, lends its resplendent light to this hour:



WINTER BLESSINGS

As we watch another year rapidly coming to a close, we look back and are filled with gratitude for all of the blessings we have witnessed here at Wayside House over the past months. These blessings include many healings, both for staff and patients, revitalization of unused spaces, updating our physical surroundings, and increasing our resources. As we look forward, we expect wonderful opportunities for progress ahead. We hope you will continue to be part of our Wayside family, as we move joyfully into a new year filled with possibilities.



OUR DOOR IS ALWAYS OPEN

We warmly welcome you and your friends and family to visit Wayside for Spiritual Renewal. For those who are relying on prayer and are working with a Christian Science Practitioner, come and let our dedicated Christian Science nurses look after you while you experience healing.

If you would like to consider Wayside House as your next home, we have rooms available for long-term Christian Science Care. Call us today. We would love to hear from you. 250-598-4521 ext. 4 to ask for your information package.



From all of us at Wayside House, we wish you a beautiful and joy-filled Christmas!

OUR GRATITUDE

We wish to acknowledge our dedicated support staff beginning with our talented kitchen manager, April Muckersie, and her kitchen helpers. These ladies not only help in the kitchen, but they also keep Wayside clean and shiny: Janine Wolfe, Natalie Therrien, Neelima Admireddy and Linda Wilfur. Appreciation also goes to Christine Kirchner who enthusiastically works with our CS Care folks to enrich their experience here, and Heather Cantelon who keeps the books in excellent order. Hats off to you ladies for your hard work!

Our expression of gratitude also extends to our 2024 Board of Directors, Justin Marples, Linda Adams, Sally Allan, Carol Burbee, and Eurilda Larsen. Your leadership and support has been invaluable. We thank our departing members, Sally Allan and Carole Burbee, as we look forward to working with new Board members in the upcoming year. *Thank you all!*

"To the amazing staff at Wayside. We are so grateful for the care, support, laughs, prayers, & love you have shared with our dear mother. You will forever hold a very dear place in our hearts. Thank you". Family of a patient

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE NURSING ACTIVITY

As we work to fulfill our healing mission, we have many opportunities to get closer to God, and to prayerfully meet any challenge that comes up to be handled. We are so grateful for our Christian Science staff nurses; Marcia ten Holder, Caroline Holm, Faye Winchester, and Bonnie Woodard for their willingness to step up to meet each need of the moment, with efficiency, cheerfulness, love, and faith while consistently holding to the expectation of full and complete Christian Science healing.

As staffing continues to be one of our main challenges, we wish to acknowledge the many contract Christian Science Nurses who have come to give us a loving hand this year; Lily Gwalt from Wales, and Sherry Abdelnour, Bethany Vlastic, and Lainey Scott, all from the USA. We also want to acknowledge Dean Wolfe, and our Canadian Christian Science nurses in training: Sandy Dawyduk and Luc-Anne Salm, who have expressed great love for Wayside House, by coming on short notice to help us, and to receive mentoring.

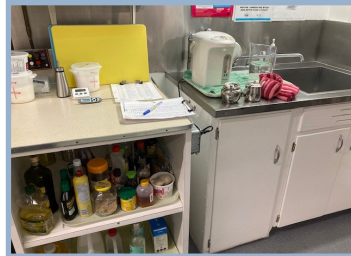
In a further effort to meet our staffing requirements and the need worldwide for qualified Christian Science Nurses, we are planning on offering a Level one Christian Science Nurse training course early in the new year. If you know someone who is ready to answer the call to serve and start a new rewarding career, please reach out to Chris, at 250-598-4521 ext. 4 about this opportunity. Funding may be available.

*the light of Truth,
to cheer, guide, and
bless man as he
reaches forth for the
infant idea of divine
perfection*



SIGNS OF PROGRESS

Early this year we undertook the conversion of underutilized rooms in the lower level turning them into staff accommodation. We now have five staff members living on site, and have a suite for visiting CSN's. In addition, the final phase to our main kitchen upgrades have



Before reno

This fall, funds for our driveway repaving project were generously provided by several individual donors and by the Christian Science Society of Scarborough

recently been completed. We are so grateful for the support we received from our funder to complete this work. Our cooks are loving the modern and efficient space.



After Reno

and the Nelson Balfour Christian Science Society. Check out our website for more before and after photos. *Thank you!*



WAYSIDE ACTIVITIES

Scrabble Tournament

We held our first ever (but not last) Wayside House Scrabble Tournament Extravaganza on Friday Nov. 22. It was a fun event enhanced by the competitors' generous spirits. Players consisted of both Christian Science Care residents, and invited guests, all vying for the various prizes-some serious-some silly. At the end of the day, Loni Bowers emerged as the "Queen of



Scrabble"-winning hands down in all events-hence the crown and scepter. Thank you -once again-April for the tasty treats! And a big "thank you goes to JJ and Joy for creating our special "Scrabble banner". Stay tuned for our next tournament!



*dawning upon human
imperfection, - that
calms man's fear, bears
his burdens, beckons
him on to Truth and
Love*

Christmas Sing-along



Thank you to Denise Withnell and Bob deWolff for the lively entertainment they provided at our recent Christmas Singalong. The terrific group of enthusiastic singers had a wonderful time!





OUR WISH LIST

Over the past two years we have focused on renovation projects, as significant maintenance and upgrades were needed to the building and property. In 2025, our focus will be on operations. With an annual budget of well over a million dollars, operating funds are always needed, so please consider us in your planned giving this coming year. For your convenience, we now accept etransfers, wire transfers, Paypal, Canada Helps, credit card donations, and you may conveniently donate through our website.

Our gratitude goes out to First Church Calgary and the Kelowna Christian Science Society for their very significant continued support. In addition, we would like to thank the Christian Science Societies of Duncan, Penticton, Kamloops, Halifax, Thunder Bay, Red Deer, London, and the Victoria, West Vancouver and Edmonton churches for their financial support this year.

Contact our office if you wish to discuss giving opportunities, or indicate you would like a call back on your enclosed donation slip. We are most grateful to all those who are contributing regularly, enabling us to witness our ongoing progress. *Thank you.*

ABOUT US

Our mission: "To support the healing mission of Christian Science by:

- ◆ Providing Christian Science nursing care for individuals relying on God for Spiritual Healing.
- ◆ Supporting and nurturing the office of the Christian Science nurse as set forth in the Church manual of The First Church of Christ, Scientist in Boston, Massachusetts, by Mary Baker Eddy.
- ◆ Providing an atmosphere of spiritual renewal for any student of Christian Science."

Wayside House has been accredited by the Commission for Accreditation of Christian Science Nursing Organization/Facilities, Inc, and is a member of the Association Organizations for Christian Science Nursing.

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*and the sweet
immunity these bring
from sin, sickness, and
death."*

*By Mary Baker Eddy
Misc. p 320 9-16*

