

UPDATE

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST, IN OTTAWA

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NEW READERS

At a meeting on November 7th the church members elected new readers, whose term will be starting January 1st, 2006. Our new First Reader will be **Barbara Waite**, and our new Second Reader will be **Bev Reynolds**. We are all sincerely grateful to those willing to stand and our gratitude to Dorothy and Hennie, who have served so faithfully for the last three years, is impossible to express in a few words.

Much love from us all.

BIBLE LESSON VISION TV PROGRAM

is no longer being broadcast on Saturday night, but weekly on Sunday afternoon, at 3:00 p.m. Our Church has forwarded a financial contribution to support this Christian Science outreach activity, which is reaching an enormous number of people across Canada.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE VISITING NURSE SERVICE

Our Visiting Nurse, Barbara Waite is back in town. She is on call, for anyone who needs her, at **612-9859**.

In Remembrance

*For those who knew BILL COLVIN.
He passed away in July of this year.*

CHRISTMAS CAROL SING

We are inviting our community to participate in a carol sing on Saturday, December 10th, to be held in the church auditorium between 5 and 6 p.m. In addition our organist will feature a few pieces which show off our Casavant organ.

Please share this invitation widely, as well as with family and friends. In bringing the church community together, please remember to include the children.

Food donations for the Centretown Emergency Food Centre are welcomed.

LOCAL LITERATURE DISTRIBUTION

Our Literature Distribution Committee could use more current copies of *The Sentinel* and the *Weekly Christian Science Monitor* to enhance its work.

READING ROOM

Come and join our morning read of the Bible Lesson at 10:30 each day. Also on the 3rd Friday of each month join us in the reading of *Science and Health*.

We have new tapes and periodicals coming in for Christmas. Starting the first of December the Reading Room will have a basket of gift ideas for giving or receiving at Christmas. **Please come in for a visit and spiritual nourishment during the Christmas season.**

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The Bible Study Group meets at 10 a.m. on the last Saturday of the month in the Sunday School room. Doors open at 9:45.

The convenors would like to know if this is the best time for those interested in attending. Any change would take place in January.

Our new project is a set of three audio tapes discussing Psalms 23, 91, 139. The Lecturer is Caryl Krueger of Escondido, California. The tapes are made available courtesy of Gwen McClean.

Coming up:

January 28—A New Beginning—Psalm 139

The audio presentation will be followed by a discussion, the whole program lasting about 1½ hours.

Everyone is welcome.

If you currently attend or would be interested in attending, please contact Marian Power at 237-8816 or Bev Reynolds at 824-6013 for further information.

POINTS OF INTEREST

- **TO HELP EVERYONE HEAR**—The microphone used by the congregation at Wednesday Testimony Meetings works best when held close to your mouth and directed towards your mouth—like an ice cream cone you are about to eat. Please speak slowly and distinctly. You have something worthwhile to say and everyone wants to hear it. Those needing Listening Devices at any service are reminded to ask an Usher and to try to get to the service early enough so that an Usher can help to get the device properly fitted.
- **WORDS of THE WEEKLY SOLO** will be found posted on the upper foyer bulletin board.
- **BOOKS FOR ALL**—We receive generous book donations of interest to students of Christian Science. These books are on a table in the Sunday School on the Lewis Street side labeled “Used Book Table”. Please help yourself!
- For current advertisers in The Christian Science Monitor see the bulletin board beside the mailboxes.
- **NEXT LONGFIELDS MANOR SERVICE**—Thursday, December 22 at 2 p.m.

OUTREACH TO AFRICA

First Church, HARARE. ZIMBABWE

Some of our members have been sending packages of used books and periodicals to help stock their Reading Room. Here is something from a recent letter from the Clerk of First Church, Harare:

“Once more, on behalf of the Executive Board and members, I write to express our deep gratitude to you for your kind donation of the equivalent of \$Zim. 1M. This gift and your continued interest and generosity—in sending parcels of literature, books and other items is greatly appreciated.

“You will be glad to hear that the fruitful activity, in the Reading Room especially, is continuing with more enquiries, sales and lending of Science and Healths, purchase of literature and other items, provision

of used literature. Some come in ‘to find more about God.’”

“Grateful thanks, especially from the Librarian, for the timely and welcome seven parcels of literature.

“Membership and enquiries about membership is also increasing.

‘The individual who loves most, does most.’ (Mary Baker Eddy, Message 1901)

“With loving good wishes for continual blessings to you and yours.

Margaret B. Clark, Clerk.

P.S. Grateful thanks for latest parcel of Bibles, Science and Healths, Children’s books, very welcome.”

As we can see, anything we can send that can be labeled: “Used Literature, no commercial value” (they have to pay high duties on anything new), is vital to the progress of the cause of Christian Science in southern Africa.