# **December Newsletter**

# First Church of Christ, Scientist

1309 Guadalupe Street, Austin, Texas 78701

#### Monthly Calendar

Thursday, December 8 @ 7 PM December Board Meeting

Sunday, December 11 @ 2 PM Christmas Lecture by Lisa Troseth, hosted at First Church, Austin

Monday, December 12 @ 7:30 PM Bible Study via Zoom

Sunday, December 18 after church Christmas Hymn Sing You're welcome to bring Christmas cookies to share!

Sunday, December 25 Merry Christmas! Come celebrate together in church

## **Gift Donations for Safe Alliance**

In this season of giving, the Sunday School is collecting toys and necessities for <u>Safe</u> <u>Alliance</u>'s shelter for women and children. Please pick up angels from the hallway and **bring your donated gifts to the Sunday School by Sunday, December 18th**. No wrapping needed.



# Sharing through iACT

The Reading Room sponsored a resource table at the iACT Day of Thanks on November 20th hosted by St. Matthew's Episcopal Church. Fifteen people came to the table to pick up free literature and ask questions. Four of them mentioned how



much they had enjoyed attending our church service in the Passport Program with iACT in 2018. Four copies of *Science & Health* were given out.

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Sunday Service at 11 AM ~ Wednesday Testimony Meetings at Noon & 7:30 PM ~ In person and via Zoom

### The Reading Room

7739 Northcross Drive Austin, Texas 78757

Join us for Story Time on Thursday, December 8th at 10 AM.

The Reading Room will be closed December 26th - 30th for the holidays.

Join us for Bible Study December 12th at 7:30 pm on Zoom. See our church website for details.

A reminder for your shopping convenience - the Reading Room is open Saturday, December 10th from 10 am - 2 pm.

We have books that serve for a lifetime! Give the gift that keeps on giving!

Christmas Special - Blue Metallic Bible (Hb), S&H (Hb), Manual (pb) & Prose Works (pb) set \$125. Blue Metallic Bible (pb) and S&H (spiral) \$40.



#### The Gentle Beam

"Christmas Morn" by Mary Baker Eddy

Blest Christmas morn, though murky clouds / Pursue thy way, / Thy light was born where storm enshrouds / Nor dawn nor day!

Dear Christ, forever here and near, / No cradle song, / No natal hour and mother's tear, / To thee belong.

Thou God-idea, Life-encrowned, / The Bethlehem babe— / Beloved, replete, by flesh embound— / Was but thy shade!

Thou gentle beam of living Love, / And deathless Life! / Truth infinite,—so far above / All mortal strife,

Or cruel creed, or earth-born taint: / Fill us today / With all thou art—be thou our saint, / Our stay, alway.



Supporting family unity at Christmas ARTICLES The advent of Christ and childlikeness Church's healing outreach

Our testimony! An article in the December Christian Science Journal shares the story of moving our Reading Room in the section "Of Good Report."

<u>Here is the link</u> to read it online.



#### On the Phone & Web

Can't come in person?

Attend our services via Zoom or phone at 346-248-7799 ID: 304-412-1309 # #

SUNDAY SERVICE: 11 AM WEDNESDAY MEETINGS: NOON & 7:30 pm

Childcare is available at all of our services





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