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CONSTRUCTION UP-DATE

If the Lord build not the house
They that labor build in vain;
Father, may our corner stone
Stand foursquare, without a stain.

Hymn 141 Maria Louise Baum

Construction in the north woods of Wisconsin in mid winter is not for the faint hearted, and our construction crew is everything but faint hearted. The workmen have been busy even in the coldest weather and what a warm feeling we have to see the progress being made on our daily visits to the church. We were fortunate to have a few days of good weather during mid

December so we could proceed with the excavation and concrete work.

The cold then returned, but it did not inhibit steel being placed, deck being put down, walls and sheeting going up, and trusses being installed. The log entry is now in place and we can't help anticipating the coming of our summer time guests walking through the new entry and foyer.

One of our members, Rick Korinek, graciously provided the electrical

contractor with a complete lay out for all of the electrical requirements and fixture placement. The husband of another member, Harold Folz, has been at the site almost every day generously sharing his in depth knowledge of construction as well as contributing his welcomed labor in many areas. We are so blessed!

The roof should be on by next week and interior mechanical work well underway. The carpenters built a temporary ramp for us so we could continue having our regular services on Sunday and Wednesday. We never approach the job site without a warm greeting from the men at work. Now THAT is really neat!

We are truly amazed (but really shouldn't be) at the contributions that have been coming in. If you would like to contribute, we would be most grateful. You may send your contributions to : First Church of Christ, Scientist, Woodruff/Minocqua, P.O. Box 278, Woodruff, We 54568.

A STORY FROM THE YOUNG

A little email story going around that illustrates the simplicity of Truth.

“A Sunday School teacher decided to have her young class memorize one of the most comforting passages in the Bible, Psalms

23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the six verses. Little Ricky was excited about the task, but he was having trouble learning the whole Psalm. After much practice, he could barely get past the first line.

On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, Ricky was no longer nervous. When it was his time, he stepped up to the microphone and said with conviction ‘The Lord is my Shepherd, and that’s all I need to know.’”

OUR NEW WEBSITE

We are very excited about starting up our newly updated website. In addition to the many links to our Reading Room, The Mother Church, spirituality.com, the MBE library, Quarterly Log, News and Events, with updates of the progress of our new building with pictures. and an email address where you may write to us with questions and comments. We hope that you’ll all enjoy this. Our website name is www.csswm.com. It can also be found in the “search” window, Christian Science Wisconsin.

LAST FALL’S LECTURE

Our membership may be small, but when we go to work as a team, we get a lot done. This was beautifully evident when we all became an ad hoc lecture committee. Following guidelines given by our lecturer, Elise Moore titled: God is Speaking to You, publicity, advertising, location, effective

Reading Room displays, hospitality, all fed into a harmonious, productive, healing event. The outcome was a good turnout, including several attendees new to Christian Science. Reactions and comments by our visitors were touching and uplifting and ripple effects continue to appear.

We are looking forward to our next lecture and welcoming you.

FIDELITY

Recently, I was impressed by the word “fidelity” and our Leaders use of the word. I felt that I knew the meaning, but went to Webster's Dictionary for further enlightenment. “Fidelity”, a faithful devotion to duty or to ones obligations or vows: Loyalty; faithfulness“. I found only one reference in the Bible. In Paul’s letter to Titus, where he admonishes to show all good fidelity.

Mrs. Eddy uses “fidelity” 8 times in Science and Health and on page 95 she tells us that “our fidelity to Truth and Love... helps us to heal”. On page 449, she promises “that in proportion to our honesty and fidelity we will find success in Science.”

In Prose Works, she uses the word “fidelity” 18 times, so I determined that she thought the meaning of this word very important.

In her article entitled “Fidelity” which is found in Miscellaneous Writings, she wrote: “Fidelity finds its reward and its strength in exalted purpose, seeking is not sufficient whereby to arrive at the results of

Science, you must strive; and the glory of the strife comes of honesty and humility.”

I felt as if I was having a quiet visit with our Leader and she admonished me to “purify my thought, then to put my thoughts into words and my words into deeds.” Reminding me that “fidelity finds its reward and its strength in exalted purpose.”

I am grateful for my quiet visit with Mrs. Eddy and have determined to renew my vows of devotion to God, to be a faithful and loyal worker. I expect “success.”

Ginny Whitney

OUR NEW NAME

We are no longer Christian Science Society, and are happy to announce our new name First Church of Christ Scientist, Woodruff/Minocqua. You will now be able to find us in the Christian Science Journal