

## Resident Spotlight

Joseph Francis Snodgrass was born on June 6, 1947, in Cincinnati, Ohio, to Ralph and Colette Snodgrass. Joe was the oldest of 4 children, followed by Tom, Ginny, and Barbara. One of the things Joe especially enjoyed as a child was watching TV. His favorite shows were The Man from Uncle, Anything for Money, and The Adventures of Superman. Joe really liked watching Superman. He still remembers the day it was announced that George Reeves (the actor who played Superman) died.

When Joe was 6, his family moved to Evendale, and Joe began attending Lasalle School. Gym was the fun part of school for Joe, except for the showers. When gym class was outside, the students had to climb back up the hill, run through the parking lot and back to the gym, and then wait their turns for the shower. Then, of course, they still had to try to make it to class in time.

Birthday parties were especially fun for Joe. They always took place at his aunt's house, and she always made them special. Christmas was also special to him. Joe remembers one particular Christmas when he got a football. It was his favorite gift. Every summer the family took a trip to Mason, Michigan, to visit Joe's grandma. He remembers each first day of school, when the teacher would ask the students what they did over summer break, Joe always wrote that they visited their grandma in Michigan.

After high school, Joe worked for the Fuller Brush Man. His job was to pass out pamphlets door to door. Later Joe began working with his father at the John Vahrs Stamping Company. Joe's job was to run the punch press. He worked there for several years and then began working for Goodwill, where he continues as an employee; he has been a Goodwill employee for over 30 years!

Anyone who knows Joe knows how much he loves music. Growing up, his father listened to WSAI radio. At the time, this station played songs that had no lyrics, only music. Joe began listening instead to the new music of the day, especially music from the 50s and 60s. His father felt that this was not good music. Joe said he would love to talk to his father today and tell him, "If you think the music I listened to was bad, you should hear what they are playing today on the radio...ha ha ha."

Some of Joe's other interests include painting, volunteering, and baseball. Joe is very knowledgeable of pop trivia, and can tell you the name, lyrics, and artist of most of the songs of his youth. If you ever want to challenge your music or TV brain, go see Joe; he will put you up to the challenge.

Joe came to the Christian Village in March of 2014. Joe's enjoyed living here, being a part of the activities, and working at Goodwill.



## Hope in Trials

By Shannon Bryant

It is hard to believe that it has been nearly a year since the pandemic began and the world seemed to come to a screeching halt. Our lives have been forever altered by a simple virus. If you would look back with me for just a moment, let us take a look at last March. We were just coming out of a mild winter. The election was just starting to take shape. The anticipation of spring and summer were just beginning to buzz within us as we thought about all the good weather and events that accompany those times in the year. How quickly all of that went away as we were thrust into a new unknown. We have all experienced a wide variety of emotions. Many of those emotions have little to do with joy and hope, but I would like to extend some hope to you today.

We will find hope today by looking back and then looking ahead. Spring is just around the corner. The cold dreary days of winter are fading and will soon be replaced with the cool vibrant days of spring. As the deadness of winter is washed away with the budding life of new leaves, flowers, and life of this world, it brings with it a sense of new beginnings and restoration. God has given us the seasons to echo what is happening in our own lives. He demonstrates this to us in the greatest moment in history. Look back beyond last year to the beginning of Easter. God in his most gracious state gave us His Son, Jesus, to atone for us. Jesus gave his life on the cross and rose again to defeat death and to give us hope and a future. Spring is a reminder that all things will pass and be made new again. It is a shadow of what Jesus has done for us in our own lives by giving us new birth through His death and resurrection. It gives us strength amid trials and struggles to know that what we are facing right now is only temporary. We find this strength by looking to the future to know that God has not only resurrected His Son, but he will restore us as well. Revelation 21:5: "Look, I am making everything new." He also said, "Write because these words are faithful and true." We find hope in this future promise to know that what ails us in this world will pass one day, and all the suffering we have endured will be a footnote in history and will be nothing compared to the glory that awaits those who repent and trust in Jesus.

I do not know what the rest of the year may hold for us, but I do know that if we look in the right places, we will find new strength and joy through Jesus. Let us not be dismayed by the trials around us but be renewed by the Spirit as he encourages us to love one another through these difficult times.



## Old-Fashioned Carrot Cake

### Ingredients

4 large eggs  
2 cups sugar  
2 cups all-purpose flour  
2-3 tsp cinnamon  
3/4 tsp baking soda

1/2 teaspoon baking powder  
1/4 tsp salt  
1 cup canola oil  
1/4 tsp ground nutmeg  
2 cups grated carrots

### Frosting

1/2 cup butter, softened  
3 oz cream cheese, softened  
1 tsp vanilla extract  
1-3 tbsp 2% milk  
3-3/4 cups confectionate sugar  
1 cup chopped walnuts, optional



In a large bowl, combine the eggs, sugar and oil. Combine the flour, cinnamon, baking soda, baking powder, salt and nutmeg; beat into egg mixture. Stir in carrots.

Pour into two greased and floured 9-in. round baking pans. Bake at 350° for 35-40 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool for 10 minutes before removing from pans to wire racks to cool completely.

For frosting, in another large bowl, cream butter and cream cheese until light and fluffy. Beat in vanilla. Gradually beat in confectioners' sugar. Add enough milk to achieve desired spreading consistency. Reserve 1/2 cup frosting for decorating if desired. If desired, stir walnuts into remaining frosting.

Spread frosting between layers and over top and sides of cake. If decorating the cake, tint 1/4 cup reserved frosting orange and 1/4 cup green. Cut a small hole in the corner of pastry or plastic bag; insert #7 round pastry tip. Fill the bag with orange frosting. Pipe twelve carrots on top of cake, so each slice will have a carrot. Using #67 leaf pastry tip and the green frosting, pipe a leaf at the top of each carrot. Store cake in the refrigerator.

## Awkward Moments Day

Many won't be looking forward to March 18, Awkward Moments Day. The day exists to remind us that no one is perfect and we all suffer embarrassments. Embarrassment is the result of self-focus. When we do something wrong—call someone by the wrong name—we tend to focus only on our transgression. We suffer from what researchers call “empathy neglect.” We are so embarrassed that we forget that others are kind and sympathetic to us. Of course, if someone else made a mistake, we would not shame them. Today, don't feel awkward, but feel empathy instead.

## Don't Be Embarrassed!

Below are some embarrassing scenarios. Rate them in the order of what you think are the most to least embarrassing.

- Call someone the wrong name.
- Laugh while drinking and have liquid come out of your nose.
- Wave back at someone who isn't waving at you.
- Get caught checking yourself out in a store window or mirror.
- Suddenly realize that you've been singing out loud in public.

# Celebrations & Birthdays



## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

This information is for  
The Christian Village at  
Mt Healthy residents.

## Upcoming Events

### Mini Mart

March 5th 1:30-2:30pm and March 19th 1:30-2:30pm in the RCC.

### Are You Smarter than a 5th Grader?

Test your knowledge and join us on Channel 3 at 10am on March 12th.

### St. Patrick's Day Party

Celebrate with us on March 17th in the RCC/Chapel at 2pm.

### Jeopardy

Catch a game of Jeopardy on Channel 3 at 10am, March 26th.

### Root Beer Floats

Depending on the weather, join us outside for root beer floats at 2pm on March 30th.

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## SPECIAL DAYS

**Daylight Saving Time**

March 14

**First Day of Spring**

March 20

**St. Patrick's Day**

March 17

**March Madness**

March 16

**Palm Sunday**

March 28



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