



## April Fun Facts



**Animal - Cat**

The domestic cat, often referred to as a house cat, is part of the feline family, Felidae. Cats share over 95% of the DNA with Tigers. They first became pets in ancient Egypt around 7500 BC.

Today, the world is home to over 500 million domestic cats. These carnivorous mammals sleep an average of 12 to 16 hours a day, can run up to 30 miles per hour, and live on a diet of small critters, such as birds, rats, and mice- unless they are eating a bowl of cat food.

Cats are known for being feisty, independent, and landing on their feet- hence the belief that they have nine lives, which explains why they symbolize rebirth. Black cats are thought to be magical and/or bad luck, while legend has it that white cats bring good fortune.



**Flower - Daisy**

April's flower is the daisy, one of the oldest and best-known English flowers. It retains its Anglo-Saxon name, "days eye," because of its appearance and the fact that it closes according to the amount of available sunshine. According to legend, the first daisy appeared when a young nymph turned herself into one to avoid unwanted attention. Thus, the flower has come to symbolize modesty, chastity, and innocence. The daisy is also used to tell if "he loves me" or loves me not" by pulling off the petals one-by-one.



**Birthstone - Diamond**

The birthstone for April is the diamond. For centuries, this stone has signified romance, intrigue, power, greed and magic. In the Middle Ages, it was used to cure headaches and to create love potions. Today, it symbolizes everlasting love. Formed nearly 100 miles beneath Earth's surface in temperatures that exceed 2700 degrees Fahrenheit, the diamond is the world's hardest naturally occurring substance. It is also the purest of all gemstones, composed completely from crystallized carbon. Its name comes from the Greek word adamas, which means "unconquerable."

# Birthdays, Celebrations and Updates



## April Birthdays

This information is for  
Christian Village at Mason residents.



## Grocery Pickups

Please turn in one list per week into the Front Desk (4 or 5 items). Due to increased number of lists submitted each week and limited staff, you may not get your groceries until Friday. We will try to accommodate you in a timely manner. **Please give list and money to the Front Desk or call Transportation at (513) 703-3415.**



## CVM Transportation

Transportation services are available to all CVM residents. Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Concierge Cards - \$25 for 12 round trips**  
For errand (non-medical) trips within 5 miles.

### Appointments by Mile or Hour

For medical appointments or other trips that would not qualify as a concierge trip.

- \$2.00/mile from drop-off and pick-up
- \$30/hour for the driver to stay with you

### Scheduling Transportation

Call 701-3415 to schedule an appointment

## RESIDENT UPDATES

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## April Anniversaries

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If we have missed your birthday or anniversary or have the wrong date, please call the Front Desk at **(513) 398-1486**.

# Chaplain's Corner

BY CHAPLAIN TOM MOLL

## Easter Sunday Worship Services

"Earth's Greatest Day!" will be the title of the message on Easter Sunday, April 4. Join us at 10:15 a.m. on Channel 1851 to celebrate the resurrection of Christ from the dead and to thank God for the incredible gift of His Son. At this time ten Garden Apartment residents are allowed to attend the service in person.

## New Sermon Series

After Easter we will begin a new series of messages called "Used by God—the Story of Joshua." Joshua was one of the Lord's greatest Old Testament warriors and servants. We will see a regular man do spectacular things because he is a servant of God. Join us beginning April 11 at 10:15 a.m.

## Are You Still "Praying the Village?"

It has certainly been a good discipline for me to stop every day and pray for people in our Village community by name. Some I know well and others I barely know at all. Join me in praying for everyone who lives and works here. You (and those for whom you pray) will be blessed by this unselfish effort.

Take the Village directory and lift up those who live and work here. Never underestimate the difference your prayers can make.

## Offerings

If the Village is the place where you worship and fellowship, we invite you to share in the ministries of CVC by giving to the Compassionate Care Fund and the Stone Center Building Fund. There is a basket on my desk each day where you can drop off your tithes and offerings for the Christian Village at Mason. You may also leave them with the receptionist at the front desk. Thank you for your faithfulness in giving.

## Communion Sets Available

Remember that communion cups and wafer sets are available in the outer lobby from noon on Fridays until noon on Sundays for pickup (or we will deliver to you).

## Rosary

Due to COVID restrictions Garden Home residents have not been permitted to lead the rosary in the lounge. We are looking forward to when these restrictions are lifted but in the meantime Kyra is leading rosary in the Chapel on Thursdays at 3:30 p.m.. Our group is generally at least 5 but we can accommodate 10 people. All are welcome to join. We meditate and recite prayers either out loud or silently. The "Our Father" and "Hail Mary" are the most repeated prayers. If you have any questions contact Kyra at 513-701-3455.

## Contact the Chaplain

Never hesitate to call me, leave a message on my phone (513 701-3406), or email me at [tom.moll@christianvillages.org](mailto:tom.moll@christianvillages.org) with any needs that you may have. It is my privilege to pray for you.

## Share Your Prayer Needs

Please feel free to share your prayer needs or concerns with me. It is my privilege to pray for you.



# Social Services

## BY HEATHER CARTER, LSW, DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES

You may have wondered from time to time, about the role or job duties of a Retirement Community Social Worker.

In any setting, the primary role of a social worker is to address personal barriers so that individuals have optimal independent living. Social Workers confront challenging physical, psychosocial and emotional issues with creative interventions and have a plethora of community resources to which they can refer those needing services. Social workers often work alongside an interdisciplinary team to develop care plans that help individuals cope with everyday problems. The interdisciplinary team will typically include doctors, nurses, therapist, and dietitian. The goal is for all receiving services to maintain their highest level of independence. Equally important, another role of the Social Worker is to help maintain the rights of all residents including privacy and dignity.

The Christian Village of Mason, Social Service Department helps assess resident needs, personalize interventions and offer resources. Assessments may differ slightly depending on need and level of independence. The type of resources offered will also vary depending on the need. Examples of resources can include:

- Referrals to home health services (medical and non-medical care)
- Health care professionals (i.e psychologist, audiology, dental, companies that provide durable medical equipment)
- Aging services (Pro Seniors and Council on Aging)
- Other Organizations – specific to a need (Alzheimer's Association, Parkinson's Foundation, Veteran's Services).

We will work closely with the individuals and their families to continually reassess and offer additional support and services.

Whether our residents are in nursing or in our Garden Homes, we understand that at times there are challenges that hinder or limit independence. Regardless, it is our goal to help you reach and maintain your full potential.



# The Well

**BY KYRA SCHROER, DIRECTOR OF FITNESS & WELLNESS**

## Know Yourself and Do You

One of the gifts of growing older can be gaining a better understanding of ourselves. Once we understand ourselves better and accept our weaknesses as well as our strengths we can focus on those strengths. Using those strengths (aka God given talents) to serve and recognizing that we need other people to help us in areas we feel less capable.

The pandemic provided an opportunity for me to get to know my coworkers better and witness how they use their skills to serve here at Christian Village. Many of us are “seasoned” meaning we have had several jobs, volunteer positions, and family experiences. Working with these wonderful people is truly a blessing and it makes coming to work each day much easier. Having respect for the people you work with and the people you serve encourages a person to do their best!

Residents who serve others and are willing to gratefully accept help when they need it are thriving. Ruth Odor’s article titled “Community” in last month’s Village News was spot on... “We are truly in this together”. Hopefully, the people baking casseroles for their neighbors like to cook. Usually if you like to do something you have some skills and motivation. Think about what you enjoy doing and do more of that! Chances are you can use it to benefit others. I have mentioned before when it comes to movement look for the joy in it and you are more likely to continue. The Lord calls us to be cheerful givers and its much easier to do when you do things you enjoy.



# Auxiliary & Resident Organization News

## Spring Flower Sale

By The Black's & The Spreen's

THEY ARE GROWING!

All the flower orders were taken to The Oxford Greenhouse on Thursday, March 4th and they were planted for us that week. The temperature in the greenhouse was 85+ so by the time you read this article your plant already has one month's growth. The employees were dressed in shorts and short-sleeved shirts and all sorts of flowers were starting to grow! Your order will be delivered to you on Thursday, May 6th, as I know we are all looking forward to the flower season. We thank you once again for your participation!

## CEO Town Hall Meetings Planned

The first of two resident Town Hall Meetings for 2021 is scheduled for April 15 and will be aired on Channel 1851 at 2:00 p.m. Because of COVID-19 restrictions this Town Hall meeting will again be virtual, and residents are encouraged to attend via 1851. Larry will provide updates on our financial year end 2020, and things going on and planned in 2021.

In addition to his planned meeting agenda, Mr. Monroe will also answer resident questions that are signed and submitted to the Village Center front desk by close of the business day on April 9.

Town Hall Meetings are planned in support of the Administration's objective of enhancing communication between management at CVM and our residents.

The second Town Hall meeting for 2021 is scheduled for August 19, also at 2:00 p.m. Please mark your calendar to save these dates!

## Larry Monroe in Concert

Many have asked for another musical concert from our CEO. Watch Larry Monroe's vocal/guitar concert Wednesday, April 14 at 7:00 p.m. on channel 1851. The featured genres will include country, gospel and general easy listening. Got a request? Call it in to Terri Burkhardt at 513-701-3448. Larry will do his best to accommodate all requests, but he asks for understanding that there may be songs that are not suited for the guitar accompaniment.

## Channel 1851 Weekend Schedule

- Saturday, April 3 "Top 100 Places to Visit in Europe" – 3:00 & 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday, April 4 "Finding Normal 2020" (Hallmark Romance Movie) - 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, April 10 "Safari Of My Life" (Wildlife Photography Documentary Film) - 3:00 & 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday, April 11 "Life With Siberian Nomads" (Survival Documentary)- 2:00 p.m.
- Friday, April 16 "Mamma Mia" 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, April 17 "Growing Up Poor In America" – 3:00 & 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday, April 18 National Geographic Documentary – "The Secrets of Antarctica"- 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, April 24 "The Nile, On the Banks of the World's Longest River" - 3:00 & 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday, April 25 "Wildlife Africa & Asia Elephants" – 2:00 p.m.
- Friday, April 30 "CSO Live, Cerone Brass Premiere Ellington" – 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday May 1 "The World's Most Unlikely Animal Relationships" – 3:00 & 7:00 p.m.

# Auxiliary & Resident Organization News

## COVID-19 Survey

At Christian Village Communities (CVC), we continuously seek ways to enhance the lives of our residents. In a previous edition of the Village News, you were notified that residents or in some cases, their responsible party would be asked to participate in a survey focused on CVC's handling of the COVID-19 pandemic. The survey was conducted on behalf of CVC by Holleran, an independent research firm.

The surveys have now been completed. The results were very positive and indicate that most residents and families were pleased with how we dealt with the pandemic. For example:

### The Christian Village at Mason

- 93% of Garden Home residents and approximately 91% of healthcare residents or responsible parties agreed or strongly agreed that CVC responded well to the crisis.
- 90% of CVM's independent living Garden Home residents agreed or strongly agreed that they feel optimistic about the campus' ability to rebound from COVID.

### The Christian Village at Mt. Healthy

- 92% of residents or responsible parties agreed or strongly agreed that CVC responded well to the crisis.
- 90% of residents or responsible parties agreed or strongly agreed that CVC will be prepared for any future health pandemics.

We appreciate all the residents and responsible parties that took the time to complete this important survey which has provided us very useful insight. Recent research shows an increased emphasis on infectious disease prevention among the public considering a move to a retirement community or to an assisted living or long-term nursing center.

The positive results of this survey will become a part of our future messaging as we share with the public and prospective residents, patients, and their families the good news of how our residents graded our performance during the coronavirus pandemic.

As we begin to move past the pandemic, the care and safety of our residents and patients will always remain our top priority.



## Library News

By Mary Ann Watrous:

### New Additions from Mid-February to mid-March:

- Robin Carr, *Sunrise on Half Moon Bay*
- Lisa Gardner, *Before She Disappeared (New)*
- Philippa Gregory, *The Boleyn Inheritance*
- Catherine Ryan Hyde, *Leaving Blythe River*
- James Patterson, *The 19th Christmas*
- Richard North Patterson, *Silent Witness (LP)*
- Adriana Trigiani, *Very Valentine, Brava Valentine, The Supreme Macaroni Company*

### Mason Public Library Outreach

Friday, April 2, 11:00 a.m.

# You Never Know

BY RUTH ODOR,  
GARDEN APARTMENT  
RESIDENT

## LOVE LETTERS

Tucked away in a corner of a drawer and tied with a ribbon are letters that I will never throw away. Why? Because they are from someone who loved me. When my husband and I were dating we saw each other often; we also wrote letters. In those letters we wrote about ordinary things--happenings of the day or the week. My husband never used a proper closing; he just signed his name. In a few letters he began to write "Love" and then signed his name. On the last letter written just before we were married, he wrote "I love you." I had heard those words spoken but had longed to see them written on paper. When I get out that stack of letters and read them, that is the one page that I read most often. "I love you," written on **one** page.

In God's message to us, "I love you" is on **every** page! It is in Genesis in that veiled promise of the coming of a Redeemer. It is in His promises to Abraham and Jacob, to Moses and Joshua, promises made and kept. It is in His love for His people as He took them out of Egypt and to the Promised Land. It is in His love for His people when they strayed away, as He pleaded with them to come back to Him. It is in the prophecies when He promises to send His very own Son for our redemption. And, oh, in the New Testament, especially in the Gospels, it is written in capital, boldface letters. On some pages it is written in red. Not the red type used by some printers but in the red blood of His Son.

Written in letters dripping with blood. "In letters of crimson God wrote His love. . . I love you, I love you! That's what Calvary said. . . I love you, I love you. I love you written in red." (Gordon Jensen) God's love is written all through the epistles. And in the last book of the Bible, Revelation, He tells us that He wants to live with us in Heaven **forever**. "What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!"

*"O Love that will not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in Thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe,  
That in Thine ocean's depth its flow  
May richer, fuller be."*

George Matheson



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