



Animal of the Month - Dog



Dogs are descended from domesticated wolves. They were domesticated by humans over 15,000 years ago and have become well-suited to living among people. Selective breeding over thousands of years has resulted in a large variety of breeds that have various preferred behaviors, talents and capabilities. Dogs come in a range of sizes, shapes and colors. They also specialize in a variety of tasks, such as hunting, herding, safeguarding, therapy, and companionship.



This month is also National Guide Dog month. It is a celebration of the work of guide dogs in the United States as a way to raise awareness, appreciation and support for the guide dog schools across the United States. It was first inspired by Dick Van Patten who was impressed by the intelligence and training of guide dogs. During a visit to the campus of the Guide Dogs of the Desert in Palm Springs, California, Van Patten was blindfolded to experience how guide dogs provide assistance and mobility to blind people.



After learning that the costs to raise and train a guide dog exceed \$40,000 and can take up to two years. Van Patten was inspired to help raise awareness and money for guide dog schools. Through his pet food company, Dick Van Patten's Natural Balance Pet Foods, he has underwritten all costs for the promotion of National Guide Dog Month to ensure that all money raised would directly benefit non-profit, accredited guide dog schools in the United States.

SPECIAL DAYS

Labor Day

September 6

Yom Kippur

September 15-16

**National Day of Service
& Remembrance**

September 11

World Gratitude Day

September 21

Grandparents Day

September 12

First Day of Autumn

September 22

Birthdays, Celebrations and Updates



September 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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September Anniversaries

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Village Clinic Hours - 7169 Village Drive

Monday through Friday 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Chaplain's Corner

BY CHAPLAIN TOM MOLL

September Worship Services

According to author Martin Copenhaver, Jesus is not the ultimate “Answer Man,” but more like the “Great Questioner.” He points out that Jesus asks many more questions than He answers. In fact, He asks about 307 questions! He only answers three of the more than 180 He was asked.

In our next sermon series we are going to consider a few of those questions—what they tell us about Jesus and what our responses say about what we think it means to follow Him.

September 5 Why Do You Judge? (Matthew 7:1-6)

September 12 Why Do You Doubt? (Matthew 14:31)

September 19 Why Do You Worry? (Luke 12:26)

September 26 Why Do You Call Me Lord? (Luke 6:46)

Join us in the chapel at 10:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings or on CVC TV (Channel 1851). Up to 18 people, who live in the main building, may attend in person.

Our Daily Bread Devotional Booklet

Check outside the chaplain's office for the newest version of the Our Daily Bread devotional booklet. They are available to you at no cost and will be a blessing to your devotional life. Let me know if you would like me to leave one for you at the front desk or drop it off at your home.

Communion Sets Available

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

“Pray the Village”

There are only four months left in 2021 for you to “Pray the Village.” Pray for as many friends, neighbors and Village staff as you can in the weeks ahead. Your prayers will make a difference!

Offerings

Those who live in the main building have been able to “peek” through the glass in the doors to the new Stone Center. And it is exciting to see construction entering the final stages...exciting to think about being able to worship the Lord together in this new venue. Remember that to go into the building debt free, we still need many people to make sacrificial gifts. Please pray about what the Lord would have you give to the Stone Center.

New Office Location—Same Contact Information

Remember that the chaplain's office has changed locations and is now down close to the lounge. It will be moved into the office area in the new Stone Center when it is completed. Contact information: Phone: (513) 701-3406. E-mail: tom.moll@christianvillages.org. Please contact me with any needs or prayer requests

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Social Services

BY HEATHER CARTER, LSW, DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES



Audiologist

Hear All Hearing Audiologists have returned to our campus. They will have scheduled visits with Garden Home residents in the Fitness Center classroom on the first Friday of each month.

Hear All Hearing will offer routine cleaning of hearing aids, hearing screenings and on-site hearing testing. They request residents schedule an appointment. Appointment times will be scheduled in 15-minute blocks of time, unless you request a full hearing test, which will be a 30-minute visit.

If you would like to have a scheduled time, please contact the receptionist at (513) 398-1486.



How to Manage Fraudulent Calls or Solicitations

Fraudsters continue to target older adults. Scams are typically done through phone calls, however, recently there has been an increase in solicitations.

Below are a few of the top 10 scams recently targeting seniors, according to the National Council of Aging.

1. Medicare / Social Security related
2. Anti-aging products
3. Internet
4. Mortgages or Reverse Mortgages
5. Sweepstakes/lotteries
6. The grandparent scam

Please remember to never provide the caller with personal information such as social security number or bank account numbers. If you are concerned about their request, particularly regarding your Medicare benefits, remember, Medicare and Social Security will never call you. The Christian Village at Mason has a 'No Solicitation' policy. If someone comes to your door, do not feel obligated to answer. You can reach out to the maintenance department by calling or using the emergency pull cords in your home, if you are fearful.

If you feel you have been a victim of a scam, you can contact the local police or the State of Ohio Attorney General's office.

The Well

BY KYRA SCHROER, DIRECTOR OF FITNESS & WELLNESS

RFC Schedule

The RFC is open to residents of Garden Apartments and Garden Homes by appointment only (subject to change).

Monday - Friday: 8:00-10:00 a.m., 1:00-3:30 p.m.

Please check CVC TV for any changes to these hours.

Walk to End Alzheimer's stays in the Village

Date: Saturday September 18, 2021

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Start at gazebo for a 2 mile walk through our beautiful community.

There are many ways to be involved, so you are encouraged to participate. We need cheer squads as well as walkers. Last year we raised \$2,500 for this worthy cause so let's try to raise more this year. You may have seen the slide on CVC TV for the El Caporal food truck fundraiser on Thursday, September 2. My sister, Kelly, owns the food truck. She takes the orders but doesn't do the cooking. El Caporal is a restaurant with two Cincinnati locations (Mason, and Liberty Twp.) and they provide the food and cooks. The restaurant will donate 10% of the food truck sales to our Walk to End Alzheimer team. Details on CVC TV or call Kyra with questions.

In 2020 we had 12 staff members and 3 residents walk all or part of the 2-mile course. Please don't let the distance stop you from joining in the fun - just do whatever is right for you. We had a larger group of residents at our Heart Mini in the spring and less staff members. My hope is to have a lot of participation from both groups for this event.

There are people who have T shirts from participating in this event in prior years. The Alzheimer Association



sends t-shirts to people who 1) are signed up online, and 2) raise \$100 for the cause. I can email the link to join our team if you would like to share it on your social media. There is no registration fee to join the team online, but fundraising is encouraged. Personally, I'm not excited about another t-shirt and will probably just try to wear something comfortable for the weather we get on September 18 (hopefully beautiful). I have paper forms if anyone wants to "officially" join the team but isn't comfortable with the computer. We will also have donation boxes the day of the event.

Auxiliary & Resident Organization News



MUMS the Word!

By The Black's & Spreen's

The mums are coming on Tuesday, September 21st! Due to COVID-19 we will sort and deliver all the flowers to each resident's home sometime that day.

The CVM Auxiliary sincerely appreciates all residents who purchased a mum and continue to support the charitable work of the Auxiliary.

2021 CBA Foundation Hall of Faith Banquet

The CBA Foundation will honor the following Christian leaders at its Hall of Faith banquet which is scheduled for September 17th at 6:30 p.m. (**new time**) at The Manor House in Mason, OH. The honorees being inducted this year are Howard and Martha Brammer, Ken Henderson and Lee Mason.

The price of admission to the banquet is \$20 per person. Tables of 8 may be purchased for \$160. You may sign up for the Hall of Faith Banquet or online at www.christianvillages.org/HOF.

Transportation will be provided if needed.

CVM CHRISTMAS FUND - 2021

With the 90 degree weather recently experienced here it is hard to even think about winter weather, the holidays and even more specifically - Christmas! But, as we know, time flies and our 2021 Christmas Fund

Campaign will be starting soon. Since CVM has a "no tipping" policy for its employees, over ten years ago, residents of CVM created a "Residents and Employees Christmas Fund" to provide a way to honor the hard work and service our employees deliver year-round for us.

Last year's campaign used a theme of "Heroes Work Here" since we all dealt with the virus. We will continue with this same thought this year, as the pandemic is still with us. The fund committee will be communicating the details of the program in September and throughout the fall via letters, ads on CVC TV and our spokesperson "Frosty."

The 2020 campaign was able to show our appreciation by delivering over \$36,000 to our employees and we look forward to being able to continue the same type of success again this year. Please feel free to contact any of the fund committee members with any questions.

- Bob Moorehead (513) 492-7738
- Ruth Shoemaker (513) 204-0298
- Buzz Dorward (513) 492-9642
- Barbara Bournique (317) 902-7222
- Mike Ryan (207) 266-1097

Creative Writing Group (Former Memoir Writing)

Anyone interested in writing poetry, prose, short stories and anything else that comes to mind? The group meets each month for two hours (1:30-3:30 p.m.). The group may read what they have written or others may just enjoy listening to the stories.

Sometimes we meet at the picnic shelter or in a Garden Home. You will have advance notice about the meeting place. If you have questions, please contact Martha Brammer at (513) 486-3629. Anyone is welcome to join us. The sky is the limit when it comes to creative writing!

Auxiliary & Resident Organization News

Library News

By Mary Ann Watrous

Is anyone besides me looking forward to Fall? Whew! Meanwhile:

New Additions from Mid-July to Mid-August:

- Chris Bohjalian, *The Red Lotus*
- Wanda Brunstetter, *Woman of Courage*
- Mary Higgins Clark, *Two Little Girls in Blue* (LP)
- Hilary Davidson, *One Small Sacrifice, Don't Look Down*
- Vince Flynn, *American Assassin*
- Lisa Gardner, *Alone*
- Rene Gutteridge, *Troubled Waters*
- Debbie Macomber, *Lonesome Cowboy & Texas Two Step, Caroline's Child & Dr. Texas, Nell's Cowboy & Lone Star Baby*
- Creston Mapes, *Fear Has A Name*
- Dana Mentink, *Fetching Sweetness*
- James Patterson, *21st Birthday* (New)
- Joanna Davidson Politano, *A Rumored Fortune*
- Danielle Steel, *Finding Ashley* (New!)
- Abigail Wilson, *In The Shadow of Croft Tower*

Mason Public Library Outreach

Friday, September 3, 10:00 a.m.

CVC TV Weekend Schedule

- Saturday, September 4, 3:00 & 7:00 p.m. "Inside the Life of a Hacker"
- Sunday, September 5, 7:00 p.m. Movie, "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood"
- Monday, September 6, 7:00 p.m. "Tchaikovsky Symphony No. 5 European Union Youth Orchestra"
- Saturday, September 11, 3:00 & 7:00 p.m. "Strange Things in the Amazon Forest"
- Friday, September 17, 7:00 p.m. Movie, "Blindside"
- Saturday, September 18, 3:00 & 7:00 p.m. "Joe Hisaichi Concert 2021 at Symphony Hall"
- Saturday, September 25, 3:00 & 7:00 p.m. "Libya's Forbidden Deserts"

Upcoming Garden Home Activities

Line Dancing

Let's kick off the dust and get our dancing shoes on! Kyra and Tracy will be offering two line dancing sessions in September. Wednesday, September 8 and September 22 at 11:15 a.m. in the Picnic Shelter (weather permitting). Check CVC TV for sign up details. Call the front desk to RSVP. (25 max. participants)

Cincy Jazz Train Concert

Monday, September 20, 7:00 p.m. in the Picnic Shelter. (Reserved seating, max. 50) RSVP by calling Tracy at (513) 701-3414. Performing tunes from the jazz greats.

Lunch at the Greyhound Tavern

Thursday, September 23, 11:00 a.m. (Maximum bus seating 7 seats per bus, couples count as one seat). RSVP by calling Tracy at (513) 701-3414 before September 17.

*We are in the process of planning additional Garden Home events for September. Stay tuned to CVC TV for more information and event details.

You Never Know

BY RUTH ODOR,
GARDEN APARTMENT
RESIDENT

YOU MAY NEVER KNOW

"A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver." So wrote Solomon in Proverbs 25:11. We seldom think of the importance of the words that we speak. Yet often words make deep imprints, bring joy and comfort, even change lives. However, the speaker may never know the importance of those words.

In her book *Your Child's Faith*, Florence M. Taylor tells the following experience. "One of the most vivid memories of my childhood that has remained with me through the years is of a certain Sunday morning. I was a little girl, perhaps twelve years old. I was sitting in our family pew at a regular Sunday morning service. Our minister was out of town that day and a stranger was preaching."

'Don't be afraid to ask questions,' he said emphatically in the middle of his sermon. 'The Christian religion is not afraid of questions. The truth is never afraid.'

"My twelve-year-old self was caught up in a moment close to ecstasy. I remember I pushed back in the pew and lifted my head with a joyous sense of release, a sudden, breathtaking conviction that it was true! It must be all right to question, to seek explanations and understandings. The truth is never afraid!"

"That visiting minister went away without knowing that a casual remark of his had resulted in a deeply moving, never-to-be-forgotten experience for a little girl sitting in a back pew of the church--words that would

remain a vivid, shining memory after more than a century of crowded living."

An adult who as a young person often attended Christian camp recalls: "One summer a camp teacher required us to memorize Psalm 139:23 and 24, and used the passage as the basis for his devotional messages for the entire week. 'Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.' I discovered those words that summer, and they became a source of strength that has deepened through the years. Little did that speaker know how meaningful he had made two verses of Scripture for a young person and how it had guided her all of her life."

Often words spoken to me here at the Village have become precious and never to be forgotten. Words of comfort, words of encouragement, words of gratitude and praise. It's as if I keep them tucked away in "my treasure box" and "get them out" when days are dark. I "hold them in my hands like precious jewels" and they give me strength, courage, and joy.

So choose your words carefully, and give them away when you need to. Take heart as you remember that a word you speak may help a fellow traveler along life's road--for a moment or for a lifetime. A word fitly spoken may be like "apples of gold in pictures of silver" to another, but you may never know.



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