

Ribbon Cutting

We are thrilled to share that construction of the brand-new Stone Worship Center and Auditorium is nearly complete! This addition to our community will allow us to host larger resident activities and special events. It will also nearly triple our capacity for Sunday worship services, giving us the chance to minister to more people at a single service.

The Stone Center honors the late Sam and Gwen Stone for their lifelong Christian service. Sam was Editor of Standard Publishing of Cincinnati for many years. Standard Publishing supplied various books, magazines, periodicals, and study curriculum worldwide for the independent Christian Churches and Churches of Christ. Sam also ministered to the Western Hills Church of Christ in Cincinnati. He served Cincinnati Christian University for decades as Professor and Dean of the Graduate School. He was an author and national convention speaker. Gwen loved everyone with whom she came into contact, and served alongside Sam. Shortly after Gwen's passing in 2015, Sam became a resident at The Christian Village at Mason. He continued to live a life-legacy of Christian love and leadership, impacting the lives of others in Jesus' name until his passing earlier this year. Sam was also a past inductee into the CBA Hall of Faith.

This 3-million-dollar project was made possible solely through the generous donations of our residents, staff, Board members, supporting churches and many other private donors. All CVM residents are invited to join us for a ribbon cutting celebration and self-guided tour on Friday, December 3 at 3 p.m. A worship dedication service is being planned for a later date.

Due to COVID-19 precautions, masks will be required for entry and social distancing must be observed. All Garden Home residents must enter through the exterior doors of the Stone Center, located around the back of the main healthcare building.

The date of this event is subject to change. Any changes will be posted on CVC TV.



Birthdays, Celebrations and Updates



November Birthdays

This information is for
Christian Village at Mason residents.



November Anniversaries

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Christian Village at Mason residents.

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

This information is for
Christian Village at Mason residents.

Village Clinic Hours - 7169 Village Drive

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

Contact Information: (513) 478-3974



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.

Chaplain's Corner

BY CHAPLAIN TOM MOLL

Time Change Sunday

Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour on Saturday, November 6. Enjoy the extra hour of sleep and join us at 10:15 a.m. for our Sunday morning worship service.

Being Thankful (Even Though the Pandemic Is Not Over!)

Last year at this time we believed that the pandemic would soon be over and that things would return to "normal" in 2021. But here we are in November and the pandemic is still with us. Because it is easy to become discouraged, it is more important than ever to be thankful.

Being thankful increases personal happiness. It can promote better sleep. It can help a person relax. It can increase energy. It can increase overall health.

My challenge this month is to make a list of things to be thankful for. It might include the families that raised us, friends, laughter, freedom, happy memories from our childhoods, access to medication, enough food to eat, random acts of kindness, etc. See if determining to be thankful for something every day improves your outlook on life even in troubling times.

November Sermon Series

We'll begin a new sermon series in November called "Questions I Should Answer." Join us on CVC TV (Ch. 1851) at 10:15 a.m.

- November 7 What is my concept of God?
- November 14 What really matters to God?
- November 21 Is He both Judge and Savior?
- November 28 Why is God so passionate for the lost?

Our Daily Bread Devotional Booklet

The October, November and December Our Daily Bread devotional booklets may be picked up outside the chaplain's office or in the chapel on Sundays. Let me know if you want one left for you at the front desk or dropped off at your home.

"Pray the Village"

We are down to the last two months to "Pray the Village." Pray for friends, neighbors, and Village staff. Your prayers are making a difference!

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).

Offerings

Please continue to be faithful in your giving to the Church at the Village. These offerings are used either for the Compassionate Care Fund or for the Stone Center, designated by you.

Contact the Chaplain

Phone: (513) 701-3406. E-mail: tom.moll@christianvillages.org. Please contact me with any needs or prayer requests that you may have.

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The Well

BY KYRA SCHROER, DIRECTOR OF FITNESS & WELLNESS

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

The RFC is open to residents of Garden Apartments and Garden Homes by appointment only (subject to change). Please check CVC TV for any changes to these hours.

The CVM Team Walk to End Alzheimer's Cheer Squads

I want to extend a big "Thank You" to those who came out on Saturday September 18th to cheer on the walkers. With your help we raised over \$5,500 for this important cause and I'm happy to report we helped the Butler, Warren, and Clinton counties events reach their goal!

Many of you who know me are aware that sometimes I talk to myself (or my computer). I'd like to share a story about what we say out loud having an impact on others. I have been training for a half marathon over the past couple of months that I was originally supposed to participate in with my daughter back in April 2020. Part of the training is to increase mileage each week by 1 mile to build up to that 13.1 total for the event. On one of those weekend runs I was getting pretty close to my 9 miles and feeling fatigued, wanting to stop. I said "You can do this, you got this, keep going" to myself but very much out loud. When I finished my run, I was walking to my car and a man on a bike rode up to me and asked me if I'd just been on the bike trail. He then told me "I was at mile 47 of my 50 mile ride this morning and I wanted to quit but I heard your voice." He didn't know whether I was talking to myself or someone else but shared with me that it encouraged him to finish strong. That interaction in the parking lot really made my day!

I am fortunate to be able to listen to Tom Moll's devotion each weekday after my exercise program. One day he quoted Acts 16:25 "About midnight, Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them." Such a reminder that we don't know who is listening to us and our words as well as actions have an impact on people. I can tell you in my nearly 20 years of running I've experienced many times when I felt like an angel appeared at just the right time to encourage me. A little encouragement goes a long way and again I'd just like to thank all those people who encouraged our walk team this year.



Social Services

BY HEATHER CARTER, LSW, DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES



File of Life

Have you had a recent change in medication or physician? It is important to keep the information on your File of Life up to date. The File of Life should be in place for the Mason EMT's in the event of an emergency. This is a great resource to provide the medics during an emergency of your family's contact information, your physicians and current medications. A copy should be kept in the magnetic pouch on your refrigerator as well as one in the Social Service office. Blank copies can be picked up from the receptionist or in the Social Service office.



Medicare Open Enrollment

REMINDER: A representative from BOST will be here on November 3, 2021 to help review your Medicare benefits and assist with changes for the coming year.

Please watch CVC TV for more information and sign-up times.

Auxiliary News

Kroger Community Rewards

By Pat Wilson #1

Did you know you can support the Mason Christian Village Auxiliary, at no cost to you, just by shopping at Kroger? It's easy when you enroll in Kroger Community Rewards! Visit <https://www.kroger.com/communityrewards> to get started, sign up with your Plus Card, and select account number UY336. Once you're enrolled, you'll earn rewards for the Auxiliary every time you shop and use your Plus Card!

Although the Auxiliary's focus is on the health care facility needs, GH residents that may be in the health care facility either short or longer term also have the opportunity to participate in the monthly entertainment, and the Christmas party with gifts. These are just a few of many items purchased through the auxiliary fundraisers which include the proceeds of the Kroger Community Rewards program.

CVM Christmas Fund - 2021 "Heroes Work Here"

"There is still lots of time to give to the 2021 Christmas Fund", Frosty says. The last day to give is Friday, November 26, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. To all those who have already donated, thank you for your generous gifts! Be sure to check CVC TV or the Frosty display at the front entrance for the amounts received and for the final total soon after the 26th.

Also, be sure to enter the "Guess The Final Amount Given" contest. Entrance forms should be turned in to the front desk to properly enter the contest. The closest guess to the actual total will win a nice gift certificate for a local restaurant, as the winner of the contest.

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Auxiliary & Resident Organization News

Please join us to express our gratitude to our CVM “Heroes” for all the many ways they have helped us over this past year. Contributions are voluntary and can be handed in at the front desk. Be sure to mark “Christmas Fund” on the memo line of your check.

“It is more blessed to give than receive”. Acts 20:35 (NIV)

Auxiliary Board Meeting: Held October 12

By Buzz Howard

Those present: Buzz Dorward, Ed Stagney, Pat Wilson, Herb Schneider, Betty Dailey, Tracy Wolcott and Bethany Stratman. Absent: John Van Osdol and Charlene Asbach.

Tracy Wolcott, Director of Community Life Services, presented a request for funds for the annual Christmas party and gifts for the healthcare residents in the amount of \$2,850.00. She also asked for \$150.00 for an annual subscription to HBO MAX for entertainment/movies for the residents and for \$150.00 for craft supplies for the residents. The total ask is \$3,150.00. After discussion, the funds were voted on and approved.

The minutes of the July 6, 2021 Board meeting were approved, as well as the Treasurer’s report of a balance of \$25,611.79.

Discussion followed on using Natorp for the fall flower sale. There were some issues about delivery of the mums ordered, and Natorp issued a credit of \$56.00 to the Auxiliary as a result. No determination was made of the use of those funds. We discussed where Maintenance gets their flowers used throughout the Village, and wondered if they get a better price with their source. No changes were made for the Auxiliary fundraising, though, at present.

Buzz has sent a prospective slate of officers for 2022

to Bob Slade. He has not yet heard back from him. Betty Dailey will no longer be an At Large member of the Board and was thanked for her many years on the Board. Buzz Dorward also reminded us that he will retire as President at the end of this term.

Pat Wilson reported that 112 people are currently using their Kroger Rewards card for the benefit of the Auxiliary. In the December newsletter she will mention using the Kroger Plus card for the Auxiliary to family members shopping for those living in assisted living. Beth will follow up with Vicki, who does Kroger shopping for those residents, to see how the Rewards program might be used there, too.

Herb reported that no new members have been added recently.

President-elect Ed Stagney will determine when and where the January Board meeting will be held; and when and where a general meeting of the entire Auxiliary might be held. It all depends on the Covid restrictions. In the past, all expenditures have had to be approved by the entire Auxiliary. The Board has assumed this responsibility for the present time.

Library News

By Mary Ann Watrous

September/October Additions:

- Linda Castillo, *Down A Dark Road*
- Tess Gerritsen, *Gravity (LP)*
- Thomas Harris, *CariMora*
- Homer Hickam, *Red Helmet*
- James Patterson, *1st Case, The Midwife Murders, NYPD Red 4, The Noise (New)*
- David Ricciardi, *Warning Light*
- Lisa Scottoline, *Someone Knows (LP), Most Wanted (LP)*
- Stuart Woods, *Unbound*

Mason Public Library Outreach

Friday, November 5, 10:00 a.m.

Auxiliary & Resident Organization News

Remembering our Veterans

By Dick Biedinger

U.S. Armed Forces have been made up of many 18- and 19-year-old citizens who enlisted to serve. Veterans I have talked with said they learned responsibility in the service and the experiences of war changed their lives. One veteran told me that in many, if not all cases, enlisted men knew better what to do in actual combat than their officers. Some of these men had no high school diplomas and worked in menial jobs, some came from small or rural towns and because of these backgrounds, were able to do the required hard labor.

Very few veterans like to talk about their war experiences. Obtaining material for our Veterans display case, I often hear: "I'm no hero, he's the hero..." "No, not me." You want to hear about a real hero. Let me tell you about...!"

A WWII officer once told me his worst fear was of screwing up or showing his fear to those around him. A distant second was fear of death. You can tell an enormous amount about a nation by what it chooses to remember. The parades of my childhood, and those I marched in as an adult, recede further into the past. Veterans Day invites me to remember our history. Join me to honor both those who are serving now, who served recently, and those who served long ago.

On Thursday, November 11, fly the American flag and celebrate the men and women who put service above self. Give them a big THANK YOU. Our veterans serve as a reminder of those who answered the call of a country in need of them and then asked for nothing in return.

Only two defining forces were willing to die for us...Jesus Christ and the American veteran: one died for our eternal salvation and the other for our freedom.

Upcoming Garden Home Activities

All reservations for Garden Home activities can be made at the front desk by calling (513) 398-1486.

Tokugawa Japanese Steak House Lunch Outing (Milford, OH)

Thursday, November 11 at 11:00 a.m.

Transportation Cost: \$4 (does not include meal)

Pick-up: Picnic Shelter

(max. 20 participants)

***Cincinnati Symphony at Music Hall & Lunch at Firehouse Grill (Blue Ash, OH)**

Music from composers: Manny, Haydn & Beethoven with pianist Emanuel Ax

Friday, November 19 at 9:30am

Cost: \$34 (price for symphony ticket)

Transportation cost: \$4 (does not include meal)

Reservation only (max. 18 participants)

Pick-up: Picnic Shelter

**CSO Safety Guidelines: Proof of vaccination or negative Covid PCR test taken within 72 hours of entry or rapid test administered within 24 hours of entry. A photo ID and masks are also required while at Music Hall, including when seated for the event.*

You Never Know

BY RUTH ODOR,
GARDEN APARTMENT
RESIDENT

THE MAN WITH THE STRANGE-SOUNDING NAME

His name was Onesiphorus. You've probably never heard of him. He is mentioned twice in the New Testament, and his name sounds like a disease. Paul mentions him in 2 Timothy 1:16. He says, "May the Lord show mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, because he often refreshed me, and was not ashamed of my chains." Paul was in prison in Rome when evidently this man visited him often. Perhaps he was a man of importance but not ashamed of a prisoner, of a man in chains. He refreshed Paul. How we do not know. Perhaps with visits, encouragement, prayers. The Living Bible paraphrases Onesiphorus' visits as a "breath of fresh air." "Refresh" literally means, "to brace up," "to revive by fresh air," "to cool again." Onesiphorus encouraged Paul and let him know that someone cared. What a wonderful thing to have someone say of you, "He (or she) is like a breath of fresh air."

We read in the New Testament of another encourager. You know him as Barnabas. His real name was Joseph, but the apostles called him Barnabas, which means Son of Encouragement. (Acts 4:36) When Saul was rejected because of his new-found faith in Christ, Barnabas went to see him. "Come on, Saul," he said, "Let's go talk to the apostles. I'll tell them that you are sincere." And they did. Later when Saul just sat in Tarsus, probably making tents, here came Barnabas. "Come on, Saul," he said. "Let's go to Antioch and work with the church there." And so they did. These two men made many trips, winning souls to Christ. Barnabas the encourager, coming alongside to give encouragement to

a man who was to accomplish great things for the Lord. Someone has said that we have three basic needs: the need to feel accepted and loved. Belonging; the need to feel acceptable. Worthiness; and the need to feel adequate. Competence.

We feel we belong when we know we are loved unconditionally. And that's the way God loves us--just as we are. "The One who knows me best loves me most."

While belonging is the feeling of being acceptable to others, worthiness is the feeling of being acceptable to yourself. Self-worth is interwoven into the heart of God's redemptive process. Martin Luther said, "God does not love us because we are valuable; we are valuable because God loves us."

Competence means not saying, "I can't." Instead we say, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." God enables us to bear fruit, to achieve things for the Lord. Because we are loved we can risk loving others.

So I will look for ways to encourage others. I will strive to be like Onesiphorus and Barnabas. I will remember that:

*"People will forget what you have said.
People will forget what you have done.
But people will not forget how you
made them feel."*



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