

## THE VISION, THE VENTURE, AND THE REALITY

By Ruth Odor

The journey from conception to completion has ended! The dedication has been held and the building has been dedicated to the glory of God. The vision and the venture for the Stone Center have become a reality! Many said that the vision was an impossible dream and that the venture required more than anyone could give. But for all those who are a part of our Village Communities giving-up is not an option, not for the board members, not for the CEO, the staff, the residents, and those who care about us and support us. With trust in God, courage to attempt the seemingly impossible, hard work, persistence, gifts of money and support, and prayers, the project moved on. And when the unexpected pandemic dropped upon us, the project did not slow down.

We watched as Sam Stone himself lifted that first shovel-full of dirt. We saw the bulldozers turn up the soil, the foundation being carefully laid, the steel beams being set in place, the bricks being laid one upon another. As we entered the building on the day of dedication we were amazed! Beauty beyond our greatest dreams--beauty not from extravagance but from simplicity. And light! Not from outside through the windows but from within. High ceilings, beautiful chandeliers, creamy white walls, light-colored woodwork--even the doors. God must love light; after all, He created it. Light is mentioned both in the first book of the Bible and the last book. And God sent His Son to be the light of the world, a light in darkness, the One to light our way. Our building is filled with light!

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We have long wished for a place for us, a place for meeting with friends for a cup of coffee and conversation, and now it is here in the aptly named Gathering Place. Here friends can meet, visitors can chat with us, and we can sit around a table for card games. After the long months of social distancing what joy to spend time with others. The Gathering Place will also be for many others--meetings, seminars, concerts, programs of all kinds. And it will indeed be a gathering place for worshipers before and after worship services.

A building or a room "speaks to us," and the worship center does just that. The stained-glass windows remind us of the glory and majesty of God. We find ourselves worshiping even before the music fills the room and the speaker begins to read from the Word of God. How can we not feel His presence in such a place as this.

We begin to realize that this building is right--right for honoring Sam and Gwen Stone, and more importantly, right for exalting the God they served. Their lovely portrait hangs in the Gathering Place. Many will look at it and remember the two people who lived only to serve their God. As the years go by those who did not know them will ask and be told of the achievements of these two servants of God.

So, the journey comes to an end. But another has begun. And not only will we be blessed, but throngs will be blessed in the years ahead. People will remember the generous gifts of those who loved the Stones, love the Christian Village, and love Christ. They will remember a leadership who had a vision and worked to see that it became reality.

Then as the years go by the names and dates will be forgotten, but the building will still stand, always fulfilling its purpose of glorifying God and exalting His Son. From its foundation to the top of the building that reaches to the heavens the Stone Center shouts, and will always shout, "Christ above all! Christ above all!"



# Birthdays, Celebrations and Updates



## January Birthdays

This information is for  
Christian Village at Mason residents.



## January Anniversaries

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Christian Village at Mason residents.



## CVM Transportation

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

**\*Concierge Cards** - \$30 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.

- \$2.50/mile from drop-off and pick-up
- \$35/hour for the driver to stay with you

**Scheduling Transportation**

Call 701-3415 to schedule an appointment



## 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.**

## 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.

# Chaplain's Corner

BY CHAPLAIN TOM MOLL

## New Year's Resolutions

Have you made your New Year's Resolutions for 2022? If not, why not resolve to . . .

Love more and  
Criticize less.

Listen more and  
Speak less.

Forgive more and  
Judge less.

Pray more and  
Worry less.

Be thankful more  
And complain less.

Focus on God more and  
Focus on self less.

## January Sermon Series

Join us for worship services on CVC TV each Sunday at 10:15 a.m. until the worship services in the Stone Center begin on January 16th.

January 2 The Bad Bargain

January 9 Does God Become Angry?

January 16 Who Made You Judge and Jury?

January 23 How Can You Have Religion but No God?

January 30 What We Really Want to Know!

## 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.

## The Stone Center

It was exciting to attend the Dedication Service for the Stone Worship Center and Auditorium last month! Our hearts were thrilled by the music of Kim Rodarmel and Tom White. We were blessed as David Lautzenheiser led us in worship. We were touched by the insight Ruth Odor and Dave and Jeff Stone gave us into the lives of Sam and Gwen Stone (for whom the Center is named). And we rejoiced in the opportunity just to be together in one place and praise the Lord.

Now we are looking forward to having our weekly worship services in the Stone Center, beginning on January 16 at 10:15 a.m. Please plan to join us then! Stay tuned to CVC TV for the latest announcements regarding the Stone Center.

## Our Daily Bread Devotional Booklet

Our Daily Bread devotional booklets may be picked up outside the chaplain's office. Let me know if you want one left for you at the front desk or dropped off at your home.

## Communion Sets Available

Until we begin worshiping in the Stone Center, communion cup and wafer sets will still be available for pickup in the outer lobby from noon on Fridays until noon on Sundays (or we will deliver to you—just let me know).

## 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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# Social Services

BY HEATHER CARTER, LSW, DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES



## File of Life

The File of Life is an important document for you to keep updated with your medical condition as well as emergency contact. The City of Mason Paramedics and other surrounding units that respond to an emergency at your residence, look for this document. We had a recent situation in which 911 was contacted and the medics were not able to find the File of Life. This may cause a delay in notification to your emergency contact and at times, not knowing your health status, could lead to a delay in proper treatment. Please be sure to complete this document if you have not done so. It is also important to keep the document up to date, with changes in medications, new medical diagnosis or change of phone number for your emergency contact. The File of Life forms are a duplicate copy form. A copy should be kept in the magnetic pouch on your refrigerator. The bottom, or yellow copy, should be provided to the Social Service office. Blank copies can be picked up from the receptionist or in the Social Service office. During this time of restricted visitation, if you need a new File of Life or magnet, we would be happy to deliver it to you. If you have questions or need copies of the File of Life or magnetic pouch, please call 701-3403.



## Driver Information

Please remember to keep your vehicle information up to date. We keep a database of resident vehicles for safety purposes. If you have a newer vehicle and have not updated your information, please stop by the reception desk for a vehicle information form. Campus residents are encouraged to place a CVM decal in their vehicles. These are available in the Social Service office or by calling Heather Carter at 701-3403.



## Audiologist

Audiologist from Hear All Hearing is here the 1st Friday of each month. Please call the front desk to schedule a time, or you can contact Hear All Hearing at 701-9322.



# 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.

## HEART MINI

### Save the Date:

Heart Mini Marathon  
remains virtual for CVM



Friday 4/1/22 Garden  
Apartment event in main  
building



Saturday 4/2/22 Garden  
Homes event on our  
beautiful campus



*“Nothing unites us like  
doing good together”*

## Grateful & Thankful

We use the words grateful and thankful interchangeably. I recently heard that it is not possible to be hateful and grateful at the same time. This got me thinking about my own attitude. Do I have an attitude of gratitude? Is it possible to be hateful when you have a grateful mindset?

When my kids were little and I'd take them to the swimming pool, I'd often hear what other mothers said to their children. One thing I noticed was that the mothers who said "Walk, please" in a stern voice generally got better results than those that yelled "Stop running!". The two things seemingly mean the same thing, but one is more positive. Sometimes when we are told not to do something it makes it more enticing. The mother's goal was to get the kid's attention and refocus their behavior.

The grateful not hateful thing stuck with me enough to get my attention at the bank last week. The service in the drive through lane is typically slow and that day it was even slower. My temptation was to be hateful, and I started a little down that path showing my impatience, until I made a choice to refocus. I had a comfortable car to wait in, the music on my radio was uplifting, and I was making a deposit instead of having to make a large withdrawal that day. I'm glad I got my own attention and refocused since my mom wasn't in the car to redirect me.

I didn't make a new year's resolution for 2022 but instead will resolve to focus on one word. I haven't decided whether that word will be grateful or thankful. Either word will help me keep my mind right; at least most of the time.



# Auxiliary & Resident Organization News

## Stone Center In-Person Sunday Worship Resumes

We are pleased to announce that in-person Sunday worship services in the Stone Worship Center will resume for Garden Home and Assisted Living Garden Apartment residents on January 16 at 10:15 am.

**GH residents are asked to enter the auditorium through the Stone Center entrance adjacent to the back parking lot.** A door to the Gathering Place will be open Sunday morning for Garden Apartment residents. Face masks are required for entry.

We have learned with the pandemic that things can change quickly, so it is important to be reminded that this is subject to change pending future developments and/or outcomes. Watch CVC TV for any changes should they occur. It's exciting to begin to envision ways this beautiful facility will enhance resident life at CVM, and we expect additional announcements in the future about ways the Stone Center can be utilized.

## CVM CHRISTMAS FUND - 2021

By Bob Moorehead

The Christmas Fund Committee would like everyone to know how the exciting final total donated this year- \$43,485- will impact CVM. This enabled larger sums for the gift checks, as well as a tremendous confidence builder for the entire idea behind the Fund and our theme, HEROES WORK HERE. Feedback from several resources has been gratefully received:

*"This Fund is a blessing, not only well received, but also impactful in this 'special needs' type of year with an inflationary economy, plus the unusual health challenge of COVID thrown in!*

Frosty says *"Thanks for the great support! Hopefully we will be able to include all the normal events for next year's campaign!"*

Many, many thanks from the 2021 Christmas Fund Committee.

## Kroger Community Rewards

By Pat Wilson #1 (513) 234-0982

Mason Christian Village Auxiliary supporters can enroll their Kroger Plus Cards online at the secure website, <https://www.kroger.com/communityrewards>.

Every time an enrolled member shops at Kroger using his or her Kroger Plus Card, the Auxiliary will earn rewards. The Auxiliary will also receive Kroger Rewards credit if you forget your card and provide your alternate ID (usually phone number). Ask your family and friends to enroll using the Auxiliary account number UY336 as well.

## Library News

By Mary Ann Watrous

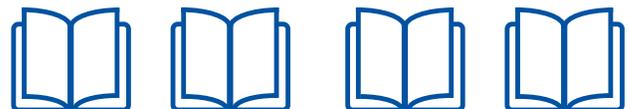
Happy New Year! I hope 2022 brings plentiful peace to all of us.

### November/December Additions:

- Lee Child, *Better Off Dead* (New!)
- Tom Clancy, *Oath of Office*
- Michael Connelly, *Two Kinds of Truth*
- James Grippando, *The Girl in The Glass Box*
- John Grisham, *The Judge's List* (New!)
- Barbara Kingsolver, *Unsheltered* (LP)
- Robert B. Parker, *Double Play, Blue Screen*
- Samantha Price, *Jeremiah's Daughter* (LP), *The Temporary Amish Nanny* (LP), *The Amish Bishop's Daughter* (LP)
- Lisa Regan, *Her Mother's Grave* (#3), *Her Final Confession* (#4), *The Bones She Buried* (#5)

### Mason Public Library Outreach

Friday, January 7, 10:00 a.m.



## Mason Community Center

By Lizz Stephens

As many of our residents can attest from firsthand experience, we are blessed to have the Mason Community Center (MCC) so close to The Christian Village at Mason. I would like to remind all Garden Home residents that they receive a complimentary Basic Membership to Mason Community Center. With the Basic Membership, you can experience all the fun the MCC has to offer; exercise equipment, two indoor pools, a walking and running track, group exercise classes at \$3 per class, senior center activities, different groups like the Parkinson's Support Group, gift shop, post office, cafe and much more! The Basic membership provides full access to the facility during normal operating hours.

To obtain your complimentary membership, simply stop by the MCC located at 6050 Mason Montgomery Rd, Mason, OH 45040 to complete your application. Make sure to bring your insurance information with you to see if you are eligible for membership based on your insurance plan.

I hope you will take advantage of this exciting opportunity!

## Rental Furniture

Please be advised, the furniture in the main lobby is temporary rental furniture. The permanent, new furniture for the lobby and main hall is anticipated to arrive in March.

## The staff at The Christian Village at Mason want to say...



**Thank you for the Frosty Christmas bonus and taking care of the team members at CVM. We appreciate all you do!**

## Upcoming Garden Home Activities

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

**Blue Gibbon Lunch Outing** *If you like Chinese food, you are sure to enjoy this gem of a restaurant!*

Wednesday, January 12, 11:00 a.m.

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

Reservation only: (max. 20 participants)

Pick up: Picnic Shelter

**Chicken on the Run Lunch Outing:** *Don't worry... you won't have to catch your meal for lunch!*

Monday, January 24, 11:15 a.m.

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

Pick-up: Picnic Shelter

(max. 20 participants)



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