

Pavilion Capital Campaign Announced

Excitement is building for construction to begin on our newly designed, spacious picnic pavilion. We expect demolition of the old facility to begin in May.

As previously announced, \$1,500,000 in capital funds have been approved by the board of directors in support of this project. We are initiating a capital campaign to raise the remainder of the construction costs, estimated to be another \$400,000 dollars.

To review, the new pavilion will include increased seating capacity, a serving kitchen, men's and women's restrooms and pavilion storage. In addition, there will be a large, open-hearth, gas-operated fireplace on the northwest end of the pavilion. We are adding a large, (much needed) climate-controlled storage area to the pavilion facility. And finally, 48 additional parking spaces will be added on the southeast end of the pavilion. This will truly be an enhanced amenity for our community.

Many residents took advantage of using appreciated stock and required minimum withdrawals from an IRA to support the Stone Center capital campaign. Others also took advantage of using their entrance fee refund as a source for cash to contribute to that campaign.

If you have interest in these forms of gifting or would like someone to explain them to you in detail, please contact Amie Kocher, Executive Assistant to the CEO. Amie will arrange for Larry to visit you in your home or his office, whichever works better for you.

Be watching soon for more information in the mail about this important fundraising campaign. If in the meantime you have questions about the campaign or you have interest in contributing to our efforts, please contact CEO Larry Monroe at (513) 701-3448.



Birthdays, Celebrations and Updates



May Birthdays

This information is for Christian Village at Mason residents.



May Anniversaries

This information is for Christian Village at Mason residents.

RESIDENT UPDATES

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Village Clinic Hours

7169 Village Drive

Tuesday - Thursday - 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

If you need to contact the nurse outside these hours, please contact Diane Reed, R.N., Queen City Skilled Care, Home Care Coordinator at (513) 314-0562 or Heather Carter at (513) 701-3403.

CVM Transportation

Transportation services are available to all residents. Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

*Concierge Cards - \$36 for 13 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.

- \$3.00/mile from drop-off and pick-up
- \$40/hour for the driver to stay with you

Scheduling Transportation

Call (513) 701-3415 to schedule an appointment.

Chaplain's Corner

BY CHAPLAIN DAVID RAY

Sermon Series

"The Shepherd in the City" Series Concludes

May 7	The Shepherd in the SHADOWS
May 14	A special MOTHER'S DAY Celebration
May 21	The Shepherd at the TABLE
May 28	The FOREVER Shepherd

Fam•i•ly (noun)

1. a group of people who are related to each other, such as a mother, a father, and their children
2. a group of people who care about each other because they have a close relationship or shared interests

I grew up as a preacher's kid and lived in different places during my childhood. The distance and obligations dad had in ministry often made visits to extended family limited. But around Christmas or during the summer, we would make a trip to Louisville to see **FAMILY**.

My dad's dad died long before I ever could know him, but dad's mom remarried, and I inherited a "Pap" on that side. Dad's mom died when I was still very young, but I have memories of staying with her and sleeping upstairs in her spooky attic, where a candle was the only light. (How amazed I was when she would lick her fingers and snuff out the flame.)

My mom's parents—"Grandpa" and "Grandma"—lived on until my high school and college years, so most visits centered around their home, plus time with aunts, uncles, cousins, and other family who made greater Louisville their home.

There were relatives down in western Kentucky, too. One Great Aunt lived on a farm, and their log house had been built back in the 1800s. It had even been

commandeered as headquarters for a Civil War General. (Once, in my adult years, I got to sleep in that bedroom, in what I assume was the same bed. The place was a museum, and musty like one, too.)

I say this to admit that my early years with the larger family were not abundant. But when we were together, it was always good. I have to say, though, that the churches my dad served became sweet "family" for us, too. There were a few "relatives" that tested our spirits, but most became wonderful adopted "aunts," "uncles," and "cousins" to us growing up kids.

You may feel the same during these later years when some of your family are gone. But I suspect you have also grown to love your added "family" in this Village. We have precious "brothers" and "sisters" who do make this place feel like "home."

I'm feeling this way, too. My wife and I have only one family member who now lives in greater Cincinnati, and the rest are scattered far-and-wide. But we have YOU, and for that we are so grateful!

As time passes we all grow to become "family" here—especially since the "tie that binds" is also one of Christian faith. Aren't you glad we are not alone?

Contact Information

Office (513) 701-3406, **Cell** (513) 218-6548, or **Email** david.ray@christianvillages.org.

Tune to CVC TV for Chaplain's live: **Word of the Week** (Monday, 9:30 a.m.), **Daily Devotions** (Tuesday and Thursday, 11:00 a.m.), & **Stone Center Worship** (Sunday, 10:15 a.m.).

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Social Services

BY HEATHER CARTER, LSW, DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Christian Village Comfort Care - Hospice Update

The Christian Village Hospice team continues to finalize policies and procedures and work on various programs hospice will provide our residents and families.

On March 20, 2023, we had our initial licensure survey by the Ohio Dept of Health. Their review found that Christian Village Hospice is in compliance with the Ohio rules and regulations for operation and we were issued our hospice license.

We are now able to enroll a few patients during a trial period. The patients enrolled during this trial period will receive the full benefits of the hospice program. While caring for patients during the trial period, we will also need to complete an intensive 3-day survey with Community Health Accreditation Partners for our Medicare certification and accreditation. This is an unannounced survey and is dependent on our Medicare approval letter and census numbers. Successful completion of this process will then allow us to enroll patients and bill Medicare for the services provided.

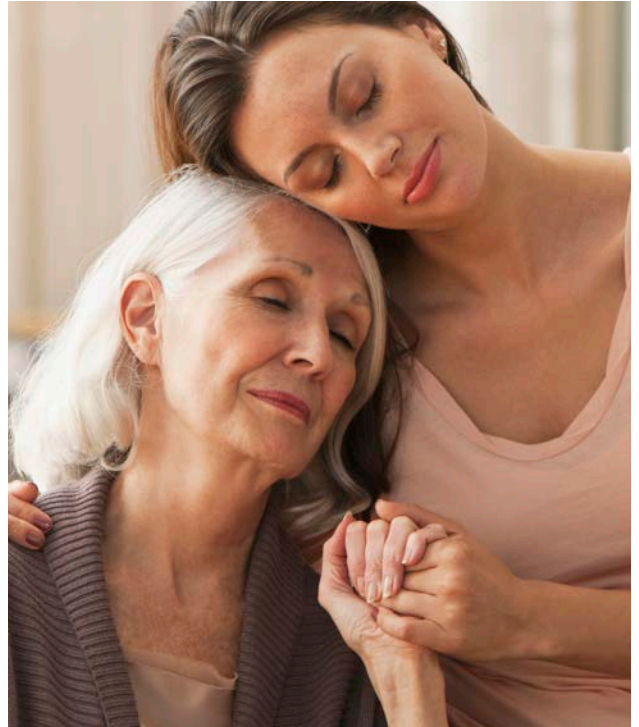
The Christian Village Hospice office is located at 7169 Crescent Drive. Office hours are Monday-Friday from 8:00a.m. – 4:30p.m. There may be times that staff are seeing patients on our campus and they will not be available. However, staff can be reached at (513) 204-2185.

If you have interest in learning about volunteer opportunities, or have additional questions about our hospice program, please contact Ashli Gordon at (513) 204-2185 or Heather Carter at (513) 701-3403.

Advanced Directives

Have you reviewed your advanced directives recently? It is always important to keep your Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care and Living Will up to date. Your Living Will directs health care professionals to honor your wishes if you become terminally ill or permanently unconscious.

The Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care is your opportunity to name someone to make health care decisions for you, as you would make them, in the event you are incapacitated. Remember it is important that you have conversations with the appointed individual regarding your wishes. If you have difficulty expressing your wishes to your Health Care Power of Attorney or would like guidance on how to start these conversations, please feel free to reach out to Hannah Gamer, MSW, LSW at (513) 701-3404 or Heather Carter, LNHA, LSW at (513) 701-3403.



The Well

BY KYRA SCHROER, DIRECTOR OF FITNESS & WELLNESS

How Can I Help?

Thanks to all who helped make our third annual Heart Mini event a success. We enjoyed a beautiful day and raised \$1,592 to support the American Heart Association. Highlights from this year's event included some brave men getting out of their comfort zones to line dance and some of our Ambassador Choir singing The National Anthem to kick off our walk and add to the fun and fellowship.

Last year, Bob Dell, pictured on the right, was hesitant to join us because he couldn't donate as he had in past years. I'm so grateful he changed his mind and gave us that memory. He was with us in spirit this year and helped lead the way for his scooter riding neighbors to participate.

I often repeat the verse "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Recently it also occurred to me that not all things are mine to do. When our community comes together for an event like the Heart Mini, we combine our gifts and get the job done. Each of us has a way to help.

Check the activities calendar for my class schedule. I will be offering two "Intro to Line Dance" sessions and two "Intro to TRX" sessions this month.



Left picture: AL resident, Jan, riding along on her scooter, Top Middle: GH residents Jill, Dee, and Judy, Middle Right: Kyra and Amie, Bottom Right: GH residents Bill and Ken

Auxiliary & Resident Organization News

Kroger Shopping Bus

If you are a Garden Home resident and would like to use the CVM bus to go shopping at Kroger on Tuesday, May 23 starting at 9:00 a.m., please contact the front desk with your name and address. The bus will pick you up at your home. Shopping trips require a Concierge Card — (\$36 for 13 trips). The cards can also be purchased at the front desk. If you have any questions, please contact Tracy at (513) 701-3414.

Garden Home Resident Referral Program

The best referral source the Sales & Marketing department has for new Garden Home residents is YOU! Our own residents refer to us the most qualified leads, and we have a program to help make it happen.

Simply obtain a referral form from the front reception desk or with the Sales & Marketing Department. Complete the form with a new prospective Garden Home resident and return it to the front reception desk. If your referral moves into a Garden Home, both you and your referral will receive a credit for one month's maintenance fee! If you have any questions, please contact Lizz Stephens, VP Marketing & Business Strategy at 701-3408.

Thank you in advance for considering being part of our referral program!

Garden Home Resident Dinner at Dusk Save the Date!

On Tuesday, June 20, we will host an elegant dinner in the Stone Center auditorium beginning at 6:30 p.m. All Garden Home residents will be invited to attend. The purpose of this dinner is to welcome new Garden Home residents that have joined our community since 2019. Watch your mailbox for an invitation with more details!

Veterans Association Meeting

The next veterans meeting is Wednesday, May 17 at 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

There will be a guest speaker from the Wright 'B' Flyer Museum just south of Dayton at the Austin Landing exit on I-75. He will speak on the history of the first airplane that the Wright Brothers sold to the US Army around 1911. This is one of the first airplanes to be made that started the aviation industry.

Upcoming Concerts

Concerts will be held in the Stone Center. They may not be available to be aired on CVC TV if music groups bring their own sound equipment.

- **Oola Khan Grotto Band** – Tuesday, May 2, 7:00 p.m.
- **Lilyanne Thoroughman, Violinist & Dobin, Pianist** - Friday, May 5, 7:00 p.m.
- **Glen Bowles, Musician** - Tuesday, May 16, 7:00 p.m.
- **Pete Metzger, (Garden Apartment Resident) & Brass Band** - Wednesday, May 17, 2:00 p.m.
- **J & R Entertainment** - Tuesday, May 23, 7:00 p.m.
- **Larry Monroe Guitar Concert** - Wednesday, May 31, 7:00 p.m.

Join CEO Larry Monroe on the guitar for a special springtime concert in the Stone Center at 7:00 p.m. on May 31. Welcome the arrival of spring with a concert featuring songs on the guitar from all genres.



Auxiliary & Resident Organization News



Resident Community App

Recently, some of our residents requested an additional form of communication rather than relying solely on CVC TV, the Village News, and written communications. Based on this request, we spent time researching the possibility of implementing a resident app to enhance communication and engagement within our community. The proposed app was shared at the April Town Hall meeting and received a very favorable response! We are actively pursuing implementing this new technology for our community. Stay tuned for more information about this exciting development!

CVC TV Weekend Schedule

- Saturday, May 6, 3:00 & 7:00 p.m.
“Great Smokey Mountains: A Fairytale World
Once Upon a Time”
- Saturday, May 13, 3:00 & 7:00 p.m. “Lord Howe
Island Garden of Eden Between Australia & New
Zealand”
- Saturday, May 20, 3:00 & 7:00 p.m.
“The Hummingbird Effect”
- Saturday, May 27, 3:00 & 7:00 p.m.
“Hindenburg- New Evidence”

Library News

By Mary Ann Watrous

March/April 2023 Additions:

- Stacey Abrams, *While Justice Sleeps*
- Ken Austin, *Murder by Accident*
- Sandra Brown, *Blind Tiger*
- Wanda Brunstetter, *Amish Front Porch Tales*
- Mary Higgins Clark, *The Second Time Around*
- Harlan Coben, *I Will Find You*
- Deborah Crombie, *Now May You Weep*
- Clive Cussler, *Valhalla Rising*
- Janet Evanovich, *Going Rogue* (New)
- Joy Fielding, *Someone is Watching*
- Tana French, *Faithful Place*
- Heather Gudenkauf, *One Breath Away*
- Greer Hendricks, *The Wife Between Us*
- Jonathan Kellerman, *Unnatural History*
- Phillip Margolin, *Wild Justice*
- Stephen King, *Billy Summers*
- Roslund & Hellstrum, *Three Seconds*
- James Patterson, *Kill Alex Cross; The House of Wolves* (New)
- James Patterson, *Invisible* (LP), *Lost* (LP)
- Nita Prose, *The Maid*
- Nora Roberts, *The Witness*
- Lachlan Smith, *Panther's Prey*
- Brad Thor, *Near Dark*

We have a new detective series, set in London, by Deborah Crombie! Most of the books are paperback editions and are located on the carousel. They are numbered, either on the spine or inside the cover.

Mason Public Library Outreach

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

Please remember to turn in your used books to the craft room for pick up.

You Never Know

BY RUTH ODOR,
GARDEN APARTMENT
RESIDENT

IT'S ONLY A DISH

As we grow older, we often realize that the words from our parents were wise and to be heeded. When we as children dropped a bowl or a plate and it broke into many pieces my mother would always say, "It's only a dish." Even when the dish was one of her favorites or a lovely antique, Mother always said the same thing. We were never scolded or disciplined. Very early in life we learned how to place value, that some things mattered and some things didn't. In other words, she taught us not to "sweat the small stuff."

I used the same words with my own children when they dropped a glass or a bowl, even when there was milk or food on the floor to be cleaned up. "It's only a dish."

Sometimes I recall a time when my husband and I were on a trip to an ancient European city and walked down a street with stalls and vendors on either side. One of our favorite places was the fruit and vegetable market with all of its colorful produce. One day we saw a fellow traveler with a very angry look on his face standing alone on the street. "What's the matter, sir?" my husband asked. "You seem very troubled. Are you lost?" The man was a stranger but a fellow American. "I was cheated," the man said. "I was overcharged for this apple. It should not have cost this many euros." "Sir," said my husband, "just think for a minute. You have looked forward to this trip for a long time. Are you going to let it be ruined because you were overcharged for an apple?" After a moment's silence, the man said, "I guess you are right. Thanks." And putting the apple in his pocket, he walked on down the street, with the beginning of a smile on his face.

Now at this stage of life we often have a tendency to worry about small things, things that do not really matter. The roast cooked too long and was overdone. The mashed potatoes got cold. The laundry did not get done. We said the wrong thing and realized too late that we should have kept our mouth shut. I reach out to place my favorite plate on the counter and it lands on the floor in twenty pieces. I remember my mother's words, and murmur, "It's only a dish."

One of my friend's favorite cakes is a pineapple upside-down cake. I bake one for her birthday every year. This year I assembled the ingredients, mixed the batter, poured it into my cast iron skillet, and carefully slid it into the oven. Taking it out was difficult for that skillet is heavy. Surely, I can flip the cake onto the plate on the counter I thought. Oh, I flipped it--but I missed the plate and it landed on the floor. I felt like crying but I just stood there and laughed. Cleaning up the mess was not easy, but telling my friend that there would be no cake was harder.

It's very difficult but I am learning that in the scheme of things, some of the things that I worry about do not matter at all.



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