

## *Christian Village Hospice*

Christian Village Hospice was established to provide comfort care and enhance the quality of life for individuals residing at The Christian Village at Mason and The Christian Village at Mt. Healthy. Christian Village Hospice received licensure from the Ohio Department of Health in March 2023 and certification and accreditation for Medicare from Community Health Accreditation Partners (CHAP) September 2023.

Hospice care is a compassionate approach that prioritizes the comfort and well-being of individuals with advanced illnesses and their families. Hospice care is an option for patients who have made the choice to shift their focus from seeking a cure for their condition to prioritizing comfort, symptom relief, and an improved quality of life. Our focus is on comfort and quality of life for our residents with life-limiting illnesses and to provide Christian, comprehensive care to the terminally ill and support for their families and caregivers.

Christian Village Hospice enrolled the first patient in April 2023 and have since served 19 patients. Our experienced hospice care team provides support for both the patient and their families by creating a personalized plan that addresses your physical, emotional, and spiritual needs.

The Christian Village Hospice team consists of a Clinical Director/ Case Manager, an RN, Social Worker, Chaplain, State Tested Nurse Aide and Volunteers, as well as a Medical Director. Patients can continue to have their own primary physician manage their care. Each team member visits patients routinely to provide individualized medical, emotional, and spiritual needs for our patients. This plan of care is integrated with the care plan and care that each patient receives in our facilities. Christian Village Hospice team members collaborate with The Christian Village at Mason and The Christian Village at Mt. Healthy teams.

We have been blessed to provide orientation for several volunteers. These individuals provide extra support for our patients. Volunteers often help patients read, write letters, visit with pets, provide music, and many other services. The relationship our patients develop with the volunteers is incredible.

Heart Felt Care is a one-on-one 24/7 bedside presence during the last hours of life to provide additional support to the patient, their family, and facility staff. It is important to our team and to our mission to provide additional nursing oversight, as well as emotional and spiritual support during this journey.

We are proud to provide these services for our residents and their families. Our mission is to maintain comfort and dignity while offering support to the patient through our continuum of care from admission throughout the duration of their illness. Hospice fulfills that mission.

If you or someone you know has interest in learning more about Christian Village Hospice or our volunteer program, our team would be happy to talk with you.



# Birthdays, Celebrations and Updates



## November Birthdays



## November Anniversaries

This information is for  
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### 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.

### Grocery Pickups

Please turn in one list per week on Monday or Thursday into the front desk (4 or 5 items).

Please give list and money to the front desk or call Transportation at (513) 701-3415.

### Village Clinic Hours

7169 Village Drive

**Monday - Friday - 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 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.

## RESIDENT UPDATES

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The Christian Village at Mason residents.

# Chaplain's Corner

BY CHAPLAIN DAVID RAY

## “Thank You!”

Growing up, I loved to watch the long-running series, “The Little Rascals.” Maybe you did, too. Characters like Alfalfa, Spanky, Froggie, Stymie, and all the rest were endearing characters who became a vivid part of my childhood imagination. I laughed at their hijinks and marveled at the limitless ingenuity that allowed them to create awesome things out of worthless odds-and-ends scrounged from dusty attics and local junkyards.

But far more than just building such contraptions, “Our Gang” stories were centered upon building relationships that often included a dandy clubhouse held together with a few rusty nails and a whole lot of luck. There were secret handshakes and special “hi signs,” too. And, at the clubhouse door, members always needed to know a special “password” to be allowed in.

I know the church is not a club. But if, some Sunday, someone were to stop you at the door and ask—“What’s the password?”—what might you say? What special word should be on your lips (and in your heart) as you want to come into worship?

**There is a psalm**—often called “The Old 100th” because of its numbered place in the Hebrew song book—**which says: “Enter his gates with thanksgiving.”** It is an invitation—even a command—about how to enter worship. And I like the way these words are captured through a contemporary translation: **“Enter with the password: ‘Thank you!’”**

There may be no better way to gain entry into God’s presence than with an expression of gratitude. The psalm says:

*Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and praise his name.  
For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;  
His faithfulness continues through all generations*

## Jesus Meets...

- November 5 An **Accused** Woman (John 8:1-11)
- November 12 A **Short** Man (Luke 19:1-10)
- November 19 A **Grateful** Man (Luke 17:11-19) (Thanksgiving)
- November 26 An **Unnoticed** Woman (Mark 5:21-34)

## Contact Information

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

If you need assistance to attend worship, desire communion, or welcome a visit, please contact us.

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.), & **Worship** (Sunday, 10:15 a.m.).

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## Stone Center Thanksgiving

**Breakfast & Worship**  
**Sunday, November 19**

Join us for worship at 10:15 a.m. preceded by a delicious, free buffet breakfast in the Matthews Dining Room served from 9:00-10:00 a.m. Reserve your place by calling the front desk at (513) 398-1486 by Sunday, November 12.

# Social Services

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

## Caregiver Support Group

Join us on November 14, 2023, from 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. to connect with other caregivers. Caregiving has many facets and challenges. Our team will facilitate group conversation, provide resources and education related to dementia care and caregiving in general.

This group meets monthly on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

The group will meet at the Village Clinic located at 7169 Crescent Drive.

## Photo Identification – The Christian Village at Mason

The Christian Village at Mason staff will be taking pictures of Garden Home residents on Wednesday, November 15, from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. and on Friday, November 17, from 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. in the Hockley Chapel. Individual pictures will be used for the Electronic Health Records. Letters were sent to Garden Home residents with more detailed information. If you are unable to attend one of these dates or would like more information, please contact Heather Carter at (513) 701-3403.

## Voting – November 2023

### The General Election is on November 7, 2023.

If you are registered to vote, you should have received a voter registration card from Warren County Board of Elections. This card will notate your polling location. Typically, CVM residents vote at Christ's Church at Mason. CVM will offer shuttle service to Christ's Church at Mason at 9:00 a.m. Please sign up at the front desk if you need transportation.



## Understanding Your Medicare Benefits

Open enrollment for 2024 Medicare Benefits begins October 15, 2023 and runs through December 7, 2023.

You should be receiving your Annual Notice of Change that will explain changes to your Medicare Plan for 2024. You may also receive numerous fliers and phone calls about signing new forms or enrollment in new plans. **Please be cautious.** Most plans review automatically, and you do not need to sign anything.

It is beneficial to review your benefits with an insurance specialist if you have questions about your current plan or making a change.

If you have other questions, please contact Mary Brown at (513) 701-3423.

# The Well

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



Auction Team (Amie Kocher, Mary Ann Watrous, Joan Lee)

**\$3,073.33**



Bake Sale Team (Judy Stagney, Ruth Swain)

**\$900**



Champion Fundraiser (Barb Poston, Kyra Schroer)

**\$1,640**

Residents and staff teamed up to make our 5th annual Walk to End Alzheimer's our best one yet, raising \$6,773.33 for the fight against this disease. We had fun and raised funds for:

- Research
- Treatments
- Programs (like the 1-800 help line)

I want to extend a special thank you to Joan Lee and Judy Stagney for bravely accepting the lead positions. Without these two ladies the fundraising efforts wouldn't have happened. They didn't work alone; Joan recruited her friend and neighbor Mary Ann, and both teams had staff support (see pictures above). Joan said leading this gave her purpose and led to meeting new friends and neighbors.

I heard stories of residents driving neighbors to shop for items to go in those incredibly creative baskets. People bid on some of the baskets because of the basket itself, which reminded me of Christmas' long ago when my kids were more interested in the box than what was inside. The bake sale was also a huge success! Judy and Ruth were a dynamic duo supported by many volunteers providing delicious baked goods and working two-hour shifts during the



Ambassador Singers

**Other Donations: \$1,160**

sale. I loved seeing residents volunteer with friends, getting reacquainted with neighbors, and meeting new people that day!

The Christian Village at Mason team will likely finish on the leader board as one of the top 5 fundraising teams for the Butler, Warren, Clinton County event. Placements are determined at the end of the year since donations are accepted until December 31. Last time our team placed, in 2021, two residents accounted for 40% of our fundraising. This year it was truly a community effort!

# Auxiliary & Resident Organization News

## Christmas Fund

Frosty says, “There is still time to donate to this year’s fund.” The last day to donate will be Friday, November 24 at 4:00 p.m. To all of those who have already given, he says, “Many, many thanks!” Be sure to check on CVC TV as the amounts are posted during the campaign. Remember to enter the “Guess the Final Amount” contest. Forms are at the front desk. The closest guess will win a gift certificate to a local restaurant. All donation checks should be marked “Christmas Fund” on the memo line of the check.

Any questions may be directed to any of the members of the Christmas Fund Committee:

Bob Moorehead (513) 492-7738, Ruth Shoemaker (513) 204-0298, Buzz Dorward (513) 492-9642, Mike Ryan (207) 266-1097, Beth Stratman (513) 886-1630

## Veterans Association

### Honoring CVM Veterans

The CVM Veteran’s Association was founded in 1997, and this year marks its 25th anniversary. With such a significant milestone, it seems only proper to host an event to honor this milestone and salute the men and women who served our country so well.

Current members of our Veteran’s Association fought in Korea, Vietnam, and the Desert Wars. Hollywood movies would never match what veterans experienced. Dwight Eisenhower wrote, “History does not entrust the care of freedom to the weak or timid.”

Please join us for a special Veteran’s Association meeting on Wednesday, November 15 at 10:00 a.m. in the Hockley Chapel. Guest speaker, Renee Mitchell and her husband John will be sharing their past experiences from serving in the military. All are welcome to attend to hear our guest speaker and celebrate the association’s 25th anniversary.



## 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, November 14** at 9:00 a.m. Please contact the front desk with your name and Garden Home 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.

## CVC TV Update

Last year, we conducted a survey among our residents to gather feedback on how we could improve CVC TV to better serve you. A recurring theme in the feedback was the perception that the information on CVC TV was overly repetitive. For residents who have embraced the resident app, you now have the freedom to view CVC TV announcements at your own pace, ensuring that you stay informed without having to adhere to a fixed schedule. As a result, we are implementing changes to the content on CVC TV.

Starting on November 6, we will run CVC TV announcements for 5 minutes at the top and bottom of each hour. During the remainder of the hour, we will showcase our beautiful campus with the “Look out the Window” video for residents and visitors to enjoy. We are excited about this change and look forward to using this new tool to share resident announcements and display the beauty of our campus more efficiently!

# Auxiliary & Resident Organization News

## Thank You for Donating

Joan Lee and The 2023 Silent Auction Team

Twenty-two gorgeous containers filled with wonderful items were donated to the silent auction for the Walk to End Alzheimer's, resulting in a \$3,073.33 donation to the Alzheimer's Association. And so, we thank all of you – those who donated the baskets and those of you who bid on them.

(It's not too early to begin thinking about next year...)

## Library News

By Mary Ann Watrous

### September/October 2023 Additions:

- Ann Cleeves, *Harbour Light; The Seagull; The Moth Catcher, The Rising Tide; The Darkest Evening*
- Tess Gerritsen, *The Keepsake*
- Fred Herzner, *What Did We Know? What Did We Do?* (Non-fiction)
- Martha Hall Kelly, *Sunflower Sisters*
- William Kent Krueger, *This Tender Land*
- James Patterson, *Circle of Death*
- Brad Taylor, *Hunter Killer*

### Mason Public Library Outreach

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

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



## 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.

- **Larry Monroe Concert** Wednesday, November 1, 7:00 p.m.

Larry's concert will feature songs from different genres. There will be a surprise that you don't want to miss!

- **Delta King Barbershop Quartet** Tuesday, November 21, 7:00 p.m.

This group loves to sing Barbershop harmony! Please join us and kick off the Christmas season with this wonderful performance of Christmas songs Barbershop style!

- **The Great Miami Blue Grass Band** Tuesday, November 28, 7:00 p.m.

This group performs music of the Appalachian Region which is rooted in traditional English, Scottish, and Irish Ballads and dance tunes as well as American Blues and Jazz.

Mike Ryan (Garden Home resident), lead vocals and rhythm guitar; Kitty McIntrye, harmony vocals and mandolin; Dan Conly, banjo; Adam Hicks, vocals, and lead guitar; and Mary Jones, bass.

### CVC TV Weekend Schedule

- Saturday, November 4, 3:00 & 7:00 p.m.  
"Facing The Storm: Story of the American Bison Documentary"
- Saturday, November 11, 3:00 & 7:00 p.m.  
"Heading Back to Normandy," After the War History Documentary
- Saturday, November 18, 3:00 & 7:00 p.m.  
"Polar Extremes: Ice Worlds"
- Saturday, November 25, 3:00 & 7:00 p.m.  
"Indonesia Wonders"

# You Never Know

BY RUTH ODOR,  
GARDEN APARTMENT  
RESIDENT

## WAIT! LET ME TELL YOU

See him sitting there in a wheelchair.  
He cannot stand; his legs are weak and unable to hold him.  
Wait! Let me tell you--  
Once those legs were so strong that he was able to run marathons.  
He was not only a runner; he was a college professor.  
Students listened with rapt attention to his lectures.

You know that the woman over there loves music  
Even though she cannot hear it.  
The hearing aids do not work.  
But wait! Let me tell you--  
Once she conducted a huge church choir.  
She heard the sounds of the different parts and put them together.  
Each Sunday the songs rose upward as praises were sung to the Lord.  
Her music made a difference in the lives of many.

See the man sitting by the window?  
He holds a book but he cannot see the words.  
He cannot even pick up the pencil that lies before him.  
Wait! Let me tell you--  
Once those were the hands of an architect.  
He designed, planned, and supervised the construction of many buildings.  
Some of those buildings can be seen here in the city where we live.

You've noticed that the woman's hands are wrinkled and age-spotted.  
Her fingers are bent and stiff.  
Wait! Let me tell you--  
Once those hands moved carefully as she touched a fevered brow or  
Spread a blanket over a shivering patient.  
She was a nurse, respected by doctors, loved by patients.

See that lady sitting beside her bed.  
She is frail and fragile, almost a fading shadow of what she once was.  
Oh, a woman sits beside her.  
She holds her hand and smiles into her eyes.  
Can you hear what she is saying? Listen--  
"Wait! Let me tell you--  
**SHE'S MY MOTHER."**



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