



CEO Town Hall Meeting

Thursday, April 11, 2024

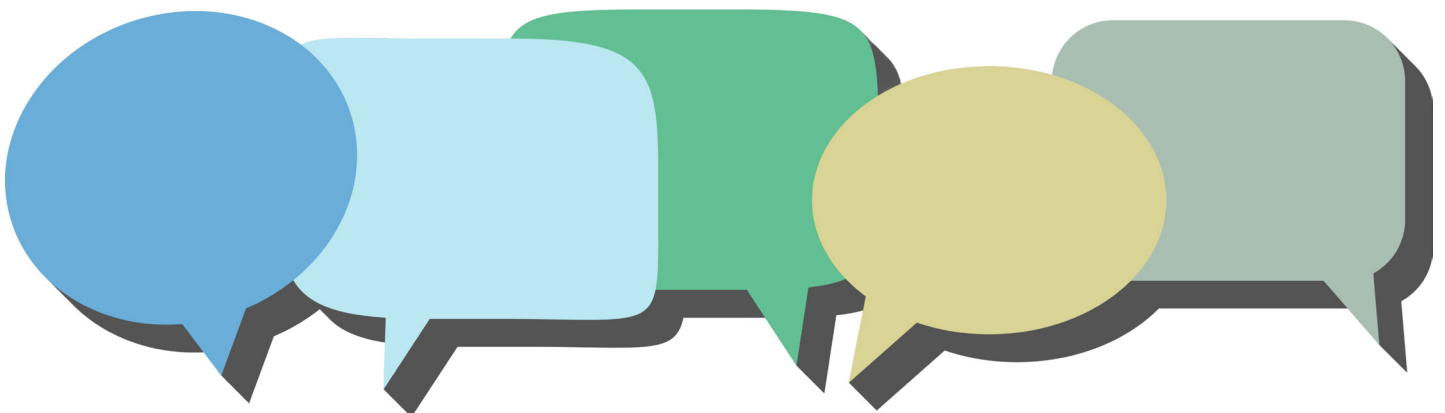
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Stone Center Auditorium

The first of two CEO Town Hall meetings for 2024 is scheduled for Thursday, April 11 at 2:00 p.m. in the Stone Center Auditorium. It will also be broadcast on CVC TV at a date to be determined following the Town Hall. This event is not open to the public and is for residents of The Christian Village at Mason only.

These meetings have been well attended in the past as residents have regarded them as a great source of information about what's going on at CVM, how well our organization has performed compared to budget, as well as what is projected for the coming year. Updates will be provided about all the developments on the CVM campus. Larry Monroe will review financial yearend 2023, review completed capital projects in 2023 and announce projects planned for 2024. In addition to his planned meeting agenda, Mr. Monroe will answer resident questions that are signed and submitted to the Village Center front desk by close of business day on April 5.

Town Hall meetings are planned in support of the administration's objective for transparency and enhanced communication between CVM management and our residents. The second Town Hall meeting for 2024 is scheduled for October 17, also at 2:00 p.m. Please mark your calendar to save these dates!



TOWN HALL MEETING

Birthdays, Celebrations and Updates



March Birthdays



March Anniversaries

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Village Clinic Hours

7169 Village Drive

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

If you need to contact the nurse outside of 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 and medical trips within 5 miles.

For medical appointments and other trips over 5 miles, or if you require the driver to stay with you, pricing listed below:

- \$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.

RESIDENT UPDATES

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Chaplain's Corner

BY CHAPLAIN DAVID RAY

Easter Celebrations

Last year we introduced some new traditions to our Easter celebrations. All were well received so we are including them again with hope that you will join us for:

Palm Sunday - March 24

- **10:15 a.m. Worship (Stone Center)**

All will receive palm fronds to add to the celebration of Christ's triumphal entrance into Jerusalem.

Good Friday (March 29)

- **9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Stations of the Cross (Stone Center)**

Come anytime during the day to share in a self-paced, reflective remembrance of the events surrounding Christ's crucifixion. The auditorium will be a quiet place, with music and various tables offering special prompts to guide your prayerful experience.

- **6 p.m. Good Friday Service (Stone Center & CVC TV)**

A reflective, 30-minute corporate gathering to remember the cross through word and song.

Easter Sunday (March 31)

- **7:30 a.m. Sunrise Service (Village Lakeside Gathering)**

Welcome the dawn of the Resurrection through a brief 30-min service that will include the Decoration of a Living Cross, for which you are invited to bring spring flowers (additional flowers will also be provided). If the weather is too poor, the service will move into the Hockley Chapel.

- **8:00 a.m. Danish Delights (Hockley Chapel)**

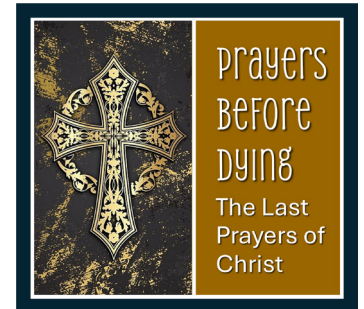
Coffee, juice, and breakfast sweets (with reservations welcomed through the front desk.)

- **10:15 a.m. Easter Worship (Stone Center & CVC TV)**

Please invite your friends, neighbors, and family to join us for this high day of celebration!

Stone Center Sermons

March 3 & 10 will conclude our study of 1 Corinthians 13 to be followed by a short new **Easter Series** reflecting upon the "Last Prayers of Christ." How would you pray if you knew your life was soon to end?



Another Anniversary

We were talking about **BLESSINGS** during one of my recent devotion times in our Guardian Center, and all those gathered were counting the different things for which we were thankful. We ended by singing the familiar hymn that encourages us to "count" and "name" our blessings, "one by one." But just before we sang, someone raised a hand to ask: "And what are you most thankful for?" And I had to answer: "The work I am now able to do within this Village." For fifty years I have enjoyed ministry within churches, a Christian university, and in hospitals. But it feels as if all that I have done before was to prepare me for a last season of ministry within this place, which now spans two years. I am very grateful!

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 would welcome a visit, please contact us.

Tune to CVC TV (Channel 2493) 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

Caregiver Support Group

This group meets monthly on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2024. Time: 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

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

Grief Support Group

This will be a 6-week program addressing key aspects of grief and grief recovery. The Christian Village Hospice Grief Support Group, led by Chaplain David Ray, will help facilitate conversations, provide additional resources, and guide those in attendance through identifying and acknowledging grief, understanding the effects grief may have in our everyday lives and how to journey through grief.

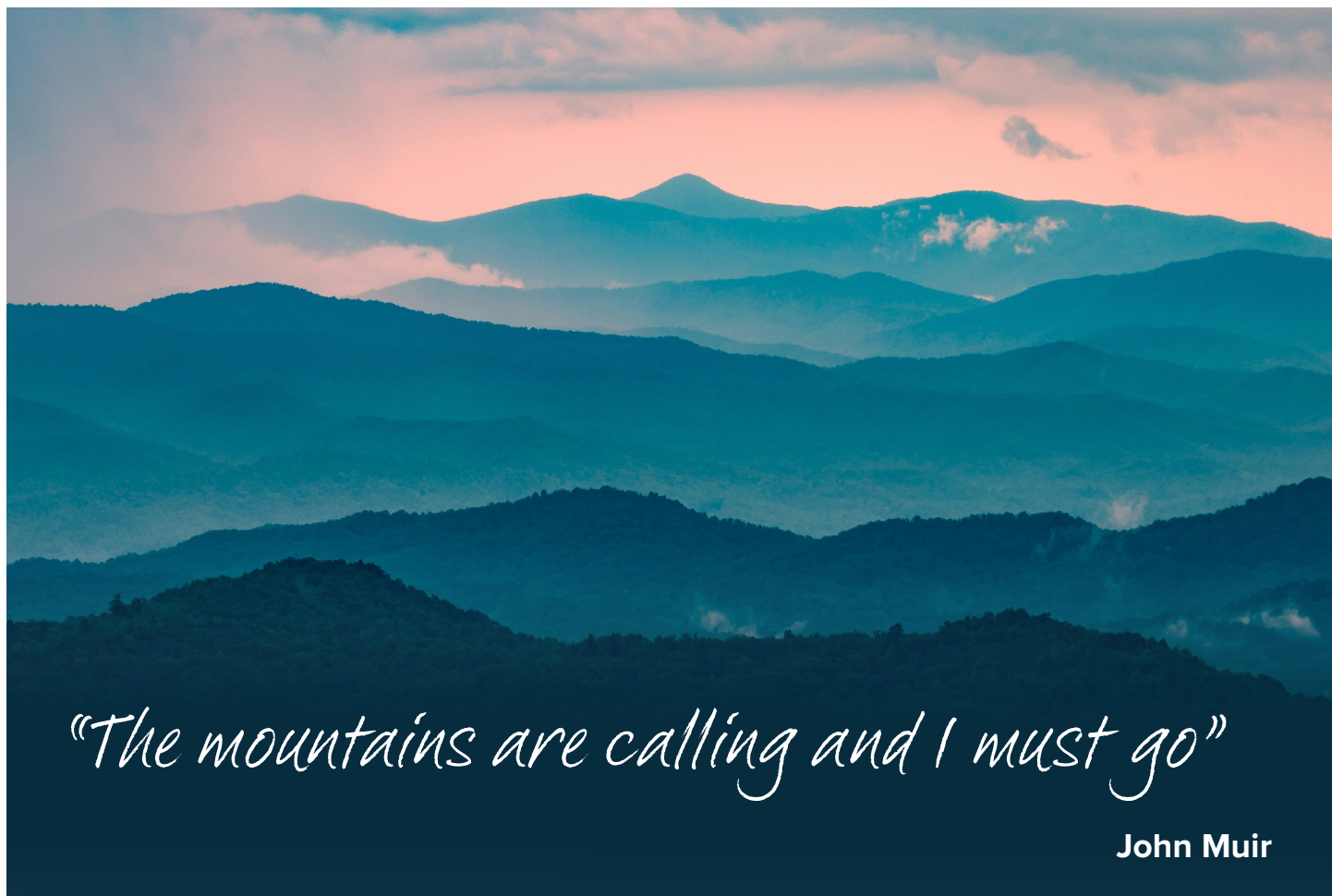
The group will begin March 19, 2024, and will meet on Tuesday evenings for 6-weeks from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. in the Christian Village Hospice Office/Village Clinic located at 7169 Crescent Drive.

If you have questions about either of these groups or if you would like to RSVP, please call Heather Carter at (513) 701-3403.



The Well

BY KYRA SCHROER, DIRECTOR OF FITNESS & WELLNESS



It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your Director of Fitness & Wellness for the past five years. Hearing your stories and witnessing your kindness towards each other (and me) has made me a better person than when I walked into this role, and I will be forever grateful for my experience here at The Christian Village at Mason. However, it is time for my next chapter to begin.

My husband, Dave, and I purchased a ranch home in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina. It all happened much quicker than anticipated, because we sold our house to our neighbor's son and his family giving them the opportunity to move back from California and live next to Mom/Grandma. Our move brings us closer to our youngest child, who lives in South Carolina, but further from the rest of our family. Dave has lived in Cincinnati his entire life, and I have lived here most of my life, so it is a big change.

Many of you have become like family to me as we've shared our joys and struggles. Recently, a resident said to me, "You're fortunate to work here," and I agreed. It wasn't an easy decision to make, but the timing feels right, and the mountains have been calling me for a long time. I will take what I've learned here and move forward to continue loving and serving God doing whatever I'm called to do next.

Auxiliary & Resident Organization News



Anyone for golf?

Springs means it's time to clean up the golf bag and plan some rounds. If you are interested in an informal golf league for men, women, or couples, please let me know. Golf would be at Armco Park. Day and time TBD. Interested? Your only requirement is some golf experience and interest in having fun on the links. Please send an email to Shadowbags@aol.com--Joyce Hackbarth, Garden Home resident. If there is enough interest, an organizational meeting will follow. Armco has golf carts, or you can walk.

CVM Book Club Information Meeting

Several residents have suggested having a book club at CVM. If you are a reader, this is for you. There will be an organizational meeting on March 11. This is your chance to obtain information, discuss the format and procedures, and offer suggestions for the club. This is a club available to men and women living in any facility at CVM. Your only prerequisite for joining is a love of reading and interest in book discussions. Please mark your calendar for March 11 at 10:00 a.m. in the lounge. You do not have to pre-register for this meeting. Happy reading!

CVM Veterans Association Meeting

The next veterans meeting is **Wednesday, March 20 at 10:00 a.m. in the Hockley Chapel.**

There will be a guest speaker (tbd). As we get closer to the meeting date, check out CVC TV or the Community app for more information. All are welcome to attend.

Grocery Pickups

Grocery lists are due on Mondays and Thursdays of each week. Please limit your list to 4 or 5 items.

Please give list and money to the front desk or call Transportation at (513) 703-3415.

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, March 12 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 (Channel 2493) Weekend Schedule

- Saturday, March 2, 3:00 & 7:00 p.m.
"Gorilla"
- Saturday, March 9, 3:00 & 7:00 p.m.
"Building the Eiffel Tower"
- Saturday, March 16, 3:00 & 7:00 p.m.
"Irish Spring Festival of Irish Folk Music"
- Saturday, March 23, 3:00 & 7:00 p.m.
"Worlds Greatest Icons of Life"
- Saturday, March 30, 3:00 & 7:00 p.m.
"Andrea Bocelli - Love in Portofino - Live Show"

Auxiliary & Resident Organization News



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.

- **Lilyanne Thoroughman, Violinist & Dobin, Pianist**
Friday, March 1, 2:00 p.m.

Lilyanne will be playing with Dobin in preparation for her upcoming audition to Julliard. They are both phenomenal musicians! You don't want to miss this special concert!

- **Queen City Sisters**
Monday, March 11, 2:00 p.m.

This acapella women's trio dazzles audiences with their tight harmony arrangements of songs from the 1930s through the 1950s. Classic songs by Rosemary Clooney, Doris Day, the Andrews Sisters, and more round out their entertaining song list.

- **Sycamore Community Band**
Tuesday, March 12, 7:00 p.m.

The band performs a wide variety of musical styles, from Sousa marches to symphonic works, jazz, Broadway and pop medleys, film scores, and serious wind band literature.

- **Squeeze Play Accordion Band**
Tuesday, March 26, 7:00 p.m.

The band performs not only big band music, but many other styles; 50s and 60s tunes, great Broadway Medleys, memorable Movie Themes, and lots more. And when the accordions are strapped on, you can guarantee their programs will have a wide variety of musical styles, with tunes that will please everyone in the crowd.

Library News

By Mary Ann Watrous

January/February 2024 Additions:

- David Baldacci, *The Edge*
- John Berendt, *Midnight In The Garden of Good and Evil*
- Ann Cleeves, *A Bird In The Hand; Come Death and High Water*
- Leif Enger, *Peace Like A River*
- Janet Evanovich, *Dirty Thirty* (New)
- Kristin Hanna, *The Women* (New)
- Erik Larson, *Dead Wake*
- Cindy Woodsmall, *Sisters of the Quilt* (complete trilogy)

Large Print:

- Fern Michaels, *Pretty Woman* (LP), *Santa Cruise* (LP)
- James Patterson, *Fear No Evil* (LP)

Non-Fiction:

- Peter Bronson, *The Man Who Saved Cincinnati*

Have you discovered Ann Cleeves yet? She writes mysteries that take place in the north of England (the Vera Stanhope series) and the Shetland Islands, Scotland (the Shetland series).

Mason Public Library Outreach

Friday, March 1, 10:00 a.m.

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



You Never Know

BY RUTH ODOR,
GARDEN APARTMENT
RESIDENT

IT'S HARD TO SAY GOODBYE

What a wonderful day we have when my niece and nephew come to visit. I walk with them to the door for a final hug. I watch as their car disappears from sight. It's hard to say goodbye. It is even more difficult to say goodbye to a loved one who has departed this life. And we live in a place where we often have to say goodbye.

For some time, our management team here at the village has realized that and wanted desperately to help. There are many Hospice agencies in our area, and residents who wanted their assistance were free to choose. But we wanted to have our own Hospice. After much planning, many meetings, and lots of hard work, that dream became reality--the Christian Village Hospice. Now we are able to offer continuous care, from the time a person becomes a part of the Village until the time when eyes are closed on this earth. A member of our management team oversees this program. A registered nurse and her aide take care of the physical needs of the resident. Our chaplain takes care of the spiritual needs. The resident is surrounded by familiar faces. It is members of our "family" who provide guidance for this difficult journey.

You see, Hospice is more than a program that provides quality care; it is a philosophy, a philosophy of caring that provides dignity and comfort in the last stage of life. Here is an example:

One of our residents was dying; he had few days left. He was in our Grace Center, but he wanted to die at home, one of our Garden Homes. "We'll take

you there," he was told. Looking into his eyes, a member of our Hospice team asked, "What would you most like to do?" Through trembling lips, he said, "It's our wedding anniversary and I would like to give my wife roses." Later our Hospice team made a trip to a nearby florist where they purchased a bouquet of red roses and a card for the occasion. So, when the man arrived at his home and his wife ran to meet him he held out to her a beautiful bouquet of red roses.

Surprisingly our care does not end with the death of the resident. Our services are still available -- talks with the chaplain, grief support groups, friends. Recognizing how difficult the days after having said goodbye are, we let families know that we are still there for them. One way of doing this is "Recognizing the Firsts" -- the first birthday, the first anniversary, the first Christmas. There's the first birthday with an empty chair and no birthday cake; the first Christmas when all the decorations are only reminders; the first anniversary with only memories. On each of these days Christian Village Hospice sends a beautiful handmade card with a special greeting. We let families know that they are not forgotten.

The word "hospice" has an interesting beginning; it is derived from the Latin *hospitum* meaning hospitality, a place of rest and protection for the weary. It came to mean caring for the ill and dying in route to the Holy Land. I used to dislike the word and pushed it away; it symbolized death, darkness, and grief. **Now I think only of sunshine, loving care-- and a dozen red roses.**



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