

TAN The Village News

A publication for the residents living in the friendly community of The Christian Village at Mason.





Join us for our Annual Grandparents Day Bash!

Saturday, September 13 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the Village Pavilion

Bring the whole family for an afternoon of fun, laughter, and celebration! Enjoy a live performance by Jesse Lyn and the TNT Band, a strolling magician, face painting, games, delicious food, and free ice cream-plus so much more!

You won't want to miss this fun-filled family event!

Birthdays, Celebrations and Updates



August Birthdays

This information is for The Christian Village at Mason residents.



August Anniversaries

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Grocery Pickups

Please turn in one list per week on Monday or Thursday to the Front Desk. (4 or 5 items).

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

Village Clinic Hours

7169 Village Drive

Monday - Thursday, 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.

CVM Transportation

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

*Concierge Cards—\$36 for 13 trips

For errand & medical trips within 5 miles.

*Appointments by Mile or Hour

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



About 2½ years ago, we reached out to get a sense of how elements of our spiritual programming were meeting the needs of our Village community. You responded in a wonderful way then, as you did again for our recent survey with **107 reponses**—a great sampling! We will use your input to help refine and develop best offerings for this fall. And thanks for your many positive comments!

One thing we sense from listening to you is that as overall programming throughout every area of the Village continues to expand, it becomes **important for residents to have flexibility when it comes to times and choices of offerings.** What may be a convenient time for some is busy or unavailable for others.

While a third of those responding watch, or have interest in, the current **Tuesday/Thursday 11 a.m. devotions** over CVCTV, others suggest a different time (or flexible schedule) might work better for them. Our **plan for the fall** is to **redesign the format** and have the devotion(s) broadcast at **more than one fixed time** during a week for greater convenience.

Forty-three percent of those responding indicate they watch, or have interest in, our Sunday Stone Center Worship live broadcast on Sunday mornings. An identical percentage report they attend the service in person, or have interest in doing so. This means that for every hundred people attending, another hundred may be watching. But those who check out the in person option do find themselves coming back!

Many respondents—particularly those living independently in our Garden Homes—participate actively in churches outside our Village community, though some occasionally watch or attend our Stone Center services. A number of our Village Catholic residents also report regular participation in the Sunday morning communion service offered in our Garden Apartment Lounge, as well as the monthly 3rd Thursday offering of Mass in the Hockley Chapel. Several note that when weather is bad, sickness comes, or health declines,

that Stone Center worship also becomes a welcomed option—either in person or via CVCTV.

This fall, to extend the accessibility of our Sunday worship broadcast beyond just the live morning offering, we are planning to have a **rebroadcast of the service over CVCTV later in the day on Sundays.** At some point soon we may also offer **on-demand access to Stone Center sermons** for residents to watch, or invite others to see.

Past or current participation by residents in **Bible studies** is high, reported by 59% of respondents, with another 12% indicating interest. Several residents host studies in their Garden Homes or participate in studies within their outside church homes and in our Garden apartment lounge.

Twenty-four percent of respondents indicated interest in various **support groups**, 43% suggested **other** types of **group studies**, and 29% encouraged other group **resources or programs**.

While 40% of residents report use of (or interest in) our free Village access to *RightNow Media* resources, 58% are unaware of this service. Another **information** session will be scheduled soon to help (re)introduce this fine resource.

Finally, almost a third of respondents report they would welcome a **personal meeting or phone call** from the chaplain. (These are being scheduled.) And a generous number indicated interest in possible options of a monthly open **group meeting with me** (41%), announced **topic** presentation (52%), general **chat** session (21%), or open **Q&A** gathering (24%). Watch for fall opportunities, and **thanks** for all your input. This Village continues to have a **strong heart of faith!**

Closing Notes

Sunday Worship: Stone Center Auditorium, 10:15 a.m., and also live on CVCTV Channel 2493. **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.

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Social Services

BY HEATHER CARTER, LSW, DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Social Service Scoop - Resource Guide

Warren County has many sources to assist older adults in the community. Below are a few of these resources. Feel free to reach out the Social Services Department if you have questions or are looking for additional services.

Mason Community Center - 513-229-8555

Warren County Community Services - 513-695-2100

Helping people in Warren County is what Warren County Community Services, Inc. (WCCS) has been doing for more than 50 years. They offer a variety of programs and services. Our Mission: WCCS' mission is to strengthen the fabric of our community by providing services and connecting people to resources necessary for realizing their full potential for a quality life.

Warren County Elderly Services Program - 513-695-2271

The Elderly Services Program (ESP) provides support services that help older adults remain safe and independent in their own homes. This program is for

- Warren County residents
- 60 years of age or older
- Need for services, determined during a home visit by an ESP care manager

Warren County Veteran's Service - 513-695-2717

Warren County Veteran's offer services to assist with filing claims, transportation as well as death benefits that may be available for qualifying spouses.

Council on Aging - 513-721-1025

Council on Aging of Southwestern Ohio assists with programs and services to help individuals maintain independence, dignity, and health and safety for people of all income levels. They have additional services to offer support, advice and consultation for family and volunteer caregivers.

Pro Seniors - 513-345-4610

Pro Senior offers education, advice, advocacy, representation and justice of seniors in Ohio through three programs offered at no cost. These include Legal Services, Long-Term Care Ombudsman and Ohio SMP (Senior Medicare Patrol)

OSHIIP - Ohio Seniors Health Insurance Information Program - 1-800-686-1578

This program helps provide Medicare beneficiaries with free, objective health insurance information. They offer one-on-one counseling and assist in the education of Medicare, Medicare prescription benefits (Part D), Medicare supplement plans and Medicare Advantage plans.

In addition to these services, Christian Village at Mason Social Workers offer a monthly Caregiver Support Group. This group meets in the Village Clinic at 7169 Crescent Drive the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 10:30am. - 12:00p.m. This group is open to any resident or family members of Christian Village at Mason residents. Group discussions include understanding the role of caregiving.

SAVE THE DATES - Christian Village at Mason will host a 6-week Grief Support Group beginning September 9, 2025. The group will meet each Tuesday for 6 weeks in the Village Clinic from 6:00 p.m - 7:30 p.m. The group will conclude on October 14, 2025. Please feel free to contact Heather Carter at 513-701-3403 if you have any questions or RSVP.

The Well

BY TOMI MARUNA, DIRECTOR OF FITNESS & WELLNESS

Dancing with Heart and Patriotism

Our spirited line dancing group recently had the honor of putting on a special patriotic program for our skilled nursing and Guardian residents. It's truly a privilege to share our love of dance with such an amazing group. I teach a few simple dances so everyone can join in, and we're always thrilled to see them tapping along, waving pompoms, and singing to familiar tunes. The joy in the room is contagious—especially when we goof up and everyone laughs with us! I feel so blessed to lead such a special group of joyful, hardworking, and talented women. Programs like this are truly one of the highlights of my job.

We cherish these moments together during our biannual programs in July and December!









The CBA Foundation

Night of Stars

By Matt Hilderbran, VP of Development

The Night of Stars (NOS) celebrates the extraordinary service and dedication of ten of our own teammates—five from both The Christian Village at Mason and The Christian Village at Mt. Healthy. Departments represented include Housekeeping, Nursing, Resident Life Services, Social Services and more. It is an evening filled with inspiration, dinner, and a presentation of awards to our Stars.

The Night of Stars was conceived out of our deep appreciation for our Christian Village Communities team. Were it not for the 400+ dedicated team members who deliver unprecedented quality care, attending to the needs of the over 550 residents and patients we



serve, there would be no Christian Village at Mason and Christian Village at Mt. Healthy.

The CBA Foundation hosts this event to not only honor our Stars, but to raise resources for the continued care of our residents who need financial assistance to continue receiving the gift of a Christian based continuum of care. There is still an opportunity to be a NOS resident sponsor.

We hope to see you **on September 11th at 6 p.m.** for this wonderful night! Reservations are **due by August 28th.** Please reach out to Amie at amie.kocher@christianvillages.org if you have any questions.

Auxiliary & Resident Organization News

Auxiliary Update

By Harold Lorton, Auxiliary President

MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES: The Quarterly Membership Meeting was held in Hockley Chapel on July 9, 2025. The Minutes, including Year-to-Date Treasurer's Report, is distributed to Garden Home Residents with this August Village Newsletter.

DINE OUTS: Thanks to Dee and Al Shelton, our next Dine Out will be at City BBQ, 7706 Voice of America Center, West Chester Twp 45069 on Thursday, August 7, from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Take the flyer from the August Village Newsletter or pick one up at the front desk. Present the flyer to the server or cash register attendant when you pay for your food. The restaurant will reimburse the Auxiliary for a % of the food bill.

Community Life Services will provide transportation at 11:30 a.m. for those no longer able to drive. Please sign up ahead of time at the front desk if you need a ride.



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Summer Evening Concert with Larry Monroe

Join us on **Thursday, August 28 at 7:00 P.M.** for a special Summer Evening Concert featuring our retired CEO, the talented Larry Monroe. Enjoy a lively blend of country, gospel, and pop music in the Stone Center. Relax to the sounds of familiar favorites and heartfelt tunes. If you have not heard Larry sing, you are in store for a treat.

It's the perfect way to celebrate the season with music and community!



Upcoming Music Concerts

Concerts will be held in the Stone Center unless another location is listed.

- Wild Honey Band Tuesday, August 5, 7:00 p.m.
- "Fantastic Fairy Tales" Monday, August 11, 10:30 a.m. Join Madcap for a hairy fairy tale packed with their classic giant puppets and silly twists on your favorite classic stories.
- New Leaf Singers Tuesday, August 12, 7:00 p.m.
- Short Term Memory Band Tuesday, August 19, 7:00 p.m.
- Larry Monroe Concert Thursday, August 28, 7:00 p.m.

Library News

By Mary Ann Watrous

June/July 2025 Additions:

- Joseph Bauer, Sailing For Grace
- Janelle Bown, What Kind of Paradise
- Diane Chamberlain, Reflection
- Julie Clark, The Ghostwriter
- · John Grisham, Skipping Christmas
- Clare Leslie Hall, Broken Country
- Iris Johansen, Chasing The Night
- · William Kent Krueger, Ordinary Grace
- Freida McFadden, The Tenant
- James Patterson/Bill Clinton, The First Gentleman
- Jeff Shaara, A Blaze of Glory (A novel of the battle of Shiloh)
- Victoria Thompson, Murder in Rose Hill
- Danielle Steel, A Mind of Her Own Non-Fiction

Large Print

• Percival Everett, James

Mason Public Library Outreach

Friday, August 1, 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

TO WHOM SHALL WE GO?

Remember the story of Jason who searched for the golden fleece, and Ponce de Leon who sought for the fountain of youth? Men have always been seekers. And we are no exception.

We may be supplied with possessions and ideas that would amaze people of ancient times, but we are still searching for something--something that answers the questions of the why and wherefore of our existence in this world.

Men have tried intellect and reason. Philosophers provide philosophies of life that are almost sufficient, but some basic element is missing, leaving mere words without soul.

Then, science is the answer, said mankind. Scientists have been seekers, seekers who have found parts of the answer. But science and reason are not enough. There is nothing wrong with either of them. They simply belong where they belong and can take us no farther.

We turn to technology. Perhaps it has the answer. But it changes every day. Keeping up with it is difficult.

The identical question was asked centuries ago by a stalwart Galilean fisherman. But the fisherman already had the answer. It is our answer, too. And so, in this mixed-up world of ours, we cry out, "To whom shall we go?"

"To whom shall we go?" asked Peter as he looked into the face of Jesus. "Thou hast the words of eternal life."









