



# *Village Clubhouse Grand Opening Celebration*



The CVM management team is thrilled to announce that on **Wednesday, February 11, 2026**, our beautiful, new “Village Clubhouse” will be opening! This 3,600 sq. ft. clubhouse is at the corner of Centre Cir. and Sunray Dr. at the entrance of Sunrise Vista. The clubhouse features a fireside lounge, game room, arcade area, and a large covered outdoor porch with plenty of seating for relaxation and fellowship. You will also find the “Village Bistro” which will serve many delicious menu items as well as grab-and-go items. Included in the bistro is a dining space. The Village Bistro will be opening on **Monday, March 30** and there will be more information to come.

All residents are invited to attend our grand opening on **February 11**. To make this event more comfortable for our nearly 500 residents, all residents will have specified time to attend as follows:

- 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. Residents living in Sunrise Vista and on Crescent Dr.
- 12 p.m. – 1 p.m. Residents living on Village Dr.
- 1 p.m. – 2 p.m. Residents living on Leisure Ln. and all Garden Apartment residents and healthcare residents

During the celebration you’ll have a chance to tour the new space and enjoy light refreshments. Please keep in mind that parking is limited. Please RSVP at the monthly signups.

Included in this edition of the Village News, you will find a helpful handout that includes the Village Clubhouse’s hours of operation, rules, and other helpful information.

**Thank you for your ongoing support as we continue to expand and improve the  
Christian Village at Mason!**

# Birthdays, Celebrations and Updates



## February Birthdays

This information is for  
The Christian Village at Mason residents.

## Village Clinic Hours

### 7169 Village Drive

Monday – Thursday, 10:00 -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**.

## 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) 703-3415**.

## CVM Transportation:

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

## New 2026 Transportation Costs

Concierge Cards—\$37 for 13 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.

· \$4.00/mile from drop-off and pick-up

· \$42/hour for the driver to stay with you

Scheduling Transportation

Call **701-3415** to schedule an appointment.



## February Anniversaries

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# Chaplain's Corner

BY CHAPLAIN DAVID RAY

## Meaning

**Do you ever look at life and find yourself asking: “What’s up?” and “Why?”** Some questions are as old as time, yet new as the present moment.

Ecclesiastes, an ancient book of the Bible, asks hard and honest questions that people have wrestled with over millennia—questions that have puzzled philosophers, challenged believers, and even inspired quite a few poets and songwriters.

**“A search for meaning,” you might call it.** Trying to sort out life’s big “why’s.” Especially when circumstances often present themselves in puzzling ways.

The opening verses of Ecclesiastes quickly express honest frustration. “Everything is meaningless, completely meaningless,” the ancient writer laments. Reach for some inciteful answer, and it feels like you only grab a handful of fleeting smoke or a disappearing whiff of wind.

But throughout the writer’s “search” for answers, there is a recurring phrase worth notice. It speaks of life “under the sun.” Life lived, and understood, primarily from an earth-bound perspective.

I’ll be honest. There are lots of things in life that still leave me scratching my head, despite today’s vantage point that benefits from added centuries of divine revelation—information supplied “from above.”

Someone reminds us of Robert Browning’s familiar poetic line: “God’s in his heaven and all’s right with the world.” But then imagines, if the writer of Ecclesiastes had heard such words, he might have said, with painful frustration: “Don’t talk nonsense!” God may be “in his heaven,” but my own world has quite a few “jagged edges” in this moment right now, “under the sun.”

Ecclesiastes wrestles with things like birth and death, tears and laughter, words and silence, love and hate, war and peace, along with even some painful and amusing bonus words about growing old, too.

If all this captures your curiosity, as well, join me in February to sample more thoughts from this ancient book, with an attempt to add some further words “from above.” I’d love to welcome you to Stone Center Worship during the new year. And you’re welcome to bring your own questions with you! We’ll all “search for meaning” together.



### Another Chaplain Chat

**Join me on Wed., Feb. 25, at 10 a.m., in the Hockley Chapel,** for another time to chat. This month, I’ll welcome some reflection upon what the new, “Ecclesiastes: A Search for Meaning” sermon series might be raising for you.

### Closing Notes

**Sunday Worship:** Stone Center Auditorium, 10:15 a.m., and also live on CVCTV Channel 2493 and rebroadcast at 6:15 p.m.

**Chaplain Devotions:** Monday-Friday, at 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

**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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# You Never Know

BY RUTH ODOR,  
GARDEN APARTMENT RESIDENT



When I first moved here, I planted lots of flowers in the space beside my patio. One spring I decided to plant a few vegetable plants. I asked my nephew to plant a sweet pepper plant, a tomato plant, and a cucumber plant. We planted the cucumber plant very close to my patio and at the base of a shepherd's crook. I visualized that vine climbing up the shepherd's crook and my reaching out to pick a cucumber. That plant flourished and was ready for little cucumbers to appear.

Early one morning a man came by spraying for weeds and pulling up any stray weeds. When I looked out later my beautiful cucumber plant was gone! It had been pulled up by mistake. Since I had shared my joy over that plant with an employee in Maintenance a few days before, I called. "My cucumber plant is no more; it was pulled up by mistake!"

A day or two later as I sat on my patio I looked and there at the base of the shepherd's crook was a beautiful, healthy cucumber plant! I hurried down the hall to Maintenance to say thank you. "Thank you for my replanted cucumber plant. Thank you for your kindness." As I returned to my apartment I thought, "That would not have happened anywhere else." Four little words popped into my mind. Words that I had seen on signs in the building but had paid little attention to, "Service from the heart." That was service from the heart.

Since that day other kindnesses have come my way – assistance in guiding my walker down a steep incline on the ramp at a restaurant, medication from the pharmacy brought to my apartment by a smiling nurse. Kindnesses have come your way too – someone going beyond the call of duty. Service from the heart.

## Social Service Scoop

BY HEATHER CARTER, LSW, DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES

### Volunteers

There are many volunteer opportunities available for Hospice at both Christian Village at Mason and Christian Village at Mt. Healthy. Volunteers assist with a variety of activities, visit with residents, and/or assist with office paperwork. If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact Heather at **513-701-3403**, or Tracy Wolcott at **513-701-3414**.

### Caregiver Support Group

Christian Village at Mason offers a support group for our residents, families and friends to help provide support, encouragement and resources. The group meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month in the Village Clinic located at 7169 Crescent Drive from 10:30 am – noon. For more information, please contact Heather Carter, LSW, at **513-701-3403** or Madeline Brammer, MSW, at **513-701-3395**.

# The Well

BY TOMI MARUNA, DIRECTOR OF FITNESS & WELLNESS

## Memory Boosters That Really Work

We all forget things from time to time—where we put our glasses, what we came into the room for, or the name that’s on the tip of our tongue. As we age, those “senior moments” may become more common, but the good news is this: your brain can continue to grow, change, and adapt at every stage of life.

Just like the body needs movement to stay strong, the brain needs regular activity to stay sharp. Here are some simple, science-backed ways to boost your memory every day:



### 1. Keep Learning

Challenging your brain with something new—like a puzzle, game, or hobby—keeps your mind engaged. Try learning a few words in a new language, picking up a craft, or joining a trivia group. John offers a Brain Games and Trivia activity every Friday @3:15p in the Garden Apt Lounge that you should check out!

### 2. Stay Social

Meaningful conversations help your brain process thoughts, recall information, and stay emotionally healthy. Even small talk in the hallway can give your brain a positive workout!

### 3. Move Your Body

Physical activity increases blood flow to the brain and helps protect memory. A daily walk, fitness class, or even light chair exercises can make a big difference.

### 4. Eat for Brain Health

Foods rich in omega-3s, antioxidants, and vitamins—like fish, leafy greens, berries, and nuts—nourish the brain. Staying hydrated also helps with focus and clarity.

### 5. Pray and Meditate

Spiritual practices like prayer, reflection, and reading Scripture can bring peace, focus the mind, and even improve memory. As Isaiah 26:3 says, “You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in You.”

**Remember: it’s never too late to take care of your brain. With a little effort each day, you can keep your memory strong—and your mind full of life and joy.**

## Grateful Hearts Program

Recognizing those who make a meaningful difference.

Has a Christian Village Communities team member made a difference in your life or the life of a loved one? Consider a gift to honor them and show your appreciation. Write a brief note to share your thanks and we will recognize your honoree to commemorate both their service and your generosity. Brochures can be found at the Front Desk and around Christian Village Communities. Gifts can be dropped off at the Front Desk/Foundation Office.

For additional ways to give a gift, visit our website at: [www.christianvillages.org/donate](http://www.christianvillages.org/donate) or contact Matt Hilderbran at **513-701-3345**. The Grateful Hearts program supports Charitable Care and is designated for Hardship/Scholarship Grants. Thank you for choosing to honor and recognize someone at CVC in a very special way!

**For gifts received by February 14th, your honored team member will receive a Valentine treat!**

## Auxiliary & Resident Organization News

### Auxiliary Update

By Harold Lorton, Auxiliary President

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES:** The Quarterly Membership Meeting was held in Hockley Chapel on January 14, 2026. The Minutes, including the Calendar 2025 Treasurer's Report, is distributed to Garden Home and Sunrise Vista Residents with this February Village Newsletter.

**ADDITIONAL AUXILIARY PLANS FOR 2026:** Late summer, the Auxiliary hopes to start selling apparel embroidered with the Christian Village at Mason Cross Logo. The Garment Co-Chairs recently met the clothing vendor with whom the Village has an established relationship. Additional discussions are scheduled.

In December, the Auxiliary approached Tom Rutledge,

Director of Media/Technology, and asked for a proposal with costs to install weatherproof speakers with an amplifier in the Pavilion. Tom presented his proposal at the January Membership Meeting. Members approved his proposal for the audio equipment. After its permanent installation, a user-friendly panel will be accessible for residents to plug into and use the equipment for family gatherings and Cul-de-sac activities. And, of course, Christian Village Community Life Services will use the equipment for music programs and parties.

**MEMBERSHIP DRIVE:** Also included with this Newsletter is an Annual Membership Drive handout. You will find a blank 2026 Membership form at the bottom of the page to facilitate your joining the Auxiliary. If you have questions regarding the organization, names and numbers are provided on the handout.

# Auxiliary & Resident Organization News

## Community App: Profile Pictures

Residents now have the ability to add their own photo to their profile in our Community App. If you would like to add a photo to your profile, please follow these steps:

1. Click on the **grey icon** of a person in the **top right-hand corner** of your app.
2. Select **"My Profile."**
3. Select the **blue camera icon** next to the grey profile icon.
4. Choose **"Camera"** to take a photo of yourself, or select **"Gallery"** to choose an existing photo from your camera roll.

We hope you enjoy utilizing this feature! For questions or more information, please contact our Marketing Strategist at **(513) 701-3400**.

## Upcoming Music Concerts

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

### Jan & Robin House - Tuesday, February 3, 7:00 p.m.

A music duo that plays a variety of musical styles including 1950s and '60s Rock 'n' Roll, Classic Country, sing-a-long songs and popular hits from the golden age of music, using comedy, skits and trivia to keep things entertaining and fun!

### Delivered - Tuesday, February 17, 7:00 p.m.

Southern gospel music group dedicated to sharing the message of faith, hope, and love through their music.

### Cincy Jazz Train - Tuesday, February 24, 7:00 p.m.

## Library News

By Mary Ann Watrous

### December 2025/January 2026 Additions

Barbara Taylor Bradford: *Being Elizabeth*;  
Cavendon Hall

Lily Brooks-Dalton: *The Light Pirate*  
T. Davis Bunn: *The Great Divide*  
Louise Candlish: *the heights*  
Robert Dugoni: *The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell*  
Nikki Erlick: *The Measure*  
Therese Anne Fowler: *A Good Neighborhood*  
Shelley Freydon: *Sudden Death Sudoku*  
Adiva Geffen: *My Daughter's Keeper*  
John Grisham: *Camino Ghosts*  
Gina Holmes: *Crossing Oceans*  
Kristin Harmel: *The Book of Lost Names*  
Hannah Kent: *burial rites*  
Natasha Lester: *The Paris Secret*  
Daniel Mason: *The Winter Soldier*  
Kate Morton: *The Secret Keeper*  
Walter Moseley: *Blood Grove*  
Allison Pataki: *Finding Margaret Fuller*  
Anne Perry: *No Graves As Yet*  
Jo Piazza: *The Sicilian Inheritance*  
David Rollins: *A Knife Edge*  
Laura Spence-Ash: *beyond that, the sea*  
Jeannette Walls: *Half Broke Horses; The Silver Star*  
Nancy Werlin: *Extraordinary*  
Chris Whitaker: *All The Colors of The Dark*  
Charmaine Wilkerson: *Black Cake*  
Lauren Willig: *Band of Sisters*

### Non-Fiction

Brad Meltzer, Josh Mensch: *The Nazi Conspiracy*  
Jim Murphy: *The Boys' War*  
Valentyn Syniy: *Serving God Under Siege*

### Large Print

Dorothea Benton Frank: *Shem Creek (LP)*  
Allegra Goodman: *Isola (LP)*  
Rachel Hanna: *The Book Club on Waverly Lane (LP); Christmas on Waverly Lane (LP)*  
Karen McQuestion: *A Limited Run (LP)*  
Walter Mosley: *Blood Gore (LP)*

### Mason Public Library Outreach

Friday, February 2, 10:00 a.m.

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



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Mason, OH 45040

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The mission of Christian Village Communities is to guide older adults to joyful and purposeful life experiences in a faith-filled community.

Care is the heart and soul of everything we do. We are devoted to maintaining the highest standards of expertise and service in health and wellness. We are committed to serving each person as though they were our own family; with love, compassion and excellence. 

Want to support the ministry of Christian Village Communities?  
Visit [www.christianvillages.org/donate](http://www.christianvillages.org/donate) to learn more about supporting our foundation and providing financial relief to our residents and employees.

BE SURE TO VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO VIEW THE CALENDAR OF EVENTS  
[www.christianvillages.org](http://www.christianvillages.org)