



Dinner at Dusk

Save the Date!

Garden Homes/Sunrise Vista

The well-attended Dinner at Dusk is making a return on **Thursday, July 23 at 6 p.m.** Following the success of last year's gathering, we are delighted to announce that we will be hosting this event again to welcome all new independent living residents that have joined us in a Garden Home or in phase two of Sunrise Vista.

Dinner at Dusk is an elegant dinner in the Stone Center auditorium. All independent living residents will receive an invitation in the mail. The purpose of this dinner is to welcome new independent living residents that have joined our community in the last year as well as an opportunity to meet your new neighbors. Watch your mailbox for an invitation with more details!

Please note that you will be billed for attendance rather than paying in advance. **We hope you can attend!**

Birthdays, Celebrations and Updates



April Birthdays

4/2 - Joan Aikey, Phil Saneholtz
4/4 - Ken Hastings
4/8 - Miriam Jackobs
4/9 - Bud Cancasci, Marilyn Laker, Mick McGuire
4/10 - Patricia Bedan
4/11 - Ginny Ball
4/12 - Patricia Anson
4/13 - Linda Saneholtz
4/15 - Dee Bartholme
4/18 - Jay Bennett, Frieda Eckert
4/20 - Judy Wahl, Carol Kaesemeyer, Millie Volungis
4/21 - Dick Kaesemeyer
4/23 - Vickie Sanford
4/24 - Anna Hanna, Bob Kovalak
4/25 - Sandra Hyer, Bobbie Victor
4/26 - Oletha Howell
4/27 - Mark Taylor
4/29 - Cacilda Meier
4/30 - Kathryn Bransom



April Anniversaries

4/01 - Phil & Eulah Rausch
4/06 - Brenda & Allen Jellison
4/18 - Dick & Joanne Biedinger
4/29 - Wayne & Marjorie Gilsdorf
4/30 - Sam & Nancy Samendinger

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.

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.

RESIDENT UPDATES

Linda Canada-Bukvic

7297 Village Dr.
(513) 315-5648

Jan Honerlaw

7391 Leisure Ln.
(513) 492-8544

Jim and Joan Posey

7062 Crescent Dr.
Jim's Cell: (513) 827-4980
Joan's Cell: (513) 827-5129

"Sha" Kelkar and Christeen "Chris" Kelkar

307 Village Drive
(513) 701-3307

Chaplain's Corner

BY CHAPLAIN DAVID RAY



A SEARS & ROEBUCK EASTER

I grew up as a “Preacher’s Kid,” and every Sunday was special—but none more special than Easter. And it was an all-get-dressed-up-in-your-best kind of clothes day, too.

My sisters always got colorful new dresses lovingly made for them by my mom’s mom, who was a great seamstress. But little boy’s sport coats were a bit too challenging for her, so each Spring my mom and I would look through the new Sears & Roebuck catalog to find a new sport coat for me.

My youngest sister sometimes had to wear hand-me-downs from my middle sister. But I had no older brother, so my Easter jacket was always new. And new every year, since a fast-growing young boy could not fit into last year’s model—the sleeves would always be too short.

Most of my Easter jackets were plaid. (I think that was the main variety back in the 1950s and 60s.) Plus, even though I made my selection with care, the small print in the catalog said that Sears reserved the right to send whatever jacket was in stock. And it was usually not the one in the catalog picture (though always plaid). But that was OK with me, because it was always Easter-new. (There are pictures somewhere to prove it, if I could only find them. The one you see above is cute, but not of me.)

Why did we get dressed up for Easter? I suppose for some it was for “show.” But for us, it was because Easter was always about something grand and NEW! Jesus had RISEN from the dead, and we were CELEBRATING! Nothing but Easter BEST would do.

I think the “shine” has worn off Easter for some believers today. So much so that it can seem too much like any other Sunday. But whether wearing a Sears & Roebuck special, or some newer store-bought outfit, I always try to dress up a bit more for this high and holy day. Maybe you still do, too.

“He is risen,” the angel said outside an empty tomb, “just as he said.” This is no ordinary day of worship for me—and I hope not for you. See you Sunday! (Although I’ll probably not be wearing a plaid jacket.)

EASTER IN THE VILLAGE

GOOD FRIDAY, April. 3, Stone Center Auditorium:

Stations of the Cross, 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. (come anytime for self-paced time of meditation on the “Last Seven Words” of Christ from the cross)

Service, 6:00 p.m. (30-minute gathering to remember the cross through word, song, and multimedia)

EASTER SUNDAY, April 5:

Sunrise Service, 7:30 a.m., Pavillion, with meditation, music, and decoration of Living Cross with spring flowers; followed by Danish & Bagels at 8:00 a.m.)

Easter Worship, 10:15 a.m., Stone Center Auditorium (join in person; also broadcast live on CVCTV 2493)

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.

In Memory of: Mary Baker, Esther “Gerri” Henderson, Wilma Kressin

You Never Know

BY RUTH ODOR,
GARDEN APARTMENT RESIDENT

Every December my father hired a neighbor to help him load his carefully graded tobacco crop onto a truck and take it to the tobacco sales in Lexington, our nearest city. When Dad came home, wearing his big black overcoat, he would take a large chocolate bar from one of the pockets and give it to my brother and me. We would divide it, carefully counting each square. That was the only time during the year that my father had any money. One year he decided to buy my mother a very special gift--a new dress.

While he was in Lexington he walked down the main street past the most expensive department store in town. And there in the window he saw the most beautiful dress he had ever seen. It was black velvet with rhinestone buttons. Inside the store he told the salesperson that he wanted to purchase as a gift for his wife a dress like the black velvet one in the window. "What size?" asked the salesperson. "Well, I don't know," said Dad, "but she is just about your size." Soon a lovely black velvet dress with rhinestone buttons was wrapped in white tissue paper and carefully laid inside a box. Dad paid for the dress, tucked the box under his arm, and hurried out to meet the truck driver.

My father was so excited about the dress that he could not wait until Christmas to give it to my mother. "Bought you something," he said as he handed her the box. Mother opened the box and gazed at its contents. The last thing in the world she wanted was a black velvet dress with rhinestone buttons. She thought of all the bills they could have paid with that money. She thought of the plain, cotton dress she would like to have had. But looking at her husband's face, she knew this was a gift of love. In no way could she reject such a gift. "Oh, Charlie, you shouldn't have!" she exclaimed as she gave him a kiss and a hug.

Dad never knew how much my mother disliked the dress. Most of the time it hung in the closet. Occasionally Mother wore it to church. There were no concert halls or theaters, not even a restaurant, in our little town. Where would one wear such a dress? I learned a lesson that day, a lesson I never forgot. I was a teenager, and I do not remember whether my mother confided in me or I just guessed.

Years later I married a man I loved dearly, even though he was not a romantic. One Christmas he gave me an electric can opener, and, another year, an electric mixer. How much I would rather have received a scarf or a piece of costume jewelry. But I never let him know. For these were gifts of love. Through the years I have received many gifts I did not want or like, but I never let the giver know. I always remembered the black velvet dress, a gift of love.

Social Service Scoop: Transportation Resources

BY HEATHER CARTER, LSW, DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES

CVM Transportation: CVM drivers are available M-F. They provides concierge services upon request and can assist residents to and from various appointments. Call 513-701-3415.

Council on Aging: All residents over 60 years of age living in Warren County are eligible for services.

COA: 513-721-1025

Warren County Elderly Services: 513-695-2271

For Veterans: Warren County Veterans Commission will provide transportation for Veterans Call 513-695-1104. You may need to verify veteran status through the Veterans Commission office at 513-695-1363.

Taxi Maxx: Taxi services are available 6 days a week and by appointment on Sundays. Call 513-280-2412.

Uber/Lyft: Provide rides on demand. Requires either a smart phone app or creating a GoGoGrandparent account.

GoGoGrandparent: multifunctional ride-hailing and delivery platform. Seniors do not need a smartphone to use this service; it is a membership-only service. Create your account at www.gogograndparent.com, then call 855-464-6872. A menu prompt will connect you with the service you are requesting. Dial "0" to speak with a real person.

Alux Transportation – 513-655-5022

Errands and Services – 513-891-2367

Kemper Shuttle Services – 513-981-1111

Valley Transport – 513-488-5879

Warren County Transit Services – 1-888-297-0990

For more information, contact Council on Aging at 513-721-1025 or contact the Social Service Office at CVM at 513-701-3403.

The Well

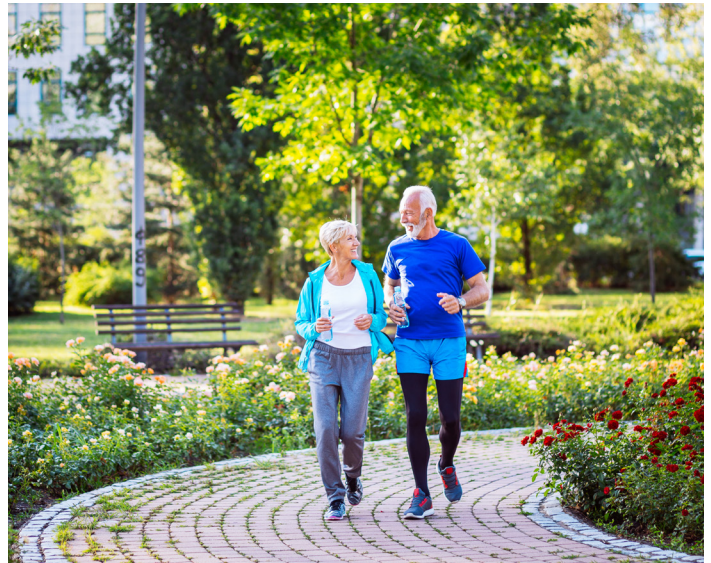
BY TOMI MARUNA, DIRECTOR OF FITNESS & WELLNESS

Move With Purpose: Living Fully at Every Age

By the time spring turns into early summer, everything around us is growing, blooming, and reaching toward the light. It's a wonderful reminder that we were never meant to stop growing — not in body, not in heart, and not in purpose.

Movement is not just about exercise. It's about being able to live fully — to go where we want to go, to do what we love, and to be present for the people who matter most to us.

Every time you walk, stretch, lift, or balance, you are doing more than strengthening muscles — you are choosing to stay engaged in life.



It's easy to think that aging means slowing down or stepping back. But many of the most meaningful seasons of life happen later, when we have wisdom, patience, and time to truly see and serve others. Staying active allows us to keep saying “yes” to those moments.

“We are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” – Ephesians 2:10

Your purpose did not retire when you did.



Whether it's encouraging a neighbor, playing with a grandchild, helping a friend, or simply showing up with kindness — your ability to move supports your ability to love and serve.

This month, let movement be more than a routine. Let it be a way of honoring the life you've been given.

Move with intention.
Move with gratitude.
Move with purpose.

And keep living fully — one step at a time.

Auxiliary & Resident Organization News

Auxiliary Update

By Harold Lorton, Auxiliary President

MEMBERSHIP MEETING: The next quarterly meeting will be Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. in Hockley Chapel. The agenda includes a recap of January through March revenue and spending, requests for 2026 funds by CVM Departments and activities planned for 2026. Although this meeting is for voting members, non-member residents are welcome.

NIGHT LIGHTS: Several members of the CVM Auxiliary have found a small night light helpful in negotiating their living spaces safely at night. I have 6 in my garden home as I need light to have proper balance in the dark. Each light plugs into a normal wall outlet, is about 1" square, gives off a soft white light, uses very little electricity. It comes in two varieties: the first has a built-in light sensor and turns on when it is dark, the second has a motion sensor to turn it on and off.

At the April Membership Meeting, we will discuss purchasing and offering one FREE light to each Garden Apartment, Garden Home or Sunrise Vista residence. If approved, we will identify the mechanics of distributing them in the May Newsletter, and where to purchase additional lights if desired.

APPAREL SALES with CVM LOGO: The apparel committee selected sample garments for the vendor to embroider with the Christian Village at Mason Cross Logo. Embroidered samples will be displayed at the April Membership Meeting. We have scheduled two garment sales days in Hockley Chapel in April: Tuesday, April 14th from 12 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Wednesday, April 15th from 12 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The vendor will produce and deliver ordered and paid for garments to the Village in May for distribution. Based on feedback and anticipated change in weather, additional garments will be selected for sale and displayed in early fall. You do not need to be a member of the Auxiliary to purchase logoed garments.

DINE OUTS: Each month from Spring until Fall, we choose a local restaurant to dine with friends and neighbors while we support our Christian Village Auxiliary. Restaurants reward the Auxiliary with a percentage of our total checks. Last year, we collected \$1,900. All the restaurants are near our campus. 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.

Join us for our April Dine-Out, Thursday, April 9! We'll enjoy the famous down-home menu at Bob Evans, 8100 Arbor Square Drive, Mason all day, from 6:30 a.m. until 9:00 pm. You can feast at breakfast, lunch, dinner or even go twice! This is a great way to meet new friends and neighbors or renew relations with past ones. You may also include non-village friends and relatives! Take the flyer from this April Village Newsletter. Extra flyers are available at the front desk. Pick up extra ones if you invite friends or family. Present the flyer to your server or cash register attendant when you pay for your food to identify you as part of this promotion. See you at Bob's! - Phil & Linda Saneholtz, Dine Out Co-Chairs.

CRAFT SHOW: The 22nd Annual Auxiliary-sponsored Craft Show will be held on the last Saturday in October, October 24, 2026, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Co-Chairs, Lowell Bowie and Carol Sabreen, are pleased with the early vendor response.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE: The Annual Membership Drive is over, but residents can join for 2026 anytime. Blank 2026 Membership forms are available at the reception desk and are available at Membership Meetings. Dues are \$10 per person per calendar year. Donations are welcome. The Auxiliary is a 501 (c) (3) corporation.

CEO Town Hall Meeting

The first of two Town Hall meetings for 2026 is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 22, 2026, 2:00 p.m.**, in the Stone Center Auditorium. These meetings are a great

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source of information about what is going on at CVC. Vickie Brashear will answer resident questions that are signed and submitted by close of business day on April 17th. Please mark your calendar to save the date!

Rediscover the Power of a Good Night's Sleep!

Join us for the next topic in the Mercy Health Speaking Series. Presenting will be Dr. Stephen Adu-Yeboah speaking on Sleep Medicine. This event will be held in the Stone Center Auditorium at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 8, 2026. Please register for this event at the front desk or by calling 513-398-1486.

By combining our resources, expertise, and commitment to care, we look forward to continuing our collaboration between The Christian Village at Mason and Mercy Health Kings Mills Hospital. We hope to see you there!

support other CVC ministerial needs.

If you would like to become a sponsor for the 2026 Night of Stars, there will be an opportunity again this year. Sponsorship forms will be available at the foundation office or front desk.

Contact Matt with questions or for assistance at 513-701-3345.

National Volunteer Appreciation Week

National Volunteer Appreciation Week will be celebrated April 19-25, 2026. We would like to recognize and thank the many volunteers who help support Christian Village at Mason and Christian Village Hospice. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to each of the volunteers for their time, dedication, and compassion to serve others:

Bonnie Cooper, Bill Krick, Beth Stratman, Phil & Linda Saneholtz, Patricia Horvarth, Hank & Nina Coyle, Harold & Judith Lorton, Nancy Samendinger, Dee Bartholme, Judy Johnson #1, Pat Wilson #1, Martha Mendez, Mike Scott, Donna Walker, Martha Brammer, Dave Doty, Carol Guthrie, Fred Herzner, Marion Fotheringham, Barb Hobe, Judy Oliger, Amie Kocher, Dante & Pat Otte, Rece Mason, Finn Mason, Bill Holliday, Jane Bader, Jeanne Kohls, Miriam Jackobs, Kamryn Holt, Kathie Schnee, Kenneth Brand, Chuck Sams, Tina Ceravantes, Judy Wahl, Marilyn Buzza, Penny Matheis.

Upcoming Music Concerts

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

Jessie Lyn, Country Singer & Band:
Monday, April 6, 7:00 p.m.

David Hennig, Magician with a Mission:
Tuesday, April 28, 7:00 p.m.

Hope Church Choir:
Thursday, April 30, 7:00 p.m.



JOIN US FOR A TRULY MEMORABLE EVENING!

Please join us for our fifth-annual Night of Stars event to be hosted on **Thursday, September 17, 2026.**

Continuing our tradition, we will recognize ten exceptional team members-five from each community-who exemplify the mission of Christian Village Communities through their work. The evening will include dinner, music, and a special presentation telling the professional story of each STAR and celebrating their daily dedication to serving our residents. Registration will open in July.

The CBA Foundation hosts this event not only to honor our Stars, but also to raise resources for qualifying residents in need of financial assistance, as well as to



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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 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