

New Gathering Places for Community and Connection

The sounds of conversation, laughter, and fellowship fill some exciting spaces in our community.

We are proud to highlight our new Village Clubhouse, Bistro, and outdoor pavilion—three beautiful additions designed to bring residents, families, and friends together. These spaces represent our ongoing commitment to creating opportunities for connection and wellness, and meaningful experiences every day.

Sunrise Visa resident Berchie Holliday said, “For us to have a ‘cul-de-sac’ party and gather in one place was difficult until the Village Clubhouse opened! Since the Village Clubhouse opened and became available to all residents



of Christian Village at Mason, we have had a Final Four basketball tournament watch party and a Memorial Day potluck dinner. The Village Clubhouse is an ideal venue for individuals to become closer neighbors by breaking bread together and getting to know each other more deeply.”

Birthdays, Celebrations and Updates



July 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 Lisa Oehler, LPN, Purpose Care Home Care Coordinator (formerly Queen City Home Care) at **(513) 489-0850** 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, 8:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Concierge Cards

For errand (non-medical) trips within 5 miles:

\$37.00 for 13 trips

*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

\$42.00/hour for the driver to stay with you

Scheduling Transportation

Call 701-3415 to schedule an appointment.

Trying to reach the Village Bistro? We now have a direct phone number! Call **513-846-0840**.



June Anniversaries

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The Christian Village at Mason residents.

RESIDENT UPDATES

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The Christian Village at Mason residents.

Chaplain's Corner

BY CHAPLAIN DAVID RAY



Sometimes (often) **TRANSPARENCY** is a healthy thing. In that spirit, let me say...

I have learned that change and challenge often come together. We make plans—big or small—and then encounter obstacles.

My wife and I have had a challenging first half of the year. I had a procedure on my eyes that did not go as planned. Most of the months that followed included efforts to remedy that challenge. And the verdict is still out as to success, which has been stressful.

My wife fell and seriously broke her arm on some winter ice and spent several months healing—still a work in progress.

For many months we have also planned a mid-year move into the Village—making this place our home. We've shared much excitement anticipating this change. But it, too, has come with challenges. Some small. Some great.

I trust we will navigate our way through all the changes and challenges, but there can come times in all our lives that leave us weary.

I realize I am speaking to a well-experienced "choir" when I say all of this. You've worked through change and challenge, too. And—for the most part—you've survived. You are walking (or wheeling about) testimonies.

There are some words of the Apostle Paul that come to mind in circumstances like this, words about "contentment." Paul wrote from a prison cell to the Philippian church, thanking them for the concern they had for his hard challenges.

Amazingly, he said to them: "I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances." (Phil 4:11 NIV) Hardly what you expect to hear from a man held in chains.

Shortly before saying this, he had further encouraged them with words translated by the Living Bible in this way:

⁴ Always be full of joy in the Lord; I say it again, rejoice! . . . ⁶ Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything; tell God your needs, and don't forget to thank him for his answers.

⁷ If you do this, you will experience God's peace, which is far more wonderful than the human mind can understand. His peace will keep your thoughts and your hearts quiet and at rest as you trust in Christ Jesus.

In the middle of challenge, it's not easy to be content. When plans go sideways, it's not easy to feel like rejoicing.

But what Paul is writing about is a contentment and joy that is beyond us, faith that is rooted in a greater God. More than just words on a page in the Bible, though, these must become words in our hearts.

I don't think Paul is saying that he never felt "down" or "stressed," but I do think he is saying that he was always looking "up." I will try to follow his advice and encourage us all to do the same.

"Water Walking"

Stone Center Sermon

Series Concludes



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 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 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.

You Never Know

by Ruth Odor,
Garden Apartment Resident

A BETTER VIEW

We don't have any hills around here. But if you have ever lived in or worked in Cincinnati you are very familiar with hills. I have always loved hills (well not necessarily those in Cincinnati). I grew up in the hills. But one particular hill really bothered me.

We lived in a rural area, in a valley, in a white framed house next door to a little red brick church building. The tall hill across the road from my living room window completely hid the sky. Only if I knelt on the floor and looked up through the top windowpane could I see a small patch of blue. The hill not only hid the sky, it cut off the sunlight and darkened the room.

It was not a pretty hill. It was covered with grass and weeds and rocks. Sometimes a few cattle grazed here and there.

I hated that ugly hill—until the day I climbed it. One bright October afternoon I decided to see what was on the other side. The climb was long and difficult. Briers pulled, weeds scratched, and rocks were stumbling blocks.

Finally, I reached the top—only to find that the other side was just as dreary and ugly as the side that faced my home. But then I turned and looked back over the valley. I could hardly believe my eyes! The view was breathtakingly beautiful! There was my little white house beside the red brick church. Here and there shining ponds dotted green pastures where black cattle grazed. The hills beyond were ablaze with color—red and gold, bronze and masses of orange.

For a long time, I sat on a rock and gazed at the magnificent view before me. And on many afternoons thereafter I took time to climb my once-hated hill and sit and gaze at the view from the top.

Often life's days are down-in-the-valley days, with problems, disappointments, and discouragements preventing the sun from shining through. Only when we climb higher and look at events in perspective do we realize that what seemed to be a "hill" was only a place in life from which to get a better view.

Social Services

BY HEATHER CARTER, LSW, DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICE

Volunteers

Christian Village Hospice continues to grow as we are serving our residents at both Mason and Mt. Healthy Campuses. We have many volunteer opportunities available with both the Christian Village at Mason and Christian Village Hospice.

Volunteers assist with a variety of activities, including letter or card writing, 1:1 visit with residents, assisting with activities, assisting with office paperwork, creating cards or reading short devotionals and scripture to residents.

If you or someone you know has an interest in volunteering, either to assist with general activities

and social engagement or with the Christian Village Hospice program, we ask you complete an application and interest inventory. Applications are located on the facility website (www.christianvillages.org), in the Assistant Administrator's office or at the reception desk. Once your application is received, we will reach out to schedule a brief volunteer orientation.

If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact Heather Carter, Asst Administrator / Hospice Administrator @ **513-701-3403** or Tracy Wolcott, Director of Community Life Services @ **513-701-3414**. We look forward to your involvement!

Caregiver Support Group

Are you a caregiver or know someone who is providing care to a spouse, relative or a friend? 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 10:30a.m. – noon. For more information, please contact Heather Carter, LSW at **513-701-3403** or Madeline Brammer, MSW at **513-701-3395**.

Grief Support Group

Our fall Grief Support group will be held September 8, 2026 – October 13, 2026. Christian Village Hospice

offers a 6-week Grief Support group to explore grief and gain better understanding of this journey.

We realize that grief is a process. People grieve in different ways. Often, connecting with others who are experiencing a similar situation is helpful.

If you are interested in learning more about the support group or would like to attend, please contact Heather Carter at **513-701-3403** or David Ray at **513-701-3406**.

The Well

BY TOMI MARUNA, DIRECTOR OF FITNESS & WELLNESS

Freedom to Move: Celebrating Independence Through Fitness

As we celebrate the 4th of July, many of us think about fireworks, family cookouts, parades, and the freedoms we are blessed to enjoy every day. But there is another kind of freedom worth celebrating too—the freedom to move our bodies and stay active.

Fitness may not come wrapped in red, white, and blue, but it gives us gifts that feel a lot like independence:

The ability to get up from a chair with confidence, walk through the village with a friend, carry groceries, play with grandchildren, dance to a favorite song, or simply enjoy daily life with greater strength and energy.

Every stretch, every class, every walk down the hallway, and every extra lap around the building is an investment in maintaining freedom and quality of life.

The truth is, movement does not have to be extreme to be meaningful. Small, consistent choices matter. A few minutes of exercise can improve balance, strengthen muscles, lift our mood, sharpen our minds, and even help us maintain independence longer.

One of the beautiful things about our fitness community here is that we encourage one another along the way. We laugh together, celebrate progress



together, and remind each other that it is never too late to grow stronger.

This Independence Day, let's celebrate all the ways our bodies still serve us—and honor them by continuing to move.

Whether you attend a fitness class, enjoy a morning walk, dance in your kitchen, or simply stretch while watching the fireworks, remember:

Movement is a celebration of life.

Wishing everyone a joyful, safe, and active 4th of July!

God Bless America!!

CBA Foundation

Cherished Spaces Campaign

By Matt Hilderbran, VP of Development



Recently, **the CBA Foundation** has begun meeting with individuals interested in learning more about the upcoming construction project at The Christian Village at Mason (CVM). The project will be completed in two phases, with construction expected to begin later this summer. The CBA Foundation will play a key role in Phase II, the private rooms conversion, through fundraising efforts. This project is an important investment in the future of care at CVM, ensuring exceptional, Christ-centered services for current and future residents.

For generations, CVM has been recognized as a leader in senior living by providing exceptional services while remaining rooted in faith and a commitment to caring for others. A cornerstone of CVM's mission is its continuum of care, supporting residents through every stage of aging, from independent living to assisted living and skilled nursing. As resident needs continue to evolve, so must the environments in which care is provided.

Currently, CVM offers 47 private skilled nursing rooms. Through this capital campaign, 22 additional

units will be renovated and converted into private rooms, increasing the total to 69 private skilled nursing rooms. This expansion will allow more residents and families to benefit from the comfort and personalized care that private rooms provide.

Private rooms enhance resident well-being in many ways. They offer a quiet space for rest and recovery, reduce interruptions, and help preserve independence during vulnerable times. Private rooms also support health and safety by reducing the spread of illness and providing greater flexibility in meeting individual care needs. Beyond physical benefits, private rooms create opportunities for intimate emotional and spiritual support.

As the campaign moves forward, these new private skilled nursing rooms will help ensure that residents continue to receive the compassionate and dignified care that has defined The Christian Village at Mason for generations. If you are interested in hearing more about the Cherished Spaces Campaign, please reach out to Matt Hilderbran, VP of Development at **513-701-3345**.

Auxiliary & Resident Organization News

Auxiliary Update

By Harold Lorton, Auxiliary President

MEMBERSHIP MEETING: The next quarterly meeting will be on Wednesday, July 8, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. in Hockley Chapel. The agenda includes a recap of January through June revenue and expense, voting on funds requests by CVM Departments and a review of Auxiliary activities planned for the balance of the year. Although this meeting is for voting members, non-member residents are welcome. If interested in joining, membership forms are available at the reception desk and on the registration table at Membership Meetings. Dues are \$10 per person per calendar year. Donations are welcome. The Auxiliary is a 501 (c) (3) corporation.

DINE OUTS: Join us for our next fun Dine-Out, Thursday, July 9, at Quatman Café, 224 West Main Street, Mason. Sink your teeth into "The Best Cheeseburger in Cincinnati" in this famous family-owned and operated Cincinnati icon. Quatmans has been featured in the Enquirer, Cincinnati Magazine, and many other publications for its affordable, tasty menu and friendly service. Special bonus: Quatmans also has outside dining. Enjoy great food and conversation with your friends and neighbors any time between 11:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.

Please present the flyer from this July Newsletter to the cashier to identify you as part of our Village when you pay your bill. Feel free to include non-village friends and relatives, too. Extra flyers are available at the front desk. Wearing your name tag will help us

all to connect better. We encourage all residents and staff to dine with us. 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. See you at Quatmans! Phil and Linda Saneholtz, Dine-Out Co-Chairs

WHITE ELEPHANT SALE: This annual Auxiliary-sponsored event will be held on the last Saturday in October, October 24, 2026, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Items, excluding furniture and clothing, are being collected and stored. For pickup, contact Dave Doty, Co-Chair, on his landline at **513-398-1520**.

INFORMATION IN THE GARDEN HOME NEW RESIDENT GUIDE IS INCORRECT: The Village Clinic is staffed by a nurse from Purpose Care Home Care (formerly Queen City Skilled Care). The clinic hours are Monday–Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. If you need to contact someone outside of those hours or no one is available, please call Lisa Oehler, LPN, Purpose Care, Home Care Coordinator at **513-498-0850** or Heather Carter, Asst. Administrator at **513-701-3403**.

Right at Home provides private duty in-home care. In partnership with Christian Village at Mason, residents can schedule care with Right at Home to provide 30-minute visits or greater.

Additional information about Right at Home is available in the Social Services office or by contacting Right at Home directly at **513-324-4444**.

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Upcoming Music Concerts

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

Oola Khan Grotto - Band Tuesday, July 7, 7:00 p.m.

Wild Honey Band - Tuesday, July 14, 7:00 p.m.

Delta Kings Barbershop Choir - Monday, July 20, 7:00 p.m.

Great Miami Blue Grass Band - Tuesday, July 28, 7:00 p.m.

Library News By Mary Ann Watrous

April/May/June Additions

Muriel Barbery: *The Elegance of the Hedgehog*
Dan Brown: *The Secret of Secrets*
Colleen Coble: *Distant Echoes; Black Sands; Dangerous Depths; Midnight Sands; Butterfly Palace*
Michael Connelly: *Ironwood (New!)*
Elin Hilderbrand: *The Rumor*
Barbara Hinske: *Guiding Emily*
Nick Hornby: *Funny Girl*
Janice Jones: *The Night the Bridge Cried*
Martha Hall Kelly: *The Martha's Vineyard Beach and Book Club*
Allen Levi: *Theo of Golden*
James Patterson: *Lies He Told Me*
Etaf Rum: *A Woman Is No Man*
Kathryn Stockett: *The Calamity Club*
Mark Sullivan: *Beneath A Scarlet Sky*
Lisa Wingate: *Finding Roses*

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

Non-Fiction

Ina Garten: *Be Ready When the Luck Happens*
Sara L. Sale: *Bess Wallace Truman*
Dashka Slater: *The 57 Bus*
Kim Wickens: *Lexington*

Large Print

Isabel Allende: *A Long Petal of the Sea (LP)*
Melody Carlson: *A Christmas in the Alps (LP)*
Jennifer Chiaverini: *Sonoma Rose (LP)*
Ashley Elston: *First Lie Wins (LP)*
Tim Green: *Above the Law (LP)*
Sue Halpern: *At The Robbers Library (LP)*
Debbie Macomber: *Alaskan Holiday (LP)*
MK McClintock: *The Women of Crooked Creek (LP)*
Danielle Steel: *Second Act; Felicia's Favorites; Upside Down; Happiness*
Margaret Truman: *Monument to Murder (LP)*

Mason Public Library Outreach

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



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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 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