



Sunrise Vista Ribbon Cutting Celebration

The management team is thrilled to announce that we will be hosting a ribbon cutting to celebrate the completion of Sunrise Vista on **Tuesday, June 23 at 10 a.m.**

Residents are invited to attend this brief ceremony which will be followed by sweet treats and refreshments on the patio of the Village Clubhouse. The ribbon cutting will take place onsite at Sunrise Vista, just beyond the Village Clubhouse, in front of the pocket park. Residents can park at the clubhouse or Stone Center and walk to the site. Please do not park on the street. Be advised, given this will be a very brief event, there will be no seating. Please RSVP on sign-up day.

We hope to see you there!

Birthdays, Celebrations and Updates



June 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.

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

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Chaplain's Corner

BY CHAPLAIN DAVID RAY



Would you like to go for a walk with me? No ordinary walk, I'll warn you. It's a walk on water.

I know, it sounds a little risky, and it is. I also can't say that I'm a water-walking expert myself. But I do know a remarkable story about a man who expe-

rienced it first-hand, a couple of thousand years ago, on a lake called "Galilee." And the experience surely changed him forever.

Too often we think of miracle stories in the Bible and say: Sure, but that was back then, and it can seem the stuff of fairy tales. But I happen to believe such stories are true. And if they are, what's with the seeming absence of such experience within our own lives today?

Some say it was a special time—it was—and there are many other ways in which God still makes His presence known within our world today. But it is worth wondering: Could it have anything to do with our lack of faith? Or even a fear of drowning?

His name was Peter, and most see him as the "main man" among the twelve disciples of Jesus. Jesus even called him "The Rock." Peter was rugged, fearless (for the most part), and full of eagerness to follow.

On one early morning (and I do mean early, about 3 o'clock), Peter and the rest of the disciples found themselves in a wind-buffed boat, thinking they were seeing a ghost walking toward them upon the water. Not surprisingly, they were terrified.

But it was Jesus, whom they'd left behind on shore so he could have some private time. He was now coming to catch up with them, but in a miraculous way—walking upon the roiling waves. The disciples were panicked,

until Jesus told them who He was and not to be afraid. Then Peter did a remarkable thing. He said, "If it's really you, invite me to come to you upon the water." Jesus said, "Come," and Peter did just that—at least for a few amazing steps, before fear almost sank him and Jesus quickly saved him.

There is much in this story about both Jesus and Peter that inspires me. Like thinking about faith and fear, and risk-taking, and wondering if staying in a boat is wiser than climbing overboard.

But it also leads me to wonder if we could walk on water, too? Perhaps not literally, like Peter and Jesus, but in a same, risky, faith-driven way that enabled an amazing, shared adventure—even if Peter's was short-lived.

If you'd like to consider such thoughts with me, come join me on Sundays for Stone Center Worship over the coming weeks. My new sermon series is inspired by the Bible story, but also by a great book written by John Ortberg: ***If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat.*** You might order a copy for personal reading. It stirred something in me, and could in you, too—unless you're more of a stay-in-the-boat kind of soul. But I'll warn you, you could miss something that might change your life forever!

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

WHAT MAKES THE DIFFERENCE

I am not an artist. I did well to draw stick figures as ideas for the artists who illustrated my children's books. Sometimes I just wrote, "Boy talking to mother." Surprisingly I was once persuaded to take a class in oil painting. Okay, I said, wanting to help my friend who was organizing the group.

It was a paint-along class, and I did just what the instructor did. I mixed the paints and painted just as she told us to. A blue sky was fairly easy. That black streak did look like a tree, and the dabs of color became flowers. Sometimes the instructor stopped by my easel and added a dab here and there. A brush stroke here, a bit of color there. When all was finished I was surprised. I stepped back and looked, thinking, "Is that really my painting?" I was so proud of my work that I had some of my paintings matted and framed. In fact, three of them now hang on the walls of my apartment. As I look at them I have thought, "What made the difference? Why did my amateurish work become acceptable?" Then I realized it was because the instructor, an accomplished artist, had stopped by my easel and with her brush made a few strokes, a few dots, here and there.

Perhaps you've heard the story (some say it is fiction) of a little boy at a Paderewski concert with his mother. (Some say it was a Rubinstein concert.) Growing restless waiting for the concert to begin, the boy slipped away from his mother, went to the platform, sat down at the piano and began playing Chopsticks.

The audience laughed. Then the great pianist came onto the stage, sat down beside the boy and began playing. He whispered, "Keep going son." "Don't quit." "Keep playing." With the master musician's hands beside those of the little boy, beautiful music filled the concert hall.

So it is with our lives. With strength for our weaknesses, answers to our problems, guidance for our days, the difference is the touch of the Master's Hand.

Social Service Scoop

BY HEATHER CARTER, LSW, DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Photo Identification – Christian Village at Mason

Photo identification is important to help maintain the safety of the resident at Christian Village at Mason. Individual pictures are used in our Electronic Health Records. These photos are for security purposes and are not shared with others. If you are a new resident or have never had your photo taken, please contact Heather Carter, Asst. Administrator at 513-701-3403 to schedule a time.

File of Life - The File of Life is an important document. This provides medical and emergency contact information to both Christian Village at Mason and to local paramedics in the event of an emergency. The File of Life should be kept in the red magnetic pouch and placed on your refrigerator.

There have been recent situations where paramedics have not been able to locate this information or the information on the form was not current. This may cause a delay in notification to your emergency contact. More importantly, this may cause a delay in proper treatment.

It is just as important that you keep a copy of Advanced Directive accessible. Advanced Directives include Health Care Power of Attorney; Living Will and State of Ohio Do Not Resuscitate forms. I would recommend that these documents be kept near the File of Life. You may consider notating on the File of Life form where 911 responders can easily access Advanced Directives. I recommend a copy of the forms be placed in an envelope placed on top of your refrigerator.

I would also encourage you to provide Christian Village at Mason with a copy of these documents. While we hope none of these documents are ever needed, it is important that medical responders are aware of your health needs and your wishes. There are copies of the blank File of Life forms available at the reception desk and in the Social Service Office.

If you have any questions about any of these documents or how to complete Advanced Directives, please feel free to contact **Heather Carter, at 513-701-3403.**

The Well

BY TOMI MARUNA, DIRECTOR OF FITNESS & WELLNESS

Fitness That Supports Life

One of the greatest joys of leading our fitness classes is seeing the friendships, laughter, and encouragement that happen each week. Our classes are about so much more than exercise—they are about helping one another stay strong, confident, independent, and connected.

Recently, a few class participants shared something heartfelt with me: they sometimes feel guilty when they miss a class. I want everyone to hear this clearly—you should never feel guilty for living your life.

If you miss class because you were spending time with family, attending a special event, traveling, volunteering, resting, or simply enjoying another meaningful activity, that is not failure. In fact, that is part of the reason we exercise in the first place. We work on strength, balance, mobility, and endurance so we can continue saying “yes” to life. Fitness should support your life, not compete with it.

Of course, consistency matters. Moving our bodies regularly is one of the best ways to maintain independence, improve energy, reduce fall risk, strengthen the heart, and support overall well-being. But healthy living is not about perfection. It is about creating habits that help us enjoy life more fully.

Whether you attend once a week or every class offered, you are always welcome. There is no “falling behind” here. We simply continue moving forward together, one step at a time.

Our goal in these classes is not just stronger muscles—it is whole-person wellness:

- Building strength for everyday life
- Improving balance and mobility
- Supporting mental and emotional health
- Encouraging connection and friendship
- Finding joy in movement
- Caring for the mind, body, and spirit

As Scripture reminds us:

“For in Him we live and move and have our being.” — Acts 17:28

Movement is a gift from God, and every opportunity we have to care for our bodies is something to be thankful for—not something to feel pressured by.

Thank you for allowing me to be part of your wellness journey. Whether you come often or occasionally, your presence brings value to our community, and I am always grateful to see you walk through the door!



Ways to Bless Christian Village Communities

Entrance Fee Designation: Gift Your Refund

Did you know gifts can be made to Christian Village Communities through the Christian Benevolent Association Foundation in various ways depending on your priorities and needs? Gifts can be made as immediate contributions or deferred through estate planning. Making a gift via a portion or the entirety of the Entrance Fee Refund is a popular way to minister to the needs of the CVC family.

Gift Options

- Make an immediate gift to an annual operating fund with charitable tax benefits:
 - Requires only a simple transfer contract to be completed and signed.
- Make a deferred gift to the Endowment or an annual operating fund by naming the CBA Foundation as a beneficiary to all or a portion:
 - Requires only the completion and signing of an updated Entrance Fee Beneficiary Designation Form for a portion or all of your refund.

Benefits

- Control. You designate the fund you want to support.
- Flexibility. Determine how you want to give based on your needs and priorities.
- Versatility. Give as much or as little of your Entrance Fee Refund as you wish.
- Tax Relief. Immediate gifts give immediate tax benefits and if your estate is subject to estate tax, your deferred gift is entitled to an estate tax charitable deduction for the full value of the gift.

Next Steps

If interested or have questions, please contact Matt Hilderbran, VP of Development at (513) 701-3345 or matt.hilderbran@christianvillages.org. The process is simple and takes only a few moments to complete!

Auxiliary & Resident Organization News

Auxiliary Update

By Harold Lorton, Auxiliary President

MEMBERSHIP MEETING: The next quarterly meeting will be Wednesday, July 8, 2026 at 2:00 pm 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 also 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.

NIGHT LIGHTS: The Auxiliary is offering one FREE light to each Garden Apartment, Garden Home and

Sunrise Vista residence. Each light has a built-in sensor and turns on when the room is dark. It plugs into a normal wall outlet, is about 1" square and gives off a soft white light. We have two volunteer "Light Application Engineers," Bethany Stratman, 513-886-1630, for Garden Apartments and Rick Horvath, 248-961-3350, for Garden Homes and Sunrise Vista. If called, they will arrange to bring a light to your residence and install it where you'd like.

DISTRIBUTION of APPAREL with CVM LOGO: The vendor delivered purchased, embroidered garments to the Village during the week beginning Monday, May 11. Garments were available for pickup in the Clubhouse Card Room on May 13 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Garments remaining at 4:00 pm were delivered to residences. Based on feedback and the anticipated change in weather, additional garments will be select-

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ed for sale and sold in late summer/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, the Auxiliary features a local restaurant. We coordinate a date with them and encourage residents to patronize them. In return, the restaurant rewards the Christian Village Auxiliary with 15-20% of our purchases.

Join us for our next fun Dine-Out --**Tuesday, June 9th, at El Caporal, 6011 Tylersville Rd, Mason.** We'll savor the "most authentic and finest quality Mexican cuisine" around the area. In a very relaxed and pleasant atmosphere, you'll think your abuela is right there behind the scenes. Stop in any time between 11:00 am and 10:00 pm. Enjoy great food while you meet newer neighbors or greet other villagers you want to know better. Feel free to include non-village friends and relatives, too. Please take the flyer from this June Village Newsletter. Present the flyer to your server or cashier to identify you as part of our Village when you pay your bill. Extra flyers are available at the front desk. Wearing your name tag will help us all to connect. We encourage all residents and staff to join us. Community Life Services will provide transportation at 11:30 am 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 El Caporal! Phil and Linda Saneholtz, Dine-Out Co-Chairs

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO VILLAGE RESIDENTS for supporting the Auxiliary Dine Outs and Kroger Rewards. Last month, Dine Out purchases at City BBQ by Village residents, friends, families and staff generated a significant return of \$495.82 for the Auxiliary.

Kroger reports that currently 96 households direct the value of their grocery purchases to the Auxiliary. Quarterly, Kroger Community Rewards distributes funds based on a percentage of Auxiliary-directed purchases to all directed purchases. We compete with churches, schools and other non-profits receiving a proportionate share of the money distributed. Their donation to the Auxiliary in May, based on 2/1/26 to 4/30/26 purchases, was \$180.33.

If you're interested in contributing, follow the instructions provided on "Kroger.com, Community Rewards," and link your Kroger Card with the Mason Christian Village Auxiliary, UY336.

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

CVM and Mason Community Center Partnership Reminder

CVM has a prime location in the heart of the City of Mason. One of the many benefits of the location is that the Mason Community Center (MCC) is less than two miles away. The MCC is a state-of-the art facility offering top-notch fitness and wellness activities and amenities. In addition to the gym, there is a 4-lane indoor walking track, a leisure pool, whirlpool, competition pool, and warm water therapy pool. The MCC offers group exercise classes daily taught by nationally certified instructors in group exercise studios. Onsite amenities include a café, postal unit and gift shop. Finally, there is a thriving senior center that offers a robust calendar of activities as well as two spacious gathering rooms, tables for card games, a lounge area with fireplace, a library with computers with Internet access and kitchen. If you are a new resident, you may not know that all Garden Home and Garden Apartment residents have a complimentary Basic Membership to the MCC. To obtain your membership, you simply go to the MCC and give them your home address here at CVM. It's that easy!

We are very proud of this partnership and thankful for the MCC and how it enhances the lives of our CVM residents. We hope all residents take advantage of this opportunity. For questions or more information, please contact **Tracy Wolcott at 701-3414.**

Upcoming Music Concerts

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

- **Brass Fellowship** - Tuesday, June 2, 7:00 p.m.
- **Squeeze Play Accordion Band** - Tuesday, June 9, 7:00 p.m.
- **P & G Band** - Tuesday, June 16, 7:00 p.m. at the Village Pavilion
- **Johnny Steiner** - Tuesday, June 30, 7:00 p.m.



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If you have an address change or would like to be removed from our mailing list, please email lizz.stephens@christianvillages.org



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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