



August
2026

SAVE THE DATE!

GRANDPARENTS' DAY BASH!

September 12 | 1 - 4 p.m. | Village Pavillion

Bring the whole family for an afternoon of fun, laughter,
and celebration!

Happy Hour Trio Band

Face Painting

Caricature Artist

Baby Goats

Free Ice Cream

& MORE!

Neighborhood Food Trucks:



Birthdays, Celebrations and Updates



August 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 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.



August Anniversaries

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The Christian Village at Mason residents.

RESIDENT UPDATES

See page 7 for new Resident Updates!

Chaplain's Corner

Home

By Chaplain David Ray

I've lived in lots of homes over the course of my life, but a recent move into this Village feels different to me.

The homes I've occupied in the past were more temporary, since I assumed my journey would take me to other places. But this will be a last place for me to call "home."

Let's be honest, there is something sobering about moving into a last place. I'm not sad, because I'm still quite excited about life and continuing to serve within this vibrant Village. But this is an intentional step into a final season of life, and that calls for reflection.

One of the Old Testament psalms asks God to teach us to "number our days," with a goal to "live wisely and well." (Ps. 90:12) Life here on earth is not forever. Purposeful living matters.

I'm encouraged by the fact that I minister to many here who near, or surpass, even a century mark in years. So I'm not expecting life to end any time soon—

and I doubt you are either—but I am considering how I want to fill the years that remain.

Perhaps you've experienced some of these same thoughts, too, since you've also decided to make this Village your last place to call home. If so, I'd love to chat with you about how you are working to live out your last years. We can share our stories and even encourage some creativity in considering what there is still left for us to do.

And so . . .

. . . I invite you to another "Chaplain Chat" on Wednesday, August 19, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., in the Hockley Chapel.

We will "number our days" and consider how we might live them out "wisely and well" in this last place we have all chosen to call "home."

Closing Notes

We also welcome return operation of CVCTV Channel 2493 on Spectrum, which offers live and delayed broadcasts of weekend Stone Center Worship services and weekday Chaplain Devotions.

Continuing . . . it's a Miracle
Supernatural Stories from the Life of Jesus
Chaplain David's Weekly Devotional Series
Airing Mon-Fri, 9 & 3 pm, CVCTV 2493

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: Ruth Junker, Carson Spears, Edna Walker

You Never Know

BY RUTH ODOR,
GARDEN APARTMENT RESIDENT

I Know The Maker Of Rainbows

Visiting hours were over at 8:00 at the hospital each evening. As I joined the ranks of relatives and friends walking through the doors and to our cars, I felt a sense of unity. Each of us was leaving behind a loved one. Each of us had said goodbye or goodnight.

One evening as I walked out the door there across the sky, seemingly directly in front of the hospital, was a huge double rainbow. It was the loveliest rainbow I had ever seen!

Suddenly I thought, "I know the Maker of rainbows. I know the One who created this magnificent phenomenon. And He knows me!" I wanted to shout to all the others, "I know the Maker of rainbows!" And I wanted to add, "Do you?" and then add, "Oh, if you don't, life must be most miserable—for you and yours."

As I drove home through the twilight, I sang a song to a made-up tune: I know the Maker of rainbows, and the Maker of rainbows knows me.

We consider it a privilege to know an important person. We are proud to be able to say of a speaker, musician, a preacher, "I know him." But to know the Creator of rainbows and roses, the One whose voice spoke light into being, the One who made blue skies and white clouds, twinkling stars and shining moon, autumn leaves and spring flowers! To know Him. A wondrous privilege taken for granted.

During the weeks of my husband's hospital stay, he endured dangerous surgery and long, difficult days of recuperation. During those gray, difficult days, time and time again, like a recurring refrain, the "rainbow song" ran through my mind. No matter how difficult the day, I was strengthened and comforted by that reminder.

Some time ago a newspaper headline read: "Satellite sheds no light on origin of stars." The Cosmic Background Explorer satellite was designed to detect patterns of creation, but it found nothing to explain how stars and galaxies came into existence. Of course not. Christians know how they came into existence. Our Heavenly Father created them and placed them there. And to think that the One who created the stars allows us to walk with Him, to speak with Him, and to call Him Father! We not only know how the stars came to be, we also know their Maker.

Social Service Scoop

By Heather Carter, LSW, Director of Social Services

Caregiver Support Group: Monthly caregiver support group is open to any resident or family member of Christian Village at Mason. The group meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month in the Village Clinic at 7169 Crescent Drive from 10:30 a.m. – noon. If you would like more information, please contact Madeline Brammer at 513-701-3395.

Grief Support Group: Christian Village Hospice

offers a 6-week Grief Support group to explore grief and gain better understanding of this journey. The group will meet September 8 - October 13. If you are interested in attending or have questions, please feel free to contact Heather Carter at 513-701-3403.

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 contract 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.

It is just as important that you keep a copy of

Advanced Directive accessible near the File of Life. Advanced Directives include Health Care Power of Attorney; Living Will and State of Ohio Do Not Resuscitate forms. 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.

Copies of the blank File of Life forms are available at the reception desk and in the Social Service Office. If you have any questions, please contact Heather Carter at 513-701-3403.

The Well

Never Stop Growing: Why Curiosity Keeps Us Young

By Tomi Maruna, Director of Fitness & Wellness

When we think about aging well, we often focus on physical health—staying strong, maintaining balance, and keeping our bodies moving. While these things are certainly important, there is another ingredient that contributes to a vibrant life at any age: curiosity.

Curiosity is the willingness to learn, explore, and try something new. It keeps our minds engaged, our spirits energized and often leads us to experiences we might otherwise miss.

One of the things I love most about life here in the village is seeing residents continue to grow. Whether it's joining a new fitness class, learning a card game, participating in line dancing, trying a new hobby, or simply striking up a conversation with someone new, these small acts of curiosity enrich our lives in meaningful ways.

Research suggests that lifelong learning and mental engagement can support brain health, improve mood, and even enhance overall well-being. But beyond the science, curiosity reminds us that there is always something new to discover about the world—and about ourselves.

Growth doesn't have to mean doing something big or dramatic. It may be as simple as: Reading a book on a topic you've never explored, attending an activity you've never tried before, learning a new technology skill, taking a different walking route, or asking someone to share their life story

The beautiful truth is that we never outgrow our ability to learn.

As we move through August, I encourage you to embrace a spirit of curiosity. Try something new. Ask a question. Attend an event. Step just slightly outside your comfort zone. You may discover that staying young at heart has less to do with age and more to do with remaining open to growth.

"Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom." — Psalm 90:12

Here's to continuing to learn, grow, and thrive together.

Auxiliary & Resident Organization News

Auxiliary Update

By Harold Lorton, Auxiliary President

Dine Outs: Join us for our next fun Dine-Out, Wednesday, August 5 at Chick-fil-A, 5150 Mertin Drive, Mason (off Mason-Montgomery Road.) Please wear your name tag. It will help us all to connect better. Come anytime between 8:00 am to 8:00 pm because Chick-fil-A also serves breakfast. Our flyer in this August Newsletter will help you remember. Ask the cashier to press the “Spirit Night” button to credit our Auxiliary with your purchase. Or, if you have the Chick-fil-A app on your phone, you may indicate “Spirit Night” with your order. Community Life Services will provide transportation at 11:15 a.m. for residents no longer driving. Sign up at the front desk if you would like a ride. We encourage all residents and staff to dine with us. Your non-village friends and relatives are welcome, too. Give them a flyer. Extra flyers are available at the front desk. See you at Chick-fil-A!

- Phil and Linda Saneholtz, Dine-Outs Co-Chairs.

Membership Meeting Minutes: The Third Quarterly Membership Meeting was held in Hockley Chapel on July 8, 2026. The Minutes are distributed to Residents with this August Village Newsletter. Although the annual membership campaign is over, you may still join. Dues are \$10.00/per member/Calendar Year. Forms available at the reception desk in the main building.

Night of Stars 2026: As candlelight fills the room, we will gather to honor the stars among us – those whose compassion, service, and dedication to our mission illuminate the lives of our residents and colleagues each day. Join us on September 17, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Stone Center Auditorium for the 5th annual Night of Stars Banquet.

This special evening will honor outstanding team members from both the Christian Village at Mason and the Christian Village at Mt Healthy.

Guests will enjoy a delicious dinner, inspiring award presentations, and special performances by pianist, Tom White, and our featured entertainment, the Queen City Quartet. The cost of admission is \$25, and reservations are due by August 28th. Please send back the reply card you received in the mail if you plan to attend. If you have questions about the event, please contact Amie Kocher at 513-701-3448 or amie.kocher@christianvillages.org.

If you would like to be a resident sponsor of Night of Stars, please fill out the sponsorship form included in this issue of the Village News and return it to the front desk or Development Office at CVM.

Run Called Life: Strides for Hope Fundraiser: On Saturday, September 12, our community will be part of the Run Called Life – Strides for Hope fundraiser. Approximately 245 participants are expected to enter our property around 9:30 a.m. and should be clear of the area by approximately 11:00 a.m.

The race route through our community will be:

Village Drive → Crescent Drive → Center Circle → left on Sunray Drive → right onto Central Park.

If you have plans for Saturday morning during this time, you may want to leave a little earlier to avoid any brief delays. Otherwise, we invite you to step outside, relax in your driveway or along the route, and cheer on the runners as they pass by. The event should move through our community quickly.

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

New Leaf Singers Tuesday, August 11, 7:00 p.m.

Ohio Military Band Thursday, August 10, 7:00 p.m. *(Note day change)

Southern Gateway Chorus Tuesday, August 25, 7:00 p.m.

Resident Updates

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The Christian Village at Mason residents.

Library News

By Mary Ann Watrous

June/July 2026 Additions

Catherine Coulter: Flashpoint

Fannie Flagg: The Wonder Boy of Whistle Stop

Julie Garwood: Shadow Music; Saving Grace

Debbie Macomber: Choir of Angels

Fern Michaels: Southern Comfort

Ann Patchett: Whistler

Richard Patterson and Viola Davis: Judge Stone; 25
Alive; 26 Beauties

Large Print

L.L. Abbott: A Fatal Truth

Eva Bernhard: Snow Bound; Writer's Death

Elizabeth Bromke: House on the Harbor; Lighthouse
on the Lake

Harper Rogers: Murder at Palm Park

Mason Public Library Outreach: Friday, August 7,
10:00 a.m.

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



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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