



GRANDPARENTS DAY BASH A HUGE SUCCESS!

Despite the rainy forecast, our Grandparents Day Bash on Saturday, September 12, was a huge success! More than 350 residents, family members, and friends came together on campus for an afternoon filled with live music, games, face painting, caricatures, balloon creations, and plenty of fun.

Guests enjoyed delicious food from El Caporal, Peace Pizza, Debra's pulled pork sandwiches, and sweet treats from Tikiz's Ice Cream Truck. The baby goats

were also a big hit and added to the afternoon's excitement.

Best of all, the rain didn't interfere with the festivities. It was a wonderful afternoon of laughter, connection, and making memories across generations.

Thank you to the CVM Auxiliary for their support and everyone who helped make our Grandparents Day Bash such a memorable celebration!

Birthdays, Celebrations and Updates



October 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.

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 and medical appointments within 5 miles.

Appointments by Mile or Hour:

For 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

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**.

Scheduling Transportation:

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October Anniversaries

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RESIDENT UPDATES

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Chaplain's Corner

More about MEANING

By Chaplain David Ray

If you're a part of our Sunday Stone Center Worship, you've recently joined me in studying the Old Testament book of Ecclesiastes, wrestling with: *A Search for Meaning*.

Four decades ago, Rabi Harold Kushner wrote a book titled, *When All You've Ever Wanted Isn't Enough*. Its focus was on Ecclesiastes, and begins with a chapter asking: "Was There Some-thing I Was Supposed to Do with my Life?"

Hear some lines from the book's opening:

Our souls are not hungry for fame, comfort, wealth, or power. Those rewards create almost as many problems as they solve. Our souls are hungry for meaning, for the sense that we have figured out how to live so that our lives matter, so that the world will be at least a little bit different for our having passed through it ...

If a person lives and dies and no one notices, if the world continues as it was, was that person ever really alive? I am convinced that it is not the fear of death, of our lives ending, that haunts our sleep so much as the fear that our lives will not have mattered, that as far as the world is concerned, we might as well never have lived. What we miss in our lives, no matter how much we have, is that sense of meaning.

Kushner concludes that our search for meaning is spiritual: "...a religious need, an ultimate thirst of our souls."

Unfortunately, too many struggle to find meaning from an earth-bound point of view—or what the writer of Ecclesiastes defines as "life under the sun." That sole perspective can offer more questions than answers.

As Kushner was writing his book, he turned fifty years



old. We have some in our Village who reach a full century. But it's good to learn—at whatever age—that the real answer to life's meaning comes from "above."

The book of Ecclesiastes still struggles with questions, but—in the end—points us toward an answer found in God.

One of my greatest joys as a chaplain in this Village is celebrating the lives of people who are remembered for life accomplishments, but even more for their depths of faith. Because it is that which gives life its ultimate meaning.

Chaplain Chat
Wed., Oct. 21, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Hockley Chapel

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: Barbara "Bobbie" Williams

You Never Know

BY RUTH ODOR,
GARDEN APARTMENT RESIDENT

“Here, son, take my hand,” said a father to his small son as they crossed a busy street. “I’ll hold my own hand,” said the boy.

How often we foolishly say to our Heavenly Father, “I’ll hold my own hand.” But that doesn’t work. Our problems are bigger than we are. The difficulties of life overcome us and we cannot handle them.

I once had a friend who thought it would work. Our friendship began with a small ad in the local newspaper. “Wanted. Couple to live in home rent-free while owners are working in Saudi Arabia.” On a whim, I answered the ad. Since we were serving a small church and renting our home, “rent-free” sounded intriguing. Soon we were living in that lovely, home in the country. Plush carpets, two decks, and a yard with trees and flowers. When the owners came home briefly, they stopped to check on their house and chat over a cup of coffee. We became casual friends. One day the wife said to me, “I don’t attend church, but I do pray. I tell the Lord, ‘You take care of the people out there who can’t take care of themselves.’ Don’t bother with me. I can take care of myself.” I have not seen her for years, but I have often wondered how she is managing her life if she is still taking care of herself as she says, “I’ll hold my own hand.”

I can’t do that. It doesn’t work. I cannot “go it alone.”

Years ago, a woman who lived in Stockholm, Sweden, fell under a streetcar and was pinned there, seriously injured. Bystanders tried to move the streetcar, but it was too heavy and they had to send for heavy equipment. A young man stepped out of the crowd and crawled under the streetcar. He took hold of the woman’s hand and said, “Hold my hand. It will help.” She grew calm and avoided going into shock. After she was freed, she said, “I never knew the touch of a hand could mean so much.”

Many people knew the touch of Jesus’ hand. He touched the forehead of a sick woman, a withered hand, blind eyes, deaf ears, and even an “untouchable,” a leper. Bill Gaither’s song “He Touched Me” is loved and sung by many. “Then the hand of Jesus touched me, And now I am no longer the same.”

So, we sing and we pray:
“Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, help me stand;
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light,
Take my hand, Precious Lord, lead me home.”

—Thomas A Dorsey

Library News

By Mary Ann Watrous

August/September 2026 Additions

Mary Kay Andrews: *Summers at the Saint*
James Magnuson: *The Hounds of Winter*
Catherine Ryan Hyde: *Allie and Bea*

Large Print

David McCullough: *John Adams*
Clarence Strowbridge: *Classic American Short Stories*

Mason Public Library Outreach: Friday, October 2, 10:00 a.m.

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

Social Service Scoop

By Heather Carter, LSW, Director of Social Services

Village Clinic: Purpose Care provides on-site services for our Garden Home residents. The Village Clinic is located at 7169 Crescent Drive. The Clinic will be open daily Monday-Thursday 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. Purpose Care staff can assist with medication and health questions, education regarding your medical diagnosis, can assist with setting up lab services and provide basic wound care.

Right at Home: Christian Village at Mason partners with Right at Home to provide in-home private duty services for our residents on campus. A 3-4-hour minimum is required for scheduling. Our partnership provides an option of a 30- or 60-minute visit.

The Well

Small Things, Big Impact

By Tomi Maruna, Director of Fitness & Wellness

We often think improving our health requires big changes—a new workout routine, a strict diet, or a complete lifestyle makeover. But what if the small things we do everyday matter more than we realize?

Wellness doesn't have to be all-or-nothing. Small choices add up!

Take an extra lap around the building. Stand up and move instead of sitting a little longer. Do five minutes of movement when you don't have energy for a full workout. Drink a glass of water. Add a little protein to your meal. Step outside for some fresh air. Call a friend instead of waiting for them to call. Show up for class—even when you don't feel especially motivated.

Five minutes of movement is still movement. One lap is still a walk. One healthy choice is still a healthy choice.

We aren't moving just to exercise. We're moving so we can continue doing the things we love—walking confidently, traveling, dancing, gardening, playing with

A nurse from Right at Home will complete an assessment and will establish a plan of care for the services requested.

If you are interested in learning more about the Community Care services offered, please contact the Social Service Dept at 513-701-3423.

Medicare Open Enrollment: Medicare Open Enrollment will begin October 15, 2026. It is always important to review your benefits. Christian Village at Mason will have representatives on site again this year. Please watch CVC- TV and the app for updated information regarding dates and times.



grandchildren, and enjoying life.

You don't have to be perfect. You just have to keep making small choices that move you toward the life you want to live.

So ask yourself: "What's one small thing I can do today that my future self will thank me for?"

Then do that one thing. Tomorrow, do it again.

"Do not despise these small beginnings." — Zechariah 4:10

Cherished Spaces Campaign Update: The Cherished Spaces Campaign has reached an exciting milestone. Thanks to the generosity of residents, families, team members, and friends, \$450,000 has been raised toward our \$900,000 goal.

We are incredibly thankful for how far this campaign has come. Every gift brings us closer to creating more private and meaningful spaces for residents receiving skilled nursing care at Christian Village at Mason.

The Cherished Spaces Campaign is about much more than renovating rooms. It is about creating environments where ministry can continue to take place every day; spaces where families gather, residents find comfort, and caregivers provide care.

Reaching \$450,000 is a tremendous accomplishment, but we still have \$450,000 to go. We are hopeful about what can happen as the campaign continues and more people learn about Cherished Spaces.

We are deeply grateful to everyone who has already invested in this campaign and to those who will join us in the months ahead. Together, we are not simply transforming rooms. We are creating spaces where care is given, relationships are strengthened, faith is shared, and God's love can be experienced.

We are excited to see what God will continue to make possible with this campaign! If you would like to learn more about the Cherished Spaces Campaign, contact Matt Hilderbran, VP of Development, at 701-3345.

Auxiliary & Resident Organization News

Auxiliary Update

By Harold Lorton, Auxiliary President

Membership Meeting: The next quarterly meeting will be Wednesday, October 14 at 2:00 p.m. in Hockley Chapel. At this meeting, Board Members and Committee Chairs will update the membership on the organization's finances and activities. Nursing, Community Life Services and Fitness & Wellness will present projects they would like the Auxiliary to fund. Each paid-up member has a vote.

If you are new to the Village or an established, non-member resident, this invites you to attend the Auxiliary membership meeting. If you're interested in joining, blank membership forms will be available at the sign-in table in Hockley Chapel. Blank membership forms are always available at the Reception Desk. Membership dues are \$10 per person per calendar year.

The Auxiliary is a 501 (c) (3) charitable organization. Dues and donations are tax deductible. Our purpose is to help enhance the lives of CVM residents.

Dine Outs: Join us for our next special meal, Tuesday, October 6 at Skyline, 6645 Western Row Road.

Enjoy famous Skyline food anytime between 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. Please wear your nametag to help us connect better. To link your purchase to our Auxiliary, present the flyer from this newsletter when you pay for your food. Extra flyers are available at the front desk. Community Life Services will provide transportation at 11:15 a.m. for residents no longer driving. Sign up at the front desk. We encourage all residents and staff to dine with us.

- Dine-out Co-chairs: Phil and Linda Saneholtz

Craft Show: This Auxiliary-sponsored event will be held on October 24, the fourth Saturday in October, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Many vendors we've purchased quality products from in past years are returning. Lowell Bowie and Carol Sabreen, Craft Fair co-chairs, have recruited new vendors as well.

White Elephant Sale: On Saturday, October 24, the Auxiliary will also host a White Elephant Sale from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. If you have items to donate (no

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clothing or furniture) and want them stored until the sale, contact Dave Doty and leave a message: name, address, general description of donation(s) and phone number.

Christmas Fund

By Bob Moorehead

Here in the Village, we have our Christmas Fund (aka: the Frosty Fund"), established many years ago as a special treat for our staff. Since Village protocol sets up a "no tipping" Policy for all employees, but can easily be realized in our Dining Room, Maintenance Dept. and Memory Care Unit as prime examples of areas all appreciating the "extra financial help" the Christmas Fund represents.

Please look for promotional information on this topic, in the form of letter announcements, TV 2493 Ads from Frosty, special flyer announcements coming from the Christmas Fund Committee and Management as the 2026 Campaign unfolds this Fall. Frosty will make an appearance in the Dining Room and Clubhouse foyers, adding more information about this year's Campaign. Members of this committee are listed below and in the above-mentioned materials that will be sent out throughout the Campaign.

Everyone is encouraged to enter the "Guess the Final Donation Amount" Contest, ending near the final days of the contest. Winner will receive a coupon for dinner at a fine dining restaurant in our neighborhood. The entry box for the contest will be at the Front Desk!

As always, feel free to contact any of the members with any questions or assistance in participating:

Committee members:

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Thank you for helping us have another wonderful time with this much appreciated event this year!

- The Christmas Fund Committee--2026

Resident News

Sunrise Vista Cul-de-sacs: You are probably aware that CVM's campus uses bird names to identify cul-de-sacs. This helps neighbors easily find where friends live and gives residents residing within those individual cul-de-sacs opportunities to plan activities together. With our second and final phase of Sunrise Vista now complete, the management team would like to add cul-de-sac identifiers just like the main campus.

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Of course, SV residents can continue to gather however they wish but since SV is an extension of our main campus, we thought this addition made sense.

Addresses assigned to the cul-de-sacs are based on mailbox assignments. Signage for the new cul-de-sacs will be added soon.

CVMH 60th Anniversary Celebration: The Christian Village at Mt. Healthy invites you to join us for our annual CVMH Fall Fest and 60th Anniversary Celebration on Thursday, October 22nd, 2026 from 5:00-6:30 p.m. at the Christian Village of Mt. Healthy. Grill-out will be provided as well as bottled water. There will be fall carnival games and stands, prizes, fun-filled activities, and a look back in time the 60 wonderful years at the Christian Village at Mt. Healthy.

Upcoming Music Concerts

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

Great Miami Blue Grass Band: Tuesday, October 6, 7:00 p.m.

Squeeze Play: Tuesday, October 13, 7:00 p.m.

Oola Khan Grotto Band: Tuesday, October 20, 7:00 p.m.



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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.

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