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Collingswood

Our Family News

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Jim's Journal



Friends-

Hard to believe, but we have reached the end of 2018 and will soon celebrate the Holidays and bring in another new year. I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving with your loved ones and friends.

Obviously, there are plenty of events happening in December and lots of entertainment to enjoy. Our resident holiday party will be on December 21st, so hopefully you can all be present for that.

Work on the construction project is starting to wind down and we anticipate having the entire project complete by the first week in January. Work continues on the 4th floor activity room, elevator lobby and last corridor as well as the common space on the 5th floor. Once this project is complete, we plan to set a date for the renovation of the main dining room. I would anticipate that happening sometime in February.

Let me take this opportunity to wish each of you and your families and wonderful Holiday Season and all my best for a prosperous New Year.

Jim

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim T. Gray". The signature is stylized with a long horizontal line extending to the left.

Trips for December

- 4 Captain Cats Lunch trip for AL leaving at 11:15 am
- 5 Walmart Trip for AL at 1:30 pm
- 6 Winter Wonderland Scenic Drive for 5th floor leaving at 5:30 pm
- 10 Moorestown Mall Trip for AL leaving at 1 pm
- 11 Winter Wonderland Scenic Drive for AL leaving at 6 pm
- 13 Bruno's Pizza Lunch trip for 5th floor leaving at 11:15 am
- 17 Jet Setters Lunch & Entertainment for AL leaving at 11:30 am
- 18 The Pub Luncheon for AL leaving at 11:15 am



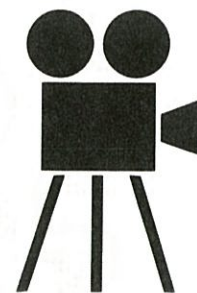
Entertainment in Our Community

- 4 Collingswood Community Chorus at 7:30 pm in the Lobby
- 7 Cherry Hill West Chamber Concert at 9:45 am in the Lobby
- 7 Pitman Young at Heart performing at 2:45 pm in the Lobby
- 9 Westmont UMC Programs at 2 pm in the Chapel
- 12 Collingswood 1st UMC Caroling at 7 pm in the Lobby
- 14 St Paul's Lutheran Church Caroling at 7:30 pm in the Lobby
- 15 Ovations Dance Studios performance at 1 pm in the Chapel
- 20 Collingwood High School Orchestra performing at 1:45 pm in the Lobby
- 21 Bruce Copp at the Resident Christmas Party at 2 pm in the Lobby
- 21 Hdflld Youth Group performing at 7 pm in the Lobby
- 31 Unforgettable performing at Resident NY Eve party at 2 pm in the Lobby

Saturday Night at the Movies

- 1—"Awakenings" starring Robert DiNiro & Robin Williams
- 8—"East of Eden" starring James Dean
- 15—"As Good as it Gets" starring Jack Nicholson
- 22—"The Polar Express" starring Tom Hanks
- 29—"One Special Night" starring James Garner & Julie Andrews

December 10 Matinee Movie with Anthony—2pm in the Library—"White Christmas" starring Bing Cosby



Notices

Christmas Dinner will be served at 12 noon on Christmas Day and the lighter meal will be served in the evening.

*Tree Trimming Party will be held on Monday December 3rd at 1:30 pm in the Lobby. TD Bank will be helping us celebrate and decorate.

*Resident Christmas Party

The Resident Christmas party will be on Friday December 21st at 2 pm in the lobby. Entertainment will be provided by Bruce Copp. Special refreshments will be served.

*Our NY Eve Party will be held on Monday December 31 at 2 pm in the Lobby. Entertainment will be provided by Unforgettable. Special refreshments will be served.

*Christmas Gifts to be Wrapped

There will be free Resident Christmas Wrapping available on Tuesday Dec 11th and 18th in the lobby from 11 am to 1 pm. Please take advantage of this convenient service.

*We have a busy month of many wonderful events, entertainments and programs. Please take advantage of these programs. Please check connected TV in lobby for up to date schedules changes and additions to calendar

Onsite Dermatology provides services at United Methodist Communities Collingswood. Many residents were not aware of the services so wanted to share with you that you have access to comprehensive dermatology care on a recurring monthly basis from our practitioner, Ashlie Burns, PA-C. They accept various insurance plans as well as being a Medicare participating provider. There is not cost for having an Onsite Dermatology practitioner come to visit you.



12 Days of Fitness



3 GRAND PRIZE WINNERS

Instructions & Rules of Play:

Earn tickets during the 12 days of fitness, and win a 1st, 2nd or 3rd place gift.

You can earn tickets by:

1. Coming to gym at normal time for exercise
2. Attend Chess Club – Bocce Ball – Walking Club or Volleyball to earn more tickets.
3. Perform some extra exercises to earn tickets
4. Attend the fitness AM class or any activity sponsored by the fitness center.

If you complete all 12 days, you will earn more tickets. The more tickets you have, the greater your chance of winning.

All of the tickets at the end will go into a basket and randomly chosen. It is survival of the fittest here at UMC

**Win the 12 Days
of Fitness and be
our healthiest
resident**

**Starts on Wed,
Dec 5- Ends on
Dec 20**

**Winner to be
announced on
12/21 at the
Christmas Party**

**Earn
Tickets to
win the 12
days of
Fitness**

**3 winners for
the fittest
resident who
wins the 12
days of Fitness**

Regular Monthly Reminders

◆ United Methodist Communities at Collingswood Business Office Hours

Our Business Office is open from 8 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday, to assist you with any questions that you might have. (We are closed Saturday, Sunday, and holidays.)

◆ P.N.A. Banking Hours

Banking is available 7 days a week from 9 am to Noon and 2:30 pm to 4 pm. On weekends and holidays banking hours are available at the front desk. If you have any questions regarding your bills or Personal Needs Account, call Tracy Hill at ext.124 or visit her in the Business Office. She will be happy to serve you.

◆ Postage Stamp Sales

Postage stamps may be bought at the Receptionist's Desk. The cost is now \$0.50 for a "Forever Stamp." You are able to purchase 10 stamps at a time. (If you need a greeting card or note paper you can probably find that in our Shop.)

◆ Food and Drug Store Shopping

The Shop Rite Shopping Trip runs on Monday and Wednesday at 10:30am.

◆ The Shopping Program

For those who cannot go out to shop, take advantage of the shopping program every Monday. All you need to do is pick up the shopping form at the front desk, fill it out and return it to the front desk with your money NO LATER THAN MONDAY AT 9 am of every week.

◆ Local Bank Transportation

The bank transportation we provide is for local banks only. We will go to the following towns: Audubon, Collingswood, Haddonfield, Haddon Heights and Oaklyn. If you do not bank at any of these locations, you will need to make other transportation arrangements.

◆ Free Medical Transportation

Within Camden County, try Sen-Han Transit. Schedule two weeks in advance. Call 856-456-3344.

◆ For your Convenience:

Maintenance is available from 8 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Sunday

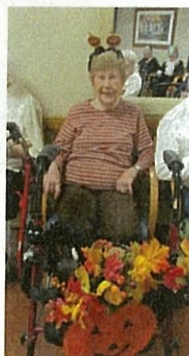
Housekeeping is available from 7 am to 11 pm daily

Main Dining Room is open 8 am to 6:30 pm

4th & 5th Dining Room is always open

Security is available 24/7

Residents & Associates celebrating Halloween



Important Dates

7—Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

25—Christmas Day

26—Kwanzaa Begins

31—New Years Eve

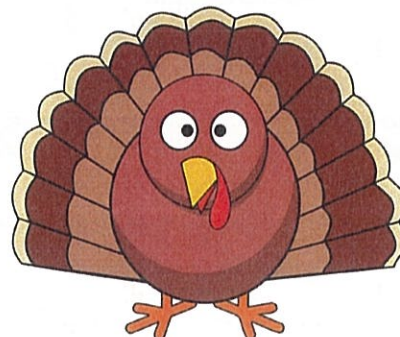
 **Happy
Holidays**



Veterans Day Luncheon
Thank You for Your Service!



Family Thanksgiving



December Birthdays

2	Ethel Brennan
7	Marlene Mandle
7	Doris Myers
8	Helen Ford
9	Joan Love
13	Edna Tomaski
16	Carl Fravel
17	Joan McCarthy
20	Dominick Delpiano
22	Clara Hall-Black
24	Ruth Propert Taenzer
31	Mary Burns

Residents on floors 1-4 who have birthdays in December will be honored with a special birthday luncheon on Monday, December 17th at 12 noon in the main dining room. Our 5th floor residents will have their party at 2pm on the 5th floor.



Our Family News

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If you have a photo or news you would like to share in Our Family News, please submit to Mary Moloney, Volunteer Service Coordinator, who can be reached at extension 5204.

MISSION STATEMENT

Compassionately serving in community so that all are free to choose abundant life.



NEW RESIDENTS

Dorothy Mae Richter—Apartment 427
Louise Williams—Apartment 408
Inez-Rush Britt—Apartment 330
Carol & Donald Beck—Apartment 320
Clara Luzi—Apartment 403
John Fowler—Apartment 430
Silvio Bozzacco—Apartment 426

NEW ASSOCIATES

Ashley Longo—HC RN
Stephen Jackson—HC CNA
Nicole Rose—Residential LPN
Ella Lucha—Homemaker
Amanda Monteferrante—Homemaker
Donata Gasparie—Receptionist/Security
Jerry Thach—Receptionist/Security
Regina Lawlor—LPN
Gloria Fitzgerald—Receptionist/Security
Essence Paige—Homemaker

THE LAMENT OF THE WORKING GIRL

I wake up in the morning and rub my eyes to see
as I stumble to the bathroom,
and in the mirror look at me.
Is that really me I ask myself as the image stares right back.
you're an awful mess it meekly sighs
and to the bedroom I start back.
But when I get right to the door, the snooze alarm sounds softly.
and then I find I'm kitchen bound
and looking for the coffee.

Eventually, I get awake, and since I have no maid
I wash and dry the dishes
and make sure the bed is made.
Then comes that awful question; what on earth do I have to wear.
my white blouse isn't ironed
and the blue skirt needs repair.
I look out of the window and much to my dismay,
It started snowing late last night
and it's really deep today.
So I bundle up with a heavy coat, and a scarf around my neck.
by the time I get to the corner
my hair will be a wreck.

The busses are late and all tied up. I shake in the winter chill.
I am wondering how many will call in today
to say that they are ill.
Finally the bus arrives, jammed right to the door.
I fight my way through the angry crowd
as the driver yells 'NO MORE!'

After a long and slippery ride, going sideways most of the
way,
I arrive at work and I am weary and worn
before I start my day.

I am really looking forward to yet another time
when I don't have to get up in the morning
and start that awful grind.
Then when the snow start falling against my window pane,
I'll just turn over and go to sleep,
and not think of it again.
There won't be any problem deciding what to wear,
as I stretch out dressed for comfort
in my reclining chair.
I'll just be warm and cozy and sit there by the fire,
thinking back to that happy day
when I finally retire.



By Helen Mason—Former Resident

DECEMBER WORSHIP

- 12/2 – SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION – 10:00 IN THE CHAPEL
12/9 – THE WESTMONT METHODIST CHURCH CHOIR – CONCERT
AT 2:00 O’CLOCK IN THE CHAPEL – FOLLOWED BY THEIR
CAROLING ON THE 5TH FLOOR (*Only service of the day for all.*)
12/16 - SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS – 10:00 IN THE CHAPEL
(*Combined service for all floors*)
12/23 – CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE – 10:00 IN THE CHAPEL
12/30 – LAST WORSHIP SERVICE OF THE YEAR – 10:00 IN CHAPEL

CHRISTMAS HUMOR

Just before Xmas, an honest politician, a generous lawyer and Santa Claus all got into the elevator at the Ritz Carlton Hotel. As the elevator travelled from the 5th floor down to the ground level, one-by-one they noticed a \$50 bill lying on the elevator’s floor.

Which one picked up the \$50 bill and handed it in at reception?

Santa of course, the other two don't actually exist!



The Volunteer Corner

By Mary Moloney, Volunteer Coordinator



Thanks to the Subaru of America associates who volunteered with us in November. Everyone enjoyed the Ice Cream & Cookies and the Bingo game!

Volunteers from TD Bank will be joining us for the Christmas Tree Trimming party on December 3. They are bringing a pianist and a sing along to celebrate the Holiday Season.

Many of the area schools and church groups will be celebrating the season in December. Be sure to check your calendars for dates and times.

Happy Holiday's!



CHAPLAIN'S CHAT



WHAT CHRIST'S RETURN WILL DO FOR YOU

We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. - Rom. 8:22-23

We are getting ready in various ways to celebrate the birth of Christ, his first coming. In reality, though we are waiting for His second coming. So the question is, "What will Christ's return do for you?" Let's see.

A music composer had a mischievous son who used to love to get under his father's skin. Often, he would come in late at night when his father and mother were in bed. Before going to his room, he would go to the piano and loudly play a simple scale, all but the final note, thus leaving the scale incomplete.

The father, hearing the scale minus the final note, would writhe in his bed, unable to relax after hearing the unresolved scale. Finally, he would stumble downstairs to the piano and hit the final note. Only then would he be able to sleep.

It's called catharsis... that felt need every single one of us has to resolve things that seem out of balance to us. It's an innate feeling given to us by God to help us work toward and anticipate a time when every tension we have will be released and all things will be made new.

That day will happen when Jesus returns. That event will be the final note in the unfinished scale of history. It will be the day when all the wrongs are made right, all our sadness turns to joy, and our faith is made sight. And the promise of "peace on Earth, goodwill toward all mankind," made at Jesus' birth, will be realized.

For now, we writhe and wait for the final note to be played. But trust in the Lord that the day is coming when all things will be complete and we'll enter the rest He has for us!

Ask yourself this: how does the promise of Christ's return help you endure hard times today?

Pray this month that God would give you the strength to endure any hardship you face by trusting in the promise of Christ's return

Chapel News & Bible Quiz

- 1 Who told Mary and Joseph to go to Bethlehem?
- 2 True or False: Mary and Joseph went to Bethlehem for the birth of Jesus because they were following a star.
- 3 What form of transportation did Mary and Joseph use to get to Bethlehem? The answer is not a taxi cab.
- 4 Which Old Testament prophet had the most to say about the birth of Christ?
- 5 In the accounts announcing the birth of Christ (Matthew 1 and Luke 1 and 2) how many times did an angel or angels appear?
- 6 Who told Joseph the baby's name was to be Jesus?
- 7 Can you list 5 names of Jesus found in the Bible? Some on my list are from Old Testament prophecies.
- 8 What are the meanings of the names Jesus and Emmanuel?
- 9 The shepherds and the wise men went to see Jesus. Which group followed a star and which group went to find the baby because an angel told them where to look?

ANSWERS: 1 Caesar Augustus. He ordered the people to go back to the city of their forefathers. Joseph's family

was from Bethlehem. Luke 2:1.

- 2 False. As in the previous answer, they went not because an angel told them or because a star led them. They were obedient to the established governmental authority.
- 3 The Bible does not say how they went from Galilee to Bethlehem. It was an 80 mile trip for them. It is likely that they rode some type of animal, but the Bible gives no details. It is commonly depicted that Mary rode a donkey while Joseph walked along side. But that is simply an artistic depiction. We don't really know.
- 4 The book of Isaiah has much to say about the birth of the Savior. If you have ever heard the oratorio by George Handel called The Messiah, you have heard many direct quotes from the book of Isaiah concerning the birth of Christ.
- 5 At least 3 angelic announcements for the birth of Christ and 1 for the birth of John. For Christ an angel appeared before Mary and Joseph individually and a multitude of angels spoke to the shepherds. For John's birth announcement in Luke 1 Gabriel appeared before John's father to announce the birth of John the Baptist. Matthew 1:20-24; Luke 1:11-20; Luke 1:26-38; Luke 2:9-15.
- 6 An angel in Matthew 1:21. The Bible does not say that this was Gabriel; however, it is assumed to be him since he was the one specifically mentioned as the messenger to Mary and Zacharias in Luke 1.
- 7 Jesus, Emmanuel, the Christ, Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6; Matthew 1:21, 23.
- 8 Jesus means Savior and Emmanuel means God with us. Jesus is the same name as the Old Testament name Joshua which also means Savior. Matthew 1:21, 23.
- 9 The shepherds followed the instructions of the angels in Luke 2:9-15. The wise men followed the star to find the place where Jesus was. Matthew 2:1, 2.
- 10 Technically angels are never said to "sing" in the Bible. Each time they appear they only speak. However, to answer the question, the angels praised God with these words: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Luke 2:14.

Spiritual Services and Schedules

SPIRITUAL SERVICES

The following services and Bible studies will be directed by our Chaplain, the Rev. Dr. Richard Leaver.

SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES

10:00 am in the Chapel

11:00 am in 5th floor Emerald Living Room

Communion will be served on the first Sunday of each month and at other special times.

CATHOLIC SERVICES

Mass is held on the last Monday of the month at 10:30am in the Chapel.

A Catholic Communion Service is held each Wednesday at 10:30 am in the Chapel with Deacon Jim Rocks.

CATHOLIC COMMUNION

Catholic Eucharistic Ministers are available during the week to come to your apartment.

BIBLE STUDIES

Wednesdays at 9:45 am

5th floor Blueberry Household

Thursdays at 11:00 am in the library

For All Residents Regardless of Denomination:

10:00 a.m. Every Sunday, in the Chapel

11:00 a.m. for those on 5th floor held in the dining room. Both are led by Rev. Leaver, our Chaplain.

For Roman Catholics:

Mass is held every *Wednesday* at 10:30 a.m. in the Chapel with Deacon, Jim Rocks.

On the last *Monday* of the month in the Chapel at 2:00 p.m. a Mass is led by Father John Bohrer.

Regarding the Catholic Eucharist:

For those of you unable to attend Mass, Eucharist ministers are available to serve you in your room. Please make Chaplain Leaver aware of your desire and he will make arrangements for you to receive the Sacrament

In Sympathy

Rita Nardi
Jack Gielgleman
Michael Gattone
Eugene Doto



Community Directory

Resources

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Laundry	Ian Barnett	856-854-4331 x5108
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Director of Nursing	Mary Magonagle	856-854-4331 x5118
Pastoral Care	Richard Leaver	856-854-4331 x5189
TVs & Phones	Ian Barnett	856-854-4331 x5108

Having a Problem You Can't Get Resolved?

Contact Executive Director, James Clancy at x5501 or Administrator, Lisa Reifenrath at x5505.

If you feel an independent advocate is needed, please contact the New Jersey Office of the Long Term Care Ombudsman (NJLTCO). They are responsible for **securing**, preserving, and promoting the health, safety, and welfare of New Jersey's elderly population, through investigations of abuse, neglect, and exploitation; legislative and regulatory advocacy; policy work; and education and outreach.

NJLTCO brings about change on local, state, and federal levels by advocating for policy and legislative initiatives and participating in activities that support the Office's core mission to advance the rights, the dignity and the self-determination of elderly individuals living in long-term care. By law, callers may remain anonymous.



In the event of an emergency: 911

More information: 609-826-5090

Toll-free intake line: 877-582-6995

Fax: 609-943-3479

Email: ombudsman@advocate.state.nj.us

Write: NJ Long-Term Care Ombudsman
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