



United Methodist Communities

Collingswood



Our Family News

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A WORD FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Friends-

I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday with friends and family and also want to thank everyone who supported our annual Thanksgiving Dinner here at UMC Collingswood. Hard to believe we are now officially in the Christmas Season.

Demolition for Phase 2 of our renovation project has begun on the North wing of the 4th and 5th floor and we anticipate construction continuing through the winter into approximately March 2018 on this Phase. It's



Happy Birthday!



Dates to Remember

12/7—Pearl Harbor
Remembrance Day
12/21—Winter Begins
12/25—Christmas Day

12/7—Marlene Mandle
12/8—Helen Ford
12/9—Joan Love
12/13—Edna Tomaski
12/13 Eugene Doto
12/16—Carl Fravel

12/20—Dominick Delpiano
12/22—Clara Hall-Black
12/24—Ruth Propert-Taenzer
12/25—Gennaro Leone
12/29—Elizabeth Feudtner

Residents on floors 1-4 who have birthdays in November will be honored with a special birthday luncheon on Monday, November 20th, at 12 noon in the main dining room. Our 5th floor residents will have their party at 2pm on the 5th



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

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Trips for December

A Friendly Reminder

If you are on floors 1-3, please go to the front desk for the details on trips and to sign up. If you realize you can't make the trip, please be courteous and take your name off the list or cancel with the Community Life Department. The trips will be leaving promptly at the designated departure times.



Sign-up sheets for the month of January will be available at the front desk by 9 am on December 30th.

- 12/5—Captain Cats Lunch Trip for floors 1-3, leaving at 11:15am
- 12/7—Winter Wonderland Scenic Drive for floors 4 & 5 leaving at 6pm
- 12/12— Winter Wonderland Scenic Drive for floors 1-3, leaving at 6pm
- 12/14—The Cove Lunch Trip for floors 4 & 5, leaving at 11:15am
- 12/19—Rexy's Lunch Trip for floors 1-3, leaving at 11:15am
- 12/26—The Cove Lunch Trip for floors 1-3, leaving at 11:15am
- 12/28—Lunch Trip for floors 4-5

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amazing to see the plans coming alive and exciting to know that in just a few months we will have a completed Tapestries Community (Memory Support) and 2 of our 3 neighborhoods on the 5th floor complete. That being said there have been some departments temporarily relocated to accommodate the renovation. The rehabilitation department is now being housed in the Chapel and all Chapel services will now be held in the 3rd floor activity room. Karen Viola, DRL, is now located on the first floor across from my office.

Let me take this opportunity to wish each of you a very healthy and happy Holiday season and best wishes for a very prosperous New Year.

Jim

Entertainment in our Community

- 12/01—Cherry Hill West Chamber Group performing at 9:45am in the Lobby
 12/01—American Heritage Girls caroling at 7pm in the Lobby
 12/04—Bernadette Hobon Piano Playing for tree decorating at 2pm in the Lobby
 12/05—Collingswood Community Chorus performing at 7:30pm in the Lobby
 12/07—Collingswood High School Orchestra performing at 1:15pm in the Lobby
 12/10—Bingo, Singing, cookies & hot chocolate at 1:30pm on the 3rd floor
 12/11—SJ Home Schoolers Caroling at 6:30pm in the Lobby
 12/15—St. Paul's Lutheran Church caroling at 7:15pm in the Lobby
 12/16—The Good News Club hand bells and singing at 10am in the Lobby
 12/20—1st UMC of Collingswood Caroling at 6:30pm in the Lobby
 12/22—Resident Christmas Party with entertainment by Kevin Gahm
 at 2pm in the Lobby
 12/31—New Year's Eve Party with "Unforgettable" at 2pm in the Lobby



Saturday Night at the Movies



- 12/02—"Singing in the Rain", starring Gene Kelly
 12/09—"Breakfast at Tiffany's", starring Audrey Hepburn
 12/16—"Oklahoma", by Roger & Hammerstein
 12/23—"South Pacific", starring Rossano Brazzi & Mitzi Gaynor
 12/30—"The Sting", starring Robert Redford & Paul Newman

*Movies are shown at
 7:30pm in the Library on the 2nd floor.*

Welcome New Residents



We are pleased to welcome our new residents to United Methodist Communities at Collingswood! Please make them feel welcome and invite them to join you in all our great activities while they are with us.

Sam & Alice D'Ambola—Apartment 311

Jack Jung—Apartment 314

Lillian Little—Respite

Notices for December

- 12/21—**Breakfast Club**— Our monthly breakfast club will meet on Thursday December 21st at 8:30am in the 3rd floor community room.
- 12/22—**Resident Christmas Party**-will be held on Friday December 22nd at 2pm in the Lobby. Please join the festivities of food, music and socialization.
- 12/25—**Christmas Day Meal**-The main meal on Christmas Day will be served at 12 noon. For those residents who receive the lighter meal at noon, it will be served in the evening at 5pm in the main dining room.
- 12/31—**New Year's Eve Party**-Celebrate bringing in the New Year on Sunday December 31st., at 2pm in the Lobby. We will have entertainment provided by “Unforgettable” and special refreshments.

The Monthly Breakfast Club

Enjoying Belgium waffles to Order



Happenings in our Community

Chef Center Stage with Steve

National Sandwich Day



Chair Volleyball at Collingswood



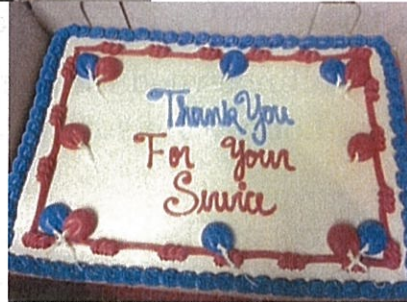
Quarterly
Awards
Great job !



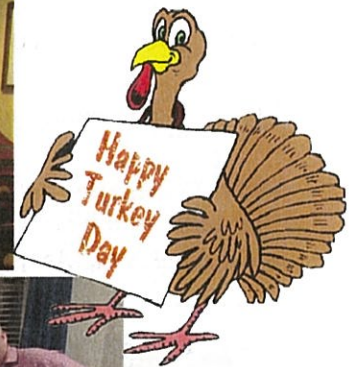


HONORING OUR VETERANS

ARGENTINA LUNCHEON WITH OUR EMERALD HOUSEHOLD



FAMILY THANKSGIVING MEAL 2017



The Volunteer Corner by Mary Moloney, Volunteer Director

December has arrived and with that comes many groups of volunteers bringing cheer to the Collingswood residents. Cherry Hill West High School Chamber Group will be kicking off our holiday entertainment with a wonderful



performance on December 1 at 9:45am in the lobby. Refreshments will be served to residents and the Chamber Group following the performance.

Bernadette Hobon will be returning to Collingswood for a special holiday performance on December 4th at 2pm in the Lobby. Be sure to stop by and say hello!

Check your calendars for time and locations of The American Heritage Girls Caroling, Collingswood High School Orchestra, St Paul's Lutheran Church caroling, SJ Home School performance, The Good News Club Hand Bell performance, and 1st United Methodist Church of Collingswood Caroling.

A volunteer will be available for wrapping gifts for the holidays. Flyers will be posted with days and times.

TD Bank volunteers will be assisting with activities on December 12th and 13th. Be sure to check your calendars for times and locations.

Happy Holidays!

Pictures from our Senior Space Program that takes place on the 1 and 3 Wed of every month please see Ann, Mary or Lynda for more information



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 \$0.49 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
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CHAPEL NEWS & BIBLE QUIZ



CHRISTMAS QUIZ

- Joseph was **originally** from... (Luke 2:3)
 - Bethlehem
 - Nazareth
 - Hebron
 - Jerusalem
 - None of the above
 - What does the Bible say that the innkeeper said to Mary and Joseph? (Luke 2:7)
 - "There is no room in the inn."
 - "I have a stable you can use."
 - "Come back later and I should have some vacancies."
 - Both A and B
 - None of the above
 - A manger is a...
 - Stable for domestic animals
 - Wooden hay storage bin
 - Feeding trough
 - Barn
 - Who saw the star in the east?
 - Shepherds
 - Mary and Joseph
 - Three kings
 - Both A and C
 - None of the above
 - According to the Bible, how did Mary and Joseph get to Bethlehem?
 - Camel
 - Donkey
 - Walked
 - Joseph walked, Mary rode a donkey
 - Horse-drawn chariot
 - Who knows?
 - How many angels spoke to the shepherds? (Luke 2:10)
 - One
 - Three
 - Multitude
 - None of the above
 - What did the angels say/sing? (Luke 2:14)
 - "Glory to God in the highest, etc."
 - "Alleluia"
 - "Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given"
 - "Joy the world, the Lord is come"
 - "Glory to the newborn King"
 - What is frankincense?
 - A precious metal
 - A precious fabric
 - A precious perfume
 - None of the above
 - What is myrrh?
 - Middle Eastern money
 - A drink
 - An easily shaped metal
 - A spice used for burying people
 - None of the above
 - How many wise men came to see Jesus?
 - 3
 - 6
 - 9
 - 12
 - We don't know.
- BONUS: Where did the wise men find Jesus? (Matthew 2:11)
 - In a manger
 - In a stable
 - In Nazareth
 - In Saudi Arabia
 - In a house
 - None of the above



THE CHAPLAIN'S CHAT WITH REV. DR. RICHARD LEAVER

THE CHAPLAIN'S CHAT: THE BOY AND THE CRÈCHE



... she gave birth to her firstborn, a son . She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn (Luke 2: 7).

"The Boy and the Crèche" is the true story of what happened one Christmas Eve in front of the Church of the Holy Trinity in New York City. The story is told by The Reverend Clarke Kimberly Oler who was pastor of the Church at the time:

There he was again. He was barely six years old and wearing his red stocking hat, his face pressed against the iron fence which surrounds the Church of the Holy Trinity garden. It was not unusual for a child so young to be out on the streets alone, and I had seen this little boy before -- always wearing the same grimy red hat pulled over his ears, the same old sneakers, the same tattered jacket. Several times I had spoken to him, trying to find out who he was, but each time he just looked at me in distrust with large solemn eyes and, without a word, ran off down the street and disappeared. It was Christmas Eve. The snow had been falling all day, and I was looking out the rectory window. The street was dark and deserted. The only bright spot shone from the huge Nativity scene erected in the Church garden. Life-sized figures of the shepherds and kings and barnyard animals attended a lifelike figure of the Baby Jesus. And on the ground, surrounding the manger, was a thick covering of real straw. The figure of Mary knelt by the manger, tenderly contemplating the Holy Child.

Then it was that I saw him again -- with that unmistakable red hat and nose red from the cold -- peering through the fence at the crèche. As I watched, he ventured timidly into the garden through the Church gate and for a long time he stood before the crèche. Then, suddenly, he climbed inside and curled up in the straw, under the gentle gaze of the Virgin Mary.

For half an hour I watched, not daring to go outside because I knew that the moment I opened the door he would scamper away. Now and again, when there was no one passing by, I could see a little arm reach up and small fingers would touch Mary's cheek. Then something startled the boy and, in a flash he was up, out the gate and down the street. He disappeared into the night.

I felt as though I had been granted a momentary look into a lonely child's heart. I ached for him. I felt utterly helpless. All I could do was breathe a prayer that somehow he had been comforted by Mary's unchanging expression of love (adapted).

Aren't we all like that little boy, in one way or another? Do we not look up at the stars with brave eyes that conceal anxious hearts? Do we not reach out, in our imaginations, to touch with aching fingers the loving cheek of God? We can only wonder whether, somewhere, some loving human hands reached out to him.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

--

Rev. Dr. Richard Leaver

WORSHIP SCHEDULE in DECEMBER

Until further notice

all worship services will be held in the 3rd floor Community Room, except for those normally held in the 5th floor dining room.

There will be services *every* Sunday in December, including Christmas Eve Day, and on Christmas Day at 10:00 am ON 3rd floor and 11:00 on 5th floor. On Christmas Day there will be one combined service for both floors in the 3rd floor Community Room at 10:30 (*noted the different time*). We will include a lot of Christmas singing, so please join us each Sunday in Advent and on Christmas Day to praise the new born king.

THE LIBRARY BIBLE STUDIES COMMENCES ON DECEMBER 7TH

We will explore the Bible from beginning to end using videos from the History Channel. You will enjoy the videos and the discussion we have based on Creation and many, many biblical personalities or perhaps characters might be better to describe them. We explore their humanity and God's divinity. Invite friends.

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 Community Room

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

CATHOLIC SERVICES

- High Mass is held on the last Monday of the month at 10:30am in the 5th floor Dining Room
- A Short Mass is held each Wednesday at 10:30 am in the 3rd fl Community Room with Deacon Jim Rocks.

CATHOLIC COMMUNION

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

BIBLE STUDIES

Wednesdays at 11:00 am
5th floor Community Room

Thursdays at 11:00 am
The Library

DON'T FORGET BIBLE STUDY EVERY THURSDAY BEGINNING AGAIN ON DECEMBER 7TH AT 11:00 IN THE LIBRARY. COME ENJOY THE INFORMATIVE VIDEOS FROM THE HISTORY CHANNEL AND THE DISCUSSIONS LED BY DR. LEAVER.

We will begin with the Story of Creation, examine the story of Sodom and Gomorrah, Abraham the Father of three Faiths, Noah and the Ark, Joseph Moses and the Ten Commandments, Samson and Delilah, and David the Giant Killer, and Solomon.

As we continue in 2018 we will see videos on Queen Esther, Mary, Mary Magdalene, and we will look at other New Testament characters, Joseph: the Silent Saint, Herod the Great, Pontius Pilate, Jesus of course, and Peter and Paul.

The amazing videos from the History Channel will stimulate our discussions and make it a very interesting hour for us all. Hope we will see you there. **There will be NO Bible studies in November due to Dr. Leaver's schedule. Thank you.**



In Sympathy

Millie Smith

Rosina Dalessandro

John Domer Zerbe

Lena Costanzo

Anne Fravel



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