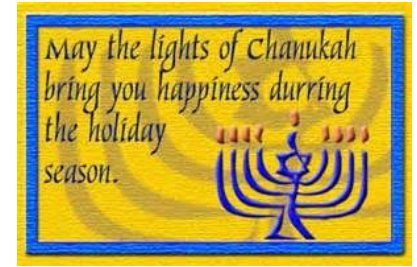


## December 2017



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### Executive Director's Column

#### Happy Holidays

As we close out 2017 I'd like to say a special thank you to all the members of the Assisted Living Resident Council. We worked together this year on projects including the front parking lot resident parking and ensuring there was access to the storage cages. We have new members joining the council in 2018 and we'll continue to work together on behalf of all the residents. Our associates received their Employee Christmas gift from our residents on November 22. I'd like to thank you again for your generosity in recognition of their dedication in serving you all year long.

To all our associates, I appreciate the opportunity to work with you each day. You bring joy to our residents in sharing your stories and listening to theirs. Teamwork shows in everything you do which makes The Shores a special place to be.

December is filled with many wonderful programs to attend and enjoy. Excitement is in the air.

I wish you and your family a safe, happy, and healthy Christmas and New Year 2018!





## NEW RESIDENTS

We are pleased to welcome new residents to The Shores!  
Please make these folks feel welcome and invite them to join  
you in all our great activities.

Marguerite Peacock

Barbara Brennan

Su-  
zanne



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We warmly welcome our new  
Staff members!



Senior Fitness Program  
Specialist  
**Karen Cooper**



Director of  
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## Our Mission

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



# Here's What Happened Last Month

*Our community was filled with **ART** in November! It was a wonderful gift for all to share their talents this month.*

## *Senior Space Art Show*

More than 25 residents and associates exhibited their art work during the Senior Space Art Show. Mediums included watercolor, acrylic and oil, ceramics, knitting, crocheting, origami, wood carvings, crewel work, sculpture and jewelry. See Pages 12 & 13 for more photos.



Associate artist, Trina Morroni and Resident artist Shirley Kornberg display their paintings.



Ink and mosaic art by Jeannette Biletta.



Phoebe Lindacher with her knitted clothing.



Crewel art by Nancy Longenecker's Mother.

## Here's More of What Happened Last Month

### *Tapestries Family Thanksgiving Feast*

Tapestries' residents and their families enjoyed a delicious and meaningful Thanksgiving dinner together. See Page 14 for more pictures.



Rita Kirk and her family.



Joan Jones and Solin Lee.



Lois Parry with her daughter.



Associates Brian and Donna.



Tom Ang and his family.

Orin, Alby and Chef generously serving families.

# Here's More of What Happened Last Month

## *Veteran's BBQ*

Our veterans were honored with a special Veteran's Day Celebration BBQ sponsored by The Sons of The American



Doug Otto, Veterans Appreciation Program Liaison speaks while guests enjoy a delicious BBQ.



The national anthem led by our talented Associate Pam.



# Here's More of What Happened Last Month

## *Tai Chi ~ Jazzy Jen's Painting ~ Glazed Over Studios*



Ginny Strang and friends practice Tai Chi, which is often



Residents enjoy Jazzy Jenn's painting class.



Glazed Over Studios in Ocean City offered a ceramic paint project to our Senior Space par-



## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

*Advent, a season of anticipation.* Cleaning the house. Cooking for company. Decorating the space. Preparing the gifts. Waiting for the arrival.

The world around us would have us feasting before we are ready. Remember what your mother told you before coming to the table? “Go wash your hands.” There is a cleaning of our spirit that brings us to enjoy the feast that is coming. *That is what Advent offers.*

The world around us would have us eat fast food, easy food, microwave food. Remember what your mother cooked for you at Christmas? Homemade pasta, cookies and biscuits from scratch, sweet potato casserole, roasts in the oven...all to fill a house with its good smell. There is a smell and taste that satisfies our soul. *That is what Advent offers.*

The world decorates for Santa in October, pushing us into stores for buying beyond our means, without restraint. Remember the ornaments that filled your house? The popcorn strings, pine cones with tinsel, pasta glued into the shape of an angel, a creche made with toothpicks...making the meaning visible. Remember the simple gifts of your childhood? The doll made by hand, the favorite book, the wooden car your father chiseled...each purposefully considered with love. *This is what Advent offers.*

Waiting, pondering, praying for what is not yet here. *Advent teaches us that the most valuable things are worth anticipating.* May we find Advent before the fullness of the feast of Christmas!



### December Chapel Preachers:

December 6<sup>th</sup> Rev. Ned Flexer, retired Baptist

December 13<sup>th</sup> Rev. Jeff Rickards, Grace Lutheran

December 20<sup>th</sup> Rev. Dan Unrath, semi-retired Methodist

December 27<sup>th</sup> Rev. Larry Oksten, St. Peters UMC

### Advent/Hanukkah/Christmas Season Special Services:

December 3<sup>rd</sup> Morning Worship with Communion & Hanging of the Greens (10:25 am)

This service is used at the beginning of Advent as decorations are going up as a way to remember the meaning behind the tradition symbols of the season. It is a wonderful way to usher the season in with scripture, songs and decoration that tell the story of our faith. Please join us, one and all, in this special worship event.

December 10<sup>th</sup> Morning Worship with Rev. Harvey Van Sciver

**DECEMBER 15<sup>th</sup> 1 PM A TASTE OF SHABBAT & HANUKKAH**

December 17<sup>th</sup> Morning Worship with Jim Pickering and Pat Brownhill Special Music

December 24<sup>th</sup> Morning Worship with Pastor Lee & Jessica Martin

Christmas Eve Candle lighting Service at 6:15 pm with Jim Pickering and Pat Brownhill!





### December Birthdays:

- 7-Dorothy Blackmar HC
- 7-ShirleyTraficante WBB
- 8-Frances Dirkes HC
- 8-Velva Povrzenich HC
- 9-Eleanor Rosica AL
- 10-Dorothea VanDiver HC
- 13-Jean Bell HC
- 14-Merilee Adams HC
- 16-Susan Myers AL
- 18-Nancy Longenecker AL
- 19-Joan Hodgins WBB
- 19-Richard Raab HC
- 19-Guido Trapani AL
- 22-Jane Doren AL
- 23-Cecelia Leggieri AL+
- 24-Shirley Deming AL
- 25-Ruth Auerswald AL
- 26-Anne Bahr HC
- 26-Concetta Stone HC
- 27-Richard Hoffman AL
- 30-Joan Lunnon AL
- 31-Janet Melven WBB



## **HELPFUL INFORMATION! New Jersey Identification Cards**

If you do not have a driver's license, a New Jersey identification card can be used to prove your identity.

You can use this card for things such as opening a bank account, voting, and traveling. You **cannot** have an identification card and driver license at the same time. If you have a driver's license, you must surrender it to the NJ MVC when you apply for a NJ identification card.

At the request of Lois Meyers, Michele Musto, Volunteer Coordinator, contacted NJ MVC and learned that they **do not** offer a mobile service any longer. Application must be done in person. You **cannot apply online or by mail**. Cards are valid for 4 years and cost **\$24** (American Express, MasterCard, VISA, check, money order, or cash) The MVC Agency is located at 6725 Black Horse Pike (Shore Mall) Egg Harbor Township.

If you would like  
obtaining a card  
Michele Musto.

to learn more about  
please contact

Heartfelt   
**THANKS**  
**TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!**

Thank you to all our volunteers who help to make The Shores  
a special place to live and work.



## *The Giving Corner*

### *The Shores furry friends*

Our residents and associates are extremely thankful to have so many furry friends visit the community on a regular basis! Studies show that time spent bonding with animals promotes hormonal changes within the brain and helps to reduce anxiety and depression. We extend a big thank you to the pups and their humans for volunteering their time and bringing joy to The Shores!



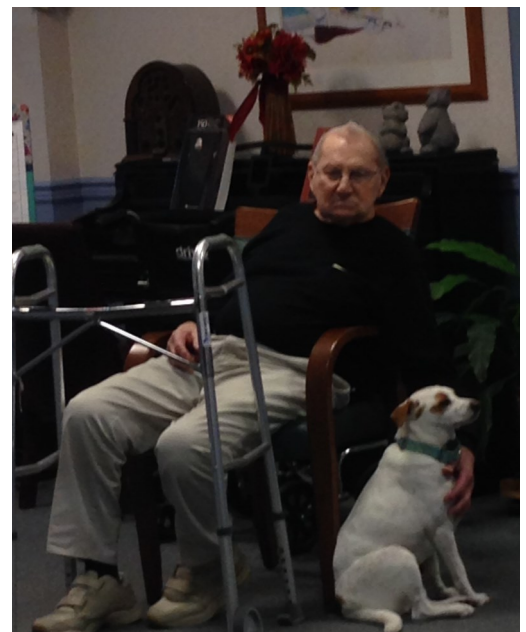
Adorable Toshi & Kara with Robin Connor.



Friendly Piper spending time with resi-



Sweet Perry with Kathy DeMaria.



## *The Giving Corner continued*

*Music from our talented  
throughout The Shores!*

*friends could be heard*



The students from Ocean City Intermediate School entertained residents with a lively morning



Residents enjoyed an evening of classical music by The Angelus Chorus.



The Shores new Hand Chimes Choir. They will be playing during Advent/Christmas. New members welcome!

## The Giving Corner continued



The Chapel Fund is a resident resource for giving to others. We use it for chapel expenses, however, most of the money given is for the support of charities local, national and international. For instance, in recent years we have given significantly to the following organizations: Fellowship Fund, Haiti Relief, Ocean City Food Cupboard, Ranch Hope, Atlantic City Rescue Mission, Catholic Charities, Disaster Relief, I Am Missions, Autism, etc. The Chapel Committee is the group of residents who, together with Rev. Beth, make decisions about where these funds go.

This year, our funds are lower than usual due to our recent gifts to Hurricane Relief. We invite all residents to participate in supporting the Chapel Fund with a Christmas Offering. Envelopes are outside the Chaplain's office. Please pick one up and return your offering to the Chaplain's Office, or to our Treasurer, Olive Lewis Apartment #287.

Thank you for the simple gifts that are multiplied in power by God's grace. May our merry Christmas be made in giving to others in need.



Thank you to our kind garden volunteers, Angel, Lorraine and Janet. Their décor talent and green thumb adds beauty to The Shores entrance and outdoor space!

### ***Food Drive***

During the later part of November, our community has been gathering a collection of food and supplies for the Cape May County bi-annual Postal Food Drive! Pick up is December 1<sup>st</sup>. That same day, 7 or more associates with family are volunteering at the Ocean City Food Cupboard to sort, stack and shelve



# Senior Space Art Show Pictures



A sculpture of Leon Kazmierczak created by his wife.



Petit point cross stitch created by Dot Crawshaw.



Jewelry designed and created by Mary Kate along with pottery and



Folk art wooden carvings and pen and ink drawings by David Rhodes.



Watercolor paintings by Doris Hanna.

# Senior Space Art Show Pictures



Wooden toys created by



Rev Beth's origami cranes and Indonesian straw doll.



Pottery pieces by Maura.



Pottery Rev. Beth received as gifts—cups with candle sticks and Pastor on Flute.

We are artists, because God is.  
Peter Kreeft

Paintings and art work by Ron Young and Sara Ginther.



# *Tapestries Family Thanksgiving Feast Pictures*



Alice Kitchner with her daughter.



Cathy Adams and family.



Eileen Wojcic with her nephew.



Joan Richell and family.

Andrew Trofa and family.





# The Shores Book Group

**Calling all book lovers!** New members are welcome to join the group to discuss the books listed below. Meetings are the first Monday of each month at 3:00pm in the Music Room, and are facilitated by Myra Degenhardt.

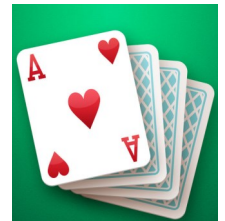
- December 4– One Amazing Thing by Chitra Divakaruni
- January 2– The Japanese Lover by Isabel Allende
- February 12– The Glass Castle: A Memoir by Jeanette Walls
- March 5– A Piece of the World: A Novel by Christine Baker Kline
- April 2– Ford County by John Grisham
- May 7– The Traitor’s Wife by Allison Pataki



June 4– The Life We Bury by Allen Eskens

## Cards & Mah Jongg

Are you looking to start a weekly card game or Mah Jongg group? If so please see Michele Musto, Volunteer Services Coordinator for details.



## Bridge Group

Bridge Group plays every Saturday at 2:00pm in the Classroom. Join the group for informal

bridge and conversation. Coordinator, Anthony

Gigi's Salon

Hair~Do of the Month

~ Jane McDonnell ~

Salon hours: 9am-3pm Tuesday-Friday

players.



Kuschera has years of experience and welcomes newcomers at any level. There is a sign up sheet at the front desk for interested

# November Birthday Luncheon

Thank you to our birthday hosts Rev. Jerry and Julie Crossley! Pictured below with Calvin and Deede.



Best wishes to everyone who celebrated a November birthday!



In Search of Our Kneeling Places

*By Ann Weems*

In each heart lies a Bethlehem,  
An inn where we must ultimately answer  
Whether there is room or not.  
When we are Bethlehem-bound  
We experience our own advent in his.  
When we are Bethlehem-bound  
We can no longer look the other way  
Conveniently not seeing stars  
Not hearing angel voices.  
We can no longer excuse ourselves by busily  
Tending our sheep or our kingdoms.  
This Advent let's go to Bethlehem  
And see this thing that the Lord has made known to us.  
In the midst of shopping sprees  
Let's ponder in our hearts the Gift of Gifts.  
Through the tinsel  
Let's look for the gold of the Christmas star.  
In the excitement and confusion, in the merry chaos,  
Let's listen for the brush of angel's wings.  
This Advent, let's go to Bethlehem  
And find our kneeling places.



# *Senior Space at The Shores*

## **Holiday Vendor Fair**

**JOIN US**

**WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 6**

**10:00-1:00**

**Town Hall**

**SHOP IN A RELAXED SETTING**

**GET PAMPERED WITH A MASSAGE AND AROMA THERAPY**

**FREE GIFT WRAPPING & DOOR PRIZES**



**For more information, please call Keri 399-6703 or Michele 391-6321**

**United Methodist Communities at *The Shores* and *Wesley by the Bay* of Ocean City have created a resource café, Senior Space, where seniors who reside in the local area may engage in social activity, as well as obtain information on a variety of resources and services.**



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Wishing you  
Peace and Joy  
this Holiday Season.

