

# THE MORROW HOME MESSENGER

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NEWSLETTER



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*"A Christian Tradition of Caring"*



Spring  
2018

Once again we are blessed with another beautiful spring. Signs of spring are everywhere... the days are longer, the grass is turning green, the trees are budding and let's not forget-- the ice is coming off the fresh water lakes—which to me means fishing season is just around the corner! In the Meyer household we are planning summer projects, looking for new grilling recipes and looking at the calendar to plan summer vacations as I hope you are finding yourself doing the same.

Here too on the Morrow Home Campus, we are making plans for spring and summer with an endless list of projects in both our assisted living and nursing home sites. We are in the final planning stages of our renovation project on the second floor of our nursing home and the main front entrance of the nursing home.

On our assisted living side, we are working on accruing estimates for repairing our outdoor patio on BridgePath's second floor. We are planning to repave our HomeStead and Young At Heart parking lot as well as future plans for a makeover of our Morrow Home chapel.

We are nearing completion of securing our campus with all doors being locked 24 hours per day, seven days per week with the exception of our main entrance for the nursing home. Weekday hours will be 8:00 to 7:30 with weekend hours being 8:30 to 7:30. All main entrance doors are being equipped with cameras which will allow our staff to admit the entrance of visitors by following a more secure process. If you have any questions regarding these changes, please feel free to give me a call.

I would like to extend my extreme gratitude and appreciation to all volunteers that give of their time to our residents, board members who aide in guiding us into the future of long term care, auxiliary members for the funds they contribute to our activity department, Mary Morrow Attic volunteers that through their efforts provide funds for Morrow Home campus. Our community of residents and staff would not run as smoothly without your contributions.

In Partnership,  
Dan Meyer, Chief Executive Director



A portion of Morrow Home's beautiful 'back yard' with paved walk paths and park benches.

# RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT

Meet Warren Isbell! Among much involvement in the Sparta community, Warren was also a faithful Meals in Motion delivery driver for Morrow Home in 2009. Warren lived at Parkview Apartments for a while, then moved to BridgePath for assisted living services. Recently, Warren agreed to record a radio commercial for us: *"It's good to feel that there's someplace you can look at as your home. I look forward to getting involved in things. The food is good, every day the people look forward to eating because it's basic good meals. To me, it's a place where you're comfortable. The people wait on you, they ask if you want anything. I hope that I can always stay in a place like this. I recommend it very highly."*

So glad to have you with us here at Morrow Home, Warren!



## YOUNG AT HEART CHILD CENTER CELEBRATES 11TH YEAR AT MORROW HOME



Left to right: Ella Olson, Josie Anderson  
Makinley Klenc



Paisley Nading, Finley Sands, Bailey Bartulis, Hannah Weibel, Ellie Anderson, Eret Ziegler

***We are so blessed to watch these children grow,  
see them interact with the residents and melt our hearts!***



Huxley Haas



Caroline Schreier



Kaelyn Elliott, Makinley Klenc,  
Katherine Schreier



Kayla Wiedenfeld





## MORROW HOME 2018 AMBASSADORS ANNOUNCED

Morrow Home Community is proud to announce their new Ambassadors for 2018. Nursing home resident Ruth Jones and MaryCrest resident Louise Wilson will represent Morrow Home at community events throughout the year, including riding in the annual Butterfest parade and appearing at a summer concert in Sparta's Evans Bosshard Park.

Ruth enjoys crafting, painting, and coloring. Currently Ruth is making pot holders with a loom and she regularly performs volunteer tasks at Morrow Home. With her award winning smile and enthusiasm for life she makes a difference in the lives of the staff who work here at Morrow Home Community.

Louise enjoys many activities including playing games, walking, playing cards, working on jigsaw puzzles, and doing a little bit of reading. Louise makes weekly rounds visiting with fellow residents here at Morrow Home Community.

Congratulations to our new Morrow Home Ambassadors!

The Morrow Home Messenger is a newsletter of Morrow Home Community. If you would like to be included on our mailing list, or know of someone who would enjoy reading this newsletter, please call 608-269-3168. We will be happy to add these names to our ever-expanding mailing list. To receive the Messenger in full **color**, send an email to [jkoehler@morrowhome.org](mailto:jkoehler@morrowhome.org)



Pictured: Jenny Koehler, Adult Living Services Housing Coordinator and Eleanor Mull, Nursing Home resident

## NATIONAL NURSES WEEK MAY 6-12



Thank you to our dedicated nurses. We recognize Donna Mack's faithful service since March 1996...20+ years!

## NATIONAL SKILLED NURSING CARE WEEK MAY 13-19

Morrow Home will celebrate with a lunch for all staff, an ice cream social and some treats and prizes throughout the week!



Florence Obrochta nursing home resident and Brenda Cole, Recreation Therapy Assistant



Francis Benzing, nursing home resident and Shannon Roderick, CNA

Check us out online and on





## MORROW HOME HOSTS BIBLE STUDIES ON CAMPUS



We are glad that residents across campus & local church attendees can meet together for spiritual nourishment. Attending the St. John's group led by Family Minister Dan Hanke, from left: Iona Hayter, Alice Zwiefel, Sue Brownell, Dan Hanke, Ruth Schafer, Bev Wendorf, Wanita Cummings-Davis, Nancy Rowan, Kay Semling, Marilyn Roerig, Alice Haeffner

## ♥ HOME IS WHERE MOM IS ♥



Here is Dorothy Peterson, nursing home resident. Her daughter Mary Ellen Lemelin was living out-of-state and wanted to move back "home." So Mary Ellen moved to Parkview Apartments. Now both can enjoy some activities together!

## O.K. GOOGLE: TELL ME A JOKE!

MaryCrest residents Glenn and Juanita Haines' family keeps Glenn supplied with the newest technology. Glenn has a talking watch and a talking scale. At the age of 99, here is Glenn enjoying his newest item, his own Google Assistant!



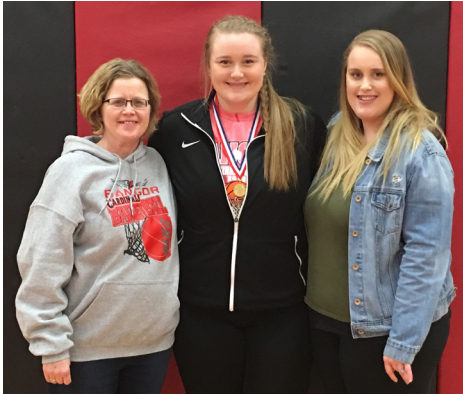
## ADULT LIVING SERVICES MENS BREAKFAST WITH ALL THE FIXINGS!

The aroma of bacon and pancakes drew these Homestead and MaryCrest residents to a delicious breakfast prepared by CEO Dan Meyer, left, and ALS Chaplin Pastor Fran Hewese, right. Attending were from left Russell Lankey, Jim Appel, Duane Wenzel, Lloyd Chenoweth, Linus Heintz, Bert Anderson.



# FAMILIES TEAM UP AND WORK TOGETHER AT MORROW HOME!

Here are moms & daughters, moms & sons, husbands & wives, sisters & brothers working here...



BridgePath PCA Sue Kostuch  
Culinary Aide Cora Kostuch  
Finance Assistant Beth Kostuch  
mom & daughters



Young At Heart Childcare  
Director MaryEllen Leis  
Culinary Aide Megan Leis  
daughter & mom



Nursing Home CNA Tracey Baugher  
YAH Child Care Assistant  
Jennifer Baugher  
mom & daughter



Mr. & Mrs. Kiernan  
Young At Heart Childcare Teacher Joan Kiernan  
Transportation Driver  
Jeff Kiernan



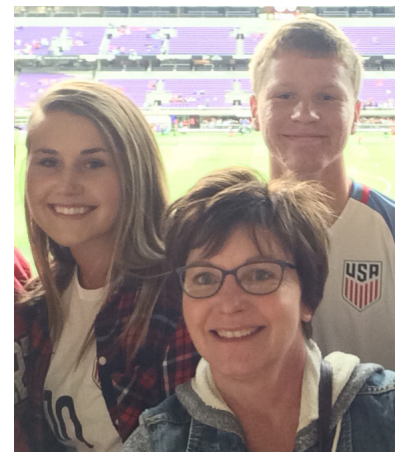
A 3 Generation picture! Culinary Aide Corbin Hauser  
Health Information Assistant Pat Fish (Kari's mom)  
Adult Living Services Director Kari Russell (Corbin & Keaton's mom)  
Culinary Aide Keaton Hauser



Part-time Receptionist  
Tate Williams  
Nursing Home Administrator  
Jen Brieske  
son & mom

**These are just SOME  
of the family members  
that work together here  
serving our residents.**

**Thank you to all our staff  
for your collective  
hours and years of  
service to our Morrow  
Home family!**



ALS PCA Mikala Sund  
Finance Director Nikki Sund  
Culinary Aide Turner Sund  
mom with daughter & son



The purpose of the Morrow Home Foundation is to foster and support the activities and mission of the Morrow Home Community. Among these programs is the **Elsie Turner Educational Enhancement (Bootstrap) Program**. This program was designed to assist our employees with their tuition, books, etc. as they pursue their education in a field that will benefit us at Morrow Home Community. It is funded by the interest income from a bequest of Elsie Turner....what a special legacy! See below just a few results:

*"Thanks to the Morrow Home bootstrapping program I am able to get my Certified Dietary Managers License to help out my department. Before starting at the Morrow Home I had thought about getting my license but was always deterred by the price of the program. The Morrow Home assisted me with the cost of the program and I am finally able to advance in my chosen career path and I am able to better assist my department with its needs. I'm learning all sorts of new and interesting things that I am able to take and implement into my department on a daily basis."*  
Kelsey Semann, Assistant Culinary Services Director, pictured with Renee Thurston, Culinary Services Director CDM-CDPP



*"The Bootstrap Program has allowed me to explore a new field and continue my education in nursing. I started out working in the Culinary Department, I signed up for the CNA program through the Bootstrap Program in September and completed the program in October 2017. I was able to work full time during the program and was still able to keep my full time status after I got my CNA certificate. The Morrow Home has blessed me with a place that I can call "Home" and I enjoy working here with a team of dedicated members and our residents. As I continue to further my education, I plan on using the Bootstrap Program again for my LPN. This program is a blessing and we are very fortunate to have this at Morrow Home."*  
Shannon Roderick, CNA, pictured with Doris Nading, nursing home resident.



Our Culinary Services Department is looking for **volunteer drivers** for our **Meals In Motion** program (weekday noon meals delivered to local homes.) **PICK YOUR DAY! TAKES ONLY 90 MINUTES. MAKE A SENIOR VERY HAPPY FOR THE VISIT AND THE FOOD. DRIVERS RECEIVE MILEAGE AND A DELICIOUS MEAL AS WELL.** Please call 269-3168 and ask for Renee Thurston. **Thanks so much for your support!**



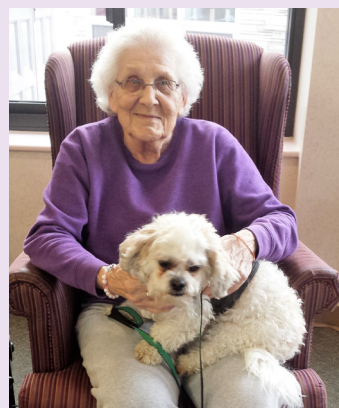




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**The Morrow Home Foundation thanks all those who have graciously given so far to the annual Christmas appeal.** Our focus for 2018 is to direct these funds to upgrade the nursing home reception area with fresh carpet, a new reception desk, a coat of paint, and some furniture to accommodate wheelchair-bound residents. We also hope to be able to re-pave the parking lot shared by our Homestead residents, visitors, and parents of Young at Heart. Your donations will help immensely, thank you so much!



Martha Noe and furry friend

## BRINGING GENERATIONS TOGETHER



The adopted grandparent program creates special friendships.

Meadowview Intermediate School students visit seniors once per month at assisted living and nursing home facilities to do crafts, play games and chat. Both the seniors and the students enjoy the program and look forward to upcoming visits.

Sparta 4th grade Meadowview students and their teacher, Danielle Keenan, visit assisted living residents at Morrow Home Community each month during the school year. Mary Morrow's Attic donated \$200 toward transportation expenses for the program. Pictured, front row, from left, is Homestead resident Theresa Schaub, participating student Brayden Schreier, MaryCrest resident Delores Olson, student Hayden Endres. Middle row, students Kaylee

Schultz, Amaya Allard, Elara Koopman. Back Row, Mary Morrow's Attic representative Edie Habegger, teacher Danielle Keenan, students Jackson Spencer and Brian Tokach.

## WE NEED



## VOLUNTEERS LIKE YOU!!!

What a fun time we had at our annual Volunteer Recognition. Delicious snacks were provided by Culinary. Prizes were given to many. Pictured are MaryCrest resident Iona Hayter, Chapel Volunteer Cindy Wise, Homestead resident Grace Schmidt, BridgePath resident Dolores Leis, and Adult Living Services Volunteer Shirley Walker. We are always looking for volunteers to help in activities, reading to the residents, attending outings with them, etc. For more information, please call 269-3168, ask for Lindsey Taylor, Activities Director & Volunteer Coordinator.



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