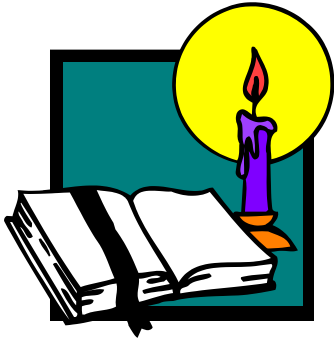




The Grapevine

March 2012

Christ's Home Retirement Community



The Way of Wisdom

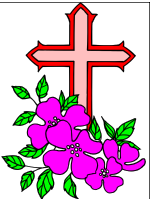
Proverbs 9:7-12
New King James Version

“He who corrects a scoffer gets shame for himself, and he who rebukes a wicked man only harms himself. Do not correct a scoffer, lest he hate you; rebuke a wise man, and he will love you. Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; teach a just man, and he will increase in learning. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. For by Me your days will be multiplied, and years of life will be added to you. If you are wise, you are wise for yourself, and if you scoff, you will bear it alone.”

“For He instructs him in right judgment, his God teaches him.”
Isaiah 28:26

Pastor Seluta

Regularly Scheduled Opportunities for Worship



- Sunday Church 10:30
- 1st Sunday Bible Study with John Moore 2:30
- 2nd Sunday Church with Russell R. 3:00
- Catholic Devotions 3:00
- Monday Devotions 8:30, 9:15
- Hymn Sing 11:00
- Hear the Word 1:30
- Tuesday Devotions 8:30, 9:15
- Explore the Bible 1:30
- Hear the Word 4:05
- Eucharistic in-room visits 1:30
- Mass - 3rd Tuesday 2:00
- Wednesday Devotions 8:30, 9:15
- Hear the Word 11:30
- Prayer Meeting 3:00
- Thursday Devotions 8:30, 9:15
- Friday Devotions 8:30, 9:15
- Bible Study 10:30
- Saturday Devotions 8:30, 9:15

Conversations before the Crisis—A Panel Discussion

Talking about your wishes for end-of-life care with your loved ones when you are healthy is an important family gift. While it is always difficult, the end of life can be amazingly rich. Join discussions with our panel to learn the choices and strategies to prepare yourself and your loved ones.

Learn about the importance of Advanced Directives which include living wills and durable power of attorney for health care; how the advances in medical science is making it harder to die and how our health care system has changed; learn how to have conversations with your loved ones about what your wishes are; and learn about Hospice care and how it is available to everyone.

Panel: Steve Day, Jr. Esq. Director of Risk Services, Doylestown Hospital Hospice, Dr. Veronica Coyne, Doylestown Hospice Medical Director, Betsy Payn, Doylestown Hospital Hospice Liaison and hospice family members.

March 21, 2012 6:30-8:00 pm

Construction Junction

The campus continues to go through many changes each day. Cottage foundations on Faith Court are sprouting up. The footprint of the new Healthcare Building can be seen in many locations, as well as the extensions of Shepherd's Way and Christ's Home Drive. Paradise Court (near Street Road) has also taken shape.

The Missionary House has been torn down, and the Carriage Barn is in the process of being dismantled. You may be excited to know that Wohlsen (Our Construction Company), is trying to save some beams from the Carriage Barn to be used as mantles for the fireplaces in the new Healthcare Building.

Very, very soon the Street Road entrance will be closed for a very long time to allow the construction of a right turn lane on Street Road into our property. At that time detour signs will direct you to use the 466 Norristown Road entrance by our Shepherd's Crossing Information Center. After passing the white barn, you will make a sharp right onto a new temporary road to access the Garden Apartment areas and the Healthcare Building. After passing by the Garden Apartments, to access the main entrance of the Healthcare Building, you must use the temporary road built close to the side of the Manor Building.

During all construction, the Christ's Home Drive entrance off Norristown Road is only available to access the currently occupied Shepherd's Crossing Cottages and the Clubhouse.

We encourage you to remain safe and watch from a distance, only! Please drive carefully in all areas of campus and, as always, obey all speed limit and stop signs! Be especially careful in areas where equipment is moving. Don't assume that the monster truck sees you.



The Collection for March

June Maurer has displayed our collection of art depicting scenes from Christ's Home's past. These illustrations are the work of Robert G. Hodgkinson, a local artist. June Maurer recalls that Mr. Hodgkinson was not commissioned to do this work. He was simply interested in our buildings and the beauty of our campus. He donated these illustrations to us upon completion of his work. The originals were used during the celebration of the 75th Anniversary of Christ's Home. As our campus changes, it is nice to have these illustrations as well as recent works by current residents highlighted in last month's issue of *The Grapevine*.

Last month's Collection

Clara Vaughan is shared her collection of decorative plates and other souvenirs that she and her late husband, Donald, acquired during their years of travelling through many places around the world. Thank you Clara, many of us had memories of our own travels, and/or simply enjoyed them for their beauty.

Future Collections

Do you have a touching, unique, cute, amazing, educational or even weird collection? We do need more to show for the rest of this year! Please contact Vernon, at 215-956-2270, to make a commitment for a month. All of our residents, staff, and visitors truly appreciate having a new collection to view each month. Many people look forward to the beginning of each month to see what is being shown in Dr. Oetinger's antique cabinet. The cabinet is located in the rotunda of the Main Building, near Fellowship Hall.

~An Invitation~

Loretta Downs is a speaker, writer, facilitator and consultant on the subject of supporting positive experiences at the end of life. Much of her work is rooted in her personal experiences journeying through the loss of family and friends. Chrysalis End-of-Life Inspirations is the foundation* formed by Ms. Downs to promote her beneficial work. Her mission in life is to create opportunities for people to talk about death and dying in positive terms. In her most eloquent words:

“We all have to encounter dying and death—with those we love, and for ourselves. The end of life provides a unique opportunity for us to serve each other, to teach each other, to enjoy immense personal fulfillment and, ultimately, to find serenity and peace—through both the process of dying and being with the dying. The end of life is a part of life we must experience. Let us make the experience positive.”

In an effort to afford you the opportunity to begin this meaningful discussion we have and will be offering two special programs. These programs are open to all members of our community as well as their families and friends, and will take place in Fellowship Hall located in the health care building.

On Wednesday, February 29th at 6:30 pm, Betsy Payn, a liaison from Doylestown Hospital, was here to show the documentary film, Consider the Conversation. This thought-provoking film looks at many issues that we face at the end-of-life and provides the opportunity to address the questions we all need to contemplate. After the film there was an opportunity for a short discussion, and a question and answer period. The program was well attended and we plan to offer a repeat showing in the future.

To reiterate the notice on the front page, as a follow-up to the film on March 21st at 6:30 pm, there will be a panel presentation covering Advance Directives, Power of Attorney, and Living Wills. The panel will include Betsy Payn, as well as a physician and an attorney from Doylestown Hospital. These professionals bring their expertise to educate and inform us. There will be time for questions from the audience. Please join us.



Newspaper Delivery

Many residents enjoy reading the Philadelphia Inquirer, Daily News, and/or the local Intelligencer. Christ's Home purchases two copies of the Intelligencer (One for the Personal Care Unit and one for the skilled Care Unit). These are placed in public areas and are for use in those areas.

Residents of the Garden Apartments and Shepherd's Crossing Cottages have their papers delivered to their homes. Residents of the units within the Healthcare Building have their papers delivered to our main entrance and then staff deliver them to the proper rooms by 7:45 each morning.

To receive a personal copy of any newspaper, you must make arrangements with the publisher itself. If you reside in the Healthcare Building, we then need for you to inform the Activities Department so that we can know to deliver your paper. The carrier does not always inform us when you order and often it becomes a mystery as to whom the new extra paper belongs. We appreciate a good challenge at times, however we are sure that you would prefer to receive that for which you paid.

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Maintenance Requests

Monday-Friday 8:00-4:00, call 215-956-2270

Maintenance Emergencies

Monday-Friday 8:00-4:00, call 215-956-2270

All other times, call 267-615-6874

Guest Rooms Available

Christ's Home Retirement Community offers two guest rooms at minimal cost (\$30.00/night) to family and friends of the resident's of the community. The rooms offer comfortable sleeping accommodations, bedding, linens, and each room has a private bathroom. The Garden Apartment Resident Council coordinates the reservations for the room. If you would like to reserve a room for a loved one contact Grace Gasior at: 215-675-6086. Make reservations as early as possible since rooms fill up quickly at certain times of the year.



Attention all Residents and Financial Power of Attorneys!

Christ's Home is pleased to offer the convenience of automatic Direct Debit from your checking or savings account for the payment of your monthly invoice. On the 10th of each month, the full amount of your invoice is automatically withdrawn from your bank account. It is that easy!

Please note that if you choose this service, you will still receive a copy of your detailed invoice for informational purposes only.

If you are interested in this service, please contact Barry Little in the Finance Office at 215-956-1897 for more information or to obtain a form. "

Document Shredding

Christ's Home has a contract with a bonded shredding company, Cintas. All residents and staff are welcome to bring a reasonable amount of documents, at any time, to the front desk of the main building. Please ask Bonnie or any staff member to assist you by placing your documents in the Cintas box. The box is locked at all times. The box is emptied by Cintas every two weeks and a receipt is given to Christ's Home.