



NEWS LETTER

A bi-monthly newsletter for the friends and family of Christian Care Retirement Community

January/February 2018

CCRC's Annual Meeting



Christian Care Retirement Community's Board of Directors held its annual meeting on Saturday, November 18, 2017. Christian Care celebrated its twenty-eighth year of service with the Board of Directors providing financial, operations, and construction reports.

Leon Gerber, Executive Director, presented the financial report summary to those present which included: 2016 revenue/expenses and 2016 assets/liabilities as well as debt/loans from the new addition construction project. Leon indicated that the overall financial situation of Christian Care is solid at this time, and he encouraged anyone interested in viewing the full financial statement to contact him after the meeting.

Board President Gene Longenberger reported that residents for the two new North Shore duplexes have now moved in, and that at this time there are no plans to construct additional buildings in 2018. Gene provided a brief summary of the new addition project indicating that the upstairs will be comprised of 20 private skilled nursing rooms, dining areas, support areas and a therapy center that will provide services for inpatient residents or those in the community needing therapy services and help. On the lower level, there will be 10 independent living apartments that will offer personal care and services as needed.

The Directors and the Executive Director expressed great appreciation...



This year's annual meeting also provided a farewell to outgoing Board Director Steve Kaehr who has faithfully served Christian Care and its residents in a board director role for the past 14 years. Gene Longenberger also explained that beginning in January 2018, Leon Gerber, Executive Director, will be stepping away from day-to-day management of Christian Care and that Preston Kaehr will take over as Executive Director. Leon will remain with Christian Care in 2018 on a part-time basis as the Assistant Executive Director.

The Directors and the Executive Director expressed great appreciation to the staff, residents and volunteers who continue to help create a loving, caring environment that enables Christian Care to fulfill its mission of "enriching senior living with Christian values and compassionate quality service."

– Preston Kaehr
Assistant Executive Director

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Nursing Notes

Preventing Illness

Conquering illness this time of year is a challenge for all, especially our elderly residents. Factors such as chronic diseases, advanced age and weakened immune system can put some of our loved ones at risk for even overcoming the common cold.

The #1 defense against germs is proper hand washing. The staff at CCRC is educated routinely on hand washing and other infection control practices to reduce the transmission of infection. As a visitor in the facility, we ask that if you're ill or have a fever to consider waiting to visit until your symptoms have resolved. It's a great idea to wash your hands when you enter the facility to reduce the spread of infection.

Hand sanitizers are also a popular convenient choice to clean the hands. We have hand sanitizer available on walls throughout the building. If you are not feeling well and need to enter the building, we would encourage you to wear a mask. These can be requested from a staff member. Proper immunizations such as the flu and pneumonia vaccines are also recommended for most. We wish everyone a happy, healthy and safe New Year!

– Rachel Quillen RN,
Director of Nursing

DID YOU KNOW?????

80% of diseases are transmitted by TOUCH. The average person's hands carry at least 3,000 different bacteria.

Activities Department

Happy New Year "2018." It's hard to believe another year has come and gone. We have been so blessed this Christmas season. Thank you for all the special treats and carolers. A big thank you to everyone who helped make our Christmas gift party a success. Your time and generosity are greatly appreciated. As a community we are truly blessed to have so many amazing people who come together and share their love and compassion.

Our residents enjoyed Christmas light tours. We ventured to Fort Wayne to Franke Park for their Fantasy of Lights, and the lights were beautiful this year. Praying the weather will allow us to continue with our van rides, dine outs and shopping trips.

Golden Apple continues to stay busy with their crafts and activities. They enjoyed a Christmas light tour around the Bluffton area.

We are very excited and grateful for our visit from the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo. They will be bringing in several animals for us to see and touch. They will be here on January 29th at 10:30 in the fellowship room. "YAR"

teens will be coming in on the 11th to play bingo in the Orchard. Bluffton Middle School will continue coming to CCRC twice a month for Community Circle, as well as CCRC going to the school to spend time with students in their environment. It's such a blessing when we can bring two generations together. Thank you Bluffton Middle School

Rene, our Assisted Living Activity Director, continues to bring new and creative activities to our Villa and Assisted Living residents. Janet, Doris and Dillon continue to help bring joy and happiness in keeping our healthcare residents busy with activities; we are blessed to have such a good staff.

We have a new face in activities. I would like to welcome Lindsey Grube back to activities. Lindsey worked in activities several years before becoming a CNA. She left for a short time and has returned. She will be working in both healthcare and assisted living. Please help us make her feel welcome.

Looking forward to many opportunities that may come in 2018.

– Betty Lough
Activity Director



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Retirement Community consisting of:

- Independent Living
- North Shore Estates
 - Lakeview Estates
 - Patio Pines Apartments

Assisted Living

- Three Oaks Apartments
- Sugar Maple Suites

Skilled Nursing

- The Orchard
- Golden Apple

ADMINISTRATION

Executive DirectorPreston D. Kaehr
Asst. Exec. Director Leon R. Gerber
Director of NursingRachel Quillen
Business Office..... Donna Emshwiller
Social Service DirectorMary Lynn Frank
Senior Living DirectorEmma Rhoderick
Dining Services DirectorLolly Harter
Maintenance SupervisorRon Dubbeld
Executive HousekeeperKandy Kahn
Laundry SupervisorRita Davis
Activity DirectorBetty Lough
H.R. CoordinatorLeann Nash
Volunteer CoordinatorKim Maller

Members of:

- *Leading Age Indiana*
- *Wells County Chamber of Commerce*
- *Better Business Bureau*

Mission Statement:

**"Enriching senior living
with Christian values and
compassionate quality service."**

Happy Birthday!!!!!!

Residents

HEALTHCARE

Howard Baumgartner February 7
 Natalie Mosier February 7
 Mildred Huss February 24
 Lillian Arnold March 3
 Alvin Fiechter March 6

SUGAR MAPLE

Esther ‘Marty’ Davis February 20
 Wanda Steffen February 26
 Joyce Baumgartner March 8

THREE OAKS

Gwendolyn Fogwell February 14
 Mary Parker February 16
 Martha Reinhard March 30

PATIO PINES

Barbara Pfister February 4
 Doris Neuenschwander March 11
 Arlene Habegger March 17
 Norma Smith March 31

VILLA RESIDENTS

Mary Jane Yergler February 2
 Frank Ifer February 2
 Dave Reinhard February 2
 Earl Gerber February 5
 Joyce Neuenschwander February 6
 Carl Fiechter February 7
 Nilah Aschliman February 9
 Jerry Hook February 11
 Alice Curry February 13
 Dorothy Jones February 18
 Harry Steffen February 27
 Evelyn Gerber March 8
 Susie Ellison March 10
 Alice Stevens March 13
 Les Meyer March 14
 Walter Jr. Neuenschwander March 14
 Ruth Ifer March 15

Barbara Haffner March 16
 Jacob Fluke March 21
 Jean Kipfer March 25
 Walter Erxleben March 26
 Betty Longenberger March 29
 Elizabeth Schwartz March 30

Employees

Stephanie Beckman February 4
 Aubrey Dunnuck February 4
 Sarah King February 6
 Abby Pavlin February 8
 Lisa Frauhiger February 10
 Brooke Hummer February 15
 Lois Yoder February 16
 Kayla Isch February 17
 Lauren Grube February 18
 Eric Craighead February 21
 Andrew Suman February 21
 Leann Nash February 22
 Cindy Petty February 23
 Whitney Isch February 26
 Megan Mosser March 2
 Lora Osborn March 7
 Marie Winkler March 10
 Rachel Quillen March 15
 Deanna Stuckey March 20
 Emily VanOver March 20
 Kayla Meyer March 22
 Jeff Neuenschwander March 22
 Amber Pfister March 24
 Sarah Mosure March 30



Volunteer Connection

As I reflect on the years past, I have been thinking how blessed we are that we have so many volunteers. With each task you perform you are witnessing the goodness of Christ in each of you. In the scripture it often talks of the gardeners and the keepers of the fig trees as people who stand behind you, who support you and help you get the job done. I think that describes you as volunteers perfectly, and you deserve to share in every bit of the success we experience. Thank you for your dedication to doing your jobs well and for your caring personalities as you come in and out of the building each time.

Often there are those who ask me if we have any needs that could be filled by a quick stop at the store. I have a couple of thoughts that are coming to my mind right now... we could use eyeglass cleaner wipes and the Bob's Sweet Stripe soft peppermint candies that are individually wrapped. Our residents love these mints and so do those who stop in for a quick visit.

Also during these cold and sometimes dark days of winter, several of our residents endure a time of feeling lonely. If your time permits you to stop in for a short visit, our residents would really enjoy seeing your smiling face and greeting you with a warm hand shake.

Thank you once again for your gracious giving and for your loyalty to all of us. We hope you and your family have a Blessed New Year and that 2018 treats you with kindness and that good health is your friend.

Celebrating a New Beginning

– Kim Maller
 Volunteer Coordinator

Welcome!!!!!!

Health Care Admissions

Healthcare welcomed Margaret Ayers from Sugar Maple Suites Apartments on November 16, 2017. She is a widow and the mother of three boys. Margaret enjoys swimming, reading and cheering for the Indiana Hoosiers. She is a member of the First Methodist Church in Bluffton. Welcome Margaret!

Healthcare welcomed Alvin Fichter from Bluffton Regional/Three Oaks on November 17, 2017. Alvin is married and has two children. He enjoys sitting and relaxing, and watching some sports, especially the Indianapolis Colts and Indiana Hoosiers. Alvin is a member of the Apostolic Christian Church. Welcome Alvin!

Healthcare welcomed William (Bill) Troxel from Sugar Maple Suites Apartments on November 20, 2017. Bill was married and has two children. He is a Korean Veteran, and enjoys traveling especially all over Florida. Bill also attended Kirkland High School. Welcome Bill!

Healthcare welcomed Robert (Bob) Meyer from Sugar Maple Suites Apartments on November 21, 2017. Bob was married and has three children. He enjoys farming, traveling,

singing, and playing Rook. Bob is a member of the Apostolic Christian Church. Welcome Bob!

Healthcare welcomed Bernice Fichter from Bluffton Regional/Three Oaks on November 27, 2017. Bernice is married and has two children. She used to work at GE, enjoys going on vacation and going to Lake Wawasee. Bernice is a member of the Apostolic Christian Church. Welcome Bernice!

Healthcare welcomed Russell Diehl from Lutheran Hospital/North Shores December 6, 2017. Russell is married and has three sons. He retired from Navistar and graduated from Lancaster High School. Russell prefers to be called Russ or Bud. Welcome Russ!

Healthcare welcomed Robert Zaugg from Bluffton Regional December 22, 2017. Robert is married to Virginia Zaugg and they have a daughter. He was a farmer and worked in a factory. Robert attends Hope Missionary Church. Welcome Robert!

Discharged

Healthcare welcomed Mary Coffield on October 19, 2017 from Bluffton Regional Medical Center for rehabilitation. After her

rehabilitation she was able to move back to her Assisted Living apartment on November 10, 2017. We wish her the best of health.

Healthcare welcomed Russell Diehl on December 6, 2017 from Lutheran Hospital for rehabilitation. After his rehabilitation he was able to move back to his North Shore duplex with his wife Elizabeth. Our best wishes for his future.

Assisted Living

Assisted Living welcomed Joyce Baumgartner to Sugar Maple Suites on November 16, 2017. Joyce was born in Wells County and worked as a bookkeeper. She is the mother to four girls and one boy, a grandmother to fourteen children and a great-grandmother to seventeen children! Joyce is a member of the Apostolic Christian Church. Welcome Joyce!

Assisted Living welcomed Ruth Falk to Sugar Maple Suites on December 16, 2017. Ruth was born in Wells County and worked at Franklin Electric as well as helping her husband with farming. She is the mother of two boys, grandmother to three children and great-grandmother to two. She is a member of the Lutheran Church.

Farewell to Dear Friends...

Edythe Kleinknight came to her Independent apartment at Christian Care on May 1, 2017 and passed away October 16, 2017. She is survived by her three children, eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Edythe was preceded in death by her husband Marvin Kleinknight in 2003. She was a member of the Lancaster Chapel Church. We express our deepest sympathy to her family.

Goldie Stettner came to healthcare on March 19, 2010 from her Patio Pines Apartment here at Christian Care and passed away on October 27, 2017. She is survived by a son, a daughter, eight grandchildren, thirty great-grandchildren. She retired from hallmark stores after 29 years of service. She was a member of the Apostolic Christian Church. We express our deepest sympathy to her family.

Mary Anderson came to healthcare on March 18, 2013 from her apartment in Bluffton

and passed away on November 9, 2017. She is survived by four sons, seven grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, and one brother. She retired from Elder-Beerman Department Stores. She attended St. John's Worship Center in Vera Cruz. We express heartfelt sympathy to her family.

Joan Sills came to healthcare on October 27, 2006 from Ossian Health Care and passed away on November 10, 2017. She is survived by two daughters, two sons, thirteen grandchildren, eighteen great-grandchildren, and a sister. She retired from Kitco and was a member of the First Baptist Church. We express our deepest sympathy to her family.

Margaret Brumbaugh came to healthcare on January 27, 2016 from her apartment here at Christian Care and passed away on November 15, 2017. She is survived by a daughter, three grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and

ten great-great-grandchildren. She worked at Caylor-Nickel Clinic, retiring after 26 years. She was a member of the Petroleum United Methodist Church. We express our deepest sympathy to her family.

Roy "Skip" Esmond came to healthcare on May 22, 2017 from Bluffton Regional Medical Center and passed away on November 21, 2017. He is survived by his wife, two sons, seven grandchildren, a great-grandchild, and a sister. He retired as a captain from the United States Marine Corp in 1970 and then worked for the City of Bluffton for 42 years. We express our sincere condolence to the family.

Bernard Thompson came to healthcare on April 17, 2013 from Bluffton Regional Medical Center and passed away on November 24, 2017. He is survived by four sons, two daughters, two brothers, fifteen grandchildren, thirty-nine great-grandchildren, and one great-

~ RECIPE ~

Oreo Rice Krispie Treats

¼ cup margarine or butter
6 cups mini marshmallows
3 cups Rice Krispies
3 cups Oreo crumbs

Microwave margarine or butter with marshmallows on high for 2 minutes

Stir

Microwave 1 minute on high

Stir until smooth

Add Rice Krispies & Oreo crumbs

Press into a greased 9x13 pan

You can adjust the ratio of Oreo crumbs to rice Krispies. Just make sure that you have a total of 6 cups of the combo

– Amy Hanni

Dietary News

The year 2017 was a VERY BUSY year in dining services here at Christian Care! With the construction of the new addition, we had to close the “old” Sugar Maples dining room and the residents had their choice of eating in the Orchard dining room or the Three Oaks Café downstairs. It takes a lot of extra steps to get to the dining rooms, but we saw a lot of new friendships develop with the residents.

We usually have a New Year’s Eve party... but... in 2017 we did not! We are planning a “taste testing” lunch in January 2018 (date will be announced later). This event will be held in the fellowship room. Staff is planning on making some new food and beverage items

that we would like for everyone to try. So, plan on coming over for a fun afternoon!

January and February have some special “food” days that we will be celebrating. January 19th is national popcorn day and the 22nd is blonde brownie day. February 3rd is carrot cake day and the 20th is cherry pie day!

The dining services staff is anticipating another busy year in 2018. We are looking forward to the new kitchen and dining rooms opening. We never know what God has set aside for each one of us to do as we serve Him. We just need to TRUST HIM. May everyone have a blessed 2018!

– Lolly Harter CDM, CFPP
Director of Food & Nutrition Services

Food For Thought – Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths.

– Proverbs 3:5-6

Farewells Continued...

great-grandchild. He was a foundry worker and retired in 1982. We express our heartfelt sympathy to his family.

Merle Stewart came to healthcare on January 9, 2017 from Bluffton Regional Medical Center and passed away on November 25, 2017. He is survived by two sons, a daughter, a sister, ten grandchildren, eighteen great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild. He was an Army veteran, an electrician, a farmer and owned Mount Pleasant Store. He attended Fairview United Methodist Church. We express our deepest sympathy to his family.

Dorothy Springer came to healthcare on April 26, 2017 from her Assisted Living apartment here at Christian Care and passed away on December 5, 2017. She is survived by two daughters, two sons, fifteen grandchildren, and twenty-two great-grandchildren. She was a bus driver for Northern Wells Community Schools for 20 years. She was a longtime member of Park United Brethren Church and a more recent member of First Reformed Church in Bluffton. We express our heartfelt sympathy to her family.

Mildred Schladenhauffen came to healthcare on July 9, 2004 from Lutheran Hospital and passed away on December 6, 2017. She is

survived by two sisters-in-law and several nieces and nephews. She was a member of the Apostolic Christian Church. She was a legal secretary and retired in 2004. We express our sincere condolence to the family.

Gladys L. Maller moved to a Christian Care Independent duplex on February 9th, 2007 and passed away Thursday morning, Dec. 7, 2017. She was a member of the Apostolic Christian Church. A lifelong homemaker who assisted her husband on the farm, Gladys was also a cook at the Dutch Mill restaurant in Bluffton for 25 years, and then later was a cook at Coppess Corner in Monroe, and then retired from The Corner Depot in Bluffton, also as a cook. We express our heartfelt sympathy to her family.

Gerald Nelson came to healthcare on March 14, 2017 from his Patio Pines apartment here at Christian Care and passed away on December 11, 2017. He is survived by his wife, a daughter, three sons, eight grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, five sisters and a sister-in-law. He retired from Franklin Electric after 46 years. He was a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Bryant. We express our deepest sympathy to his family.

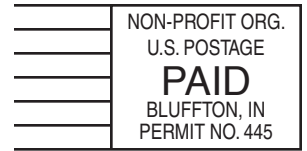
Wanda Gerber came to healthcare on April 29, 2016 from Bluffton Regional Medical Center and passed away on December 13, 2017. She is survived by her husband, six daughters, eight grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren, and a sister. She was a member of the Apostolic Christian Church. We express heartfelt sympathy to her family.

Dula Heyerly came to healthcare on September 1, 2016 from an Assisted Living apartment here at Christian Care and passed away on December 17, 2017. She is survived by a sister and a brother. She was a member of the Apostolic Christian Church and was a cake decorator at Heyerly’s Bakery for 50 years. We express heartfelt sympathy to her family.

Garnett Martin came to healthcare on December 14, 2006 from Bluffton Regional Medical Center and passed away on December 22, 2017. She is survived by three daughters, two sons, six grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren and two sisters. She operated a dairy operation for 32 years with her husband and then later worked as a cook at Wells Community Hospital where she retired in 2001. She was a member of the First Church of Christ in Bluffton. We express our deepest sympathy to her family.



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Memorial Giving *A Thoughtful Tribute with a Living Legacy*

A Living Legacy continues to live on because many of you have contributed to Christian Care’s Good Samaritan Charitable Program in memory of a loved one. We want to remember our loved ones as we enter 2018. Memorials were given in memory of the following persons in 2017:

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| Mary Anderson | Marie Heinhold | Irene Neuenschwander |
| Rosina Baumgartner | Dula Heyerly | Theodore (Ted) Pfister |
| Wava Bertsch | LaVera Heyerly | Marge Ringger |
| Margaret Brumbaugh | Alice Honegger | Millie Schladenhauffen |
| Paul & Phyllis Dotterer | Dorothy (Dot) Kipfer | Alice Schwartz |
| Mary Frauhiger | Gladys Maller | Joan Sills |
| William (Bill) Frauhiger | Fritz & Nellie Markley | Lucinda Steffen |
| James (Jim) Gerber | Lela Meyer | Goldie Stettner |
| Wanda Gerber | Sarah Jane Meyer | Jeanette Tonner |
| Ruth Hedges | | |

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– Good Samaritan Charitable Program Committee
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