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Our Family News

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Our Mission

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



Moreland's Message



All,

First, I want to say I am so sorry about the inconvenience in the dining room these past few weeks. The remediation work has taken longer than anyone expected! We thank you for your continual patience.

You may have noticed I have not had to send any messages updating you on COVID 19! I am almost afraid to type this as I am knocking on my desk for good luck. PLEASE keep wearing your masks and using good hand hygiene. Also, as you attend family gatherings or have visitors over the Easter Weekend please try to social distance (I know it is hard as we all want to hug and kiss those grand kids, nieces and nephews) and please ask to be tested with any symptoms. Testing, mask wearing and hand hygiene all so Important! Have a Blessed Easter and Welcome Spring!

Tamara Moreland
Executive Director

April Birthdays



1	Marcia Slack
3	Maureen Marella
6	Walter Skotnicki
22	Elizabeth Talbot
24	Roberta Kozieja
25	Norma Steidler
28	James Maurey
28	Helen Prickett



April Birthday Parties

Birthday Party for AL will be held on Monday April 17 at 2 pm on the 4th floor

Ross, Whitman & Franklin Household Birthday Party will be held on Friday April 28th at 1:30 pm

Our Family News

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If you have a photo or new you would like to share in Our Family News, please submit to Mary Moloney, volunteer coordinator, who can be reached at extension 5204.

Mission Statement

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Saturday Night at the Movies at 7pm

- 1 "Easter Under Wraps", starring Fiona Gubelm
an Brian Penney
- 8 "One Night with the King", starring Peter
O'Toole, Omar Sharif and Tiffany Dupont
- 15 "April in Paris", starring Doris Day & Ray
Bolger
- 22 "Hotel Rwanda", starring Don Cheadle, Sophie
Okonedo and Nick Nolte
- 29 The Way we Were, starring Barbara
Streisand and Robert Redford

There will also be a Matinee movie on Monday April 24th at 1 pm in the library. The movie will be "BOOK CLUB". We will then be going to the movies in May to see Book Club: The next Chapter. This comes out in theaters mid May.

Trips

- 3 Banking Transportation leaving at 9:30 am
AL Shop Rite outing leaving at 1 pm
- 4 AL lunch trip to the Crab Trap in Somers Point
Leaving at 10:00am
- 10 AL Shop Rite Trip leaving at 10 am
Moorestown Mall Trip leaving at 1 pm
- 11 AL lunch trip to Corolla's Little Italy leaving at
11:30am
- 12 HC lunch trip to Mulligans leaving at 11:30 am
- 18 AL Scenic Drive leaving at 1 pm
- 19 Walmart/\$1 Store leaving at 1 pm
- 24 Shop Rite trip leaving at 1 pm
- 27 HC Scenic Drive leaving at 1:30 pm



Community Life Corner

Lynda Hamrick Director of Community Life

April brings our Easter Season and with that several programs geared around the holiday. Please look for notices regarding special Worship services and programs.

For all you Phillies fans, a new season is upon us and we'll be kicking off the home opener against the Cincinnati Reds, on Thursday April 6th at 2 pm on the 4th floor. Join us for some ball park refreshments and to cheer on the home team.

Look for our new painting program to jump start in April. Looking for beginners through experienced. We'll start slow and build.

Our breakfast club held on the 3rd Thursday of each month is open to all AL residents. We welcome you to attend. Sign up sheet is located on 1st floor bulletin board outside of main DR. Hope to see you for some fresh cooked waffles, bacon & sausage on Thursday April 20th at 8:30 am.

As always, any suggestions for engagement please let me know. Wishing everyone a very Happy Easter!



AL Resident Council Meeting

Update on main DR mold mitigation project: Found mold in the DR and demolition of affected area complete and construction to begin tomorrow. They had to extend area a little.

-Residents had concern about the noise of the fans in the DR going during meal hours saying they were too loud, giving headaches, painful for those with hearing aids, and couldn't hear anything. They wanted to know if fans could be turned off just during dining hour. Residents also had a concern with having accident waiting to get out because of confined space and suggested moving tables back a little. W/C & walkers get tangled up. Saff will speak to Stacy/Raychel.

Saff responded that they could not turn off fans because of safety. They are helping to keep air clean from exposure to mold. Within hour of meeting Raychel called to say they had moved residents whole table away from fans and also adjusted some other tables. Saff was going to turn fans lower during meal times but couldn't turn off.

Also, mentioned that we received approval for ramp and should start within the next 30 days. Also, the columns on the front porch that need repair. They are being treated and need to catch some furry friends that have made a home under them. There will be new gutters installed. The 2nd phase off cleaning outside of building and windows will begin in July or early August. It will include the main entrance to Haddon Ave and then resident entrance to Haddon Ave. Possibly looking at doing 2 at the same time. Saff also has a couple projects creating green space and putting up a gazebo and walking paths that are level. A Rose garden will be planted outside of the resident entrance.

Painting and carpet cleaning of floors have been completed.

If in need of an exterminator, please call the front desk so name can get on list. He is here weekly.

Concern by resident that there are a couple of tree branches hanging on loosely by driveway/road. Saff walked property with landscaper last Friday.

Rob suggested us purchasing bird seed for the outside feeders. Will happen between grounds and resident council.

Jocelyn

Memorial service to be held on Friday 3/24 at 2 pm. There will be a Holy

Thursday service with snacks and service in Chapel at 11 am. There will be a care giver/grief support group beginning in April that will be held monthly. Bible Study every other Thursday at 2 pm in the Chapel. Will be purchasing large print New International version bibles for this.

Lynda

In need of officers. Anyone having any interest please see Lynda. Mentioned upcoming events- Easter programs, Phillies Home Opener party, April Showers, Breakfast Club and entertainments. A Musicfest will be held on Saturday June 10th. Suggestion by resident of having more monthly calendars around.

Mary

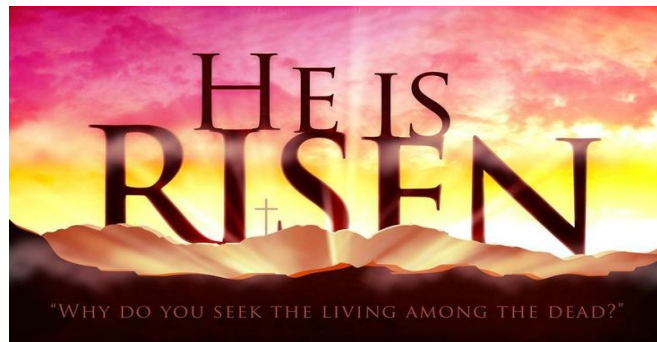
Volunteer programs that were scheduled after calendar: Movie in library at 10:30 on 3/21 Road to Bali, Friday 3/24 at 2 pm folk music sing a long in lobby and Monday manicures on 3/27- sign up at front desk.

Maggie

Talked about updating “buddy system” for new admissions and acquainting new residents with the community. Ww will look at hall reps since some are no longer in place.



Chaplain Jocelyn's Corner



The Last Supper

[Matthew 26:17-30](#), [Mark 14:12-25](#), [Luke 22:7-23](#)

The story of the Last Supper is an invitation from Jesus to partake of Him, first to His apostles and to all Christians. This is a summary of the Last Supper Bible story as told in the books of Matthew, Mark, and Luke below. Read more in-depth Bible verses from the Scripture below and use the articles and videos to understand the meaning behind this teachable event in the Bible.

The last supper occurred on Passover's first day, or the Festival of Unleavened Bread. Jesus sent his disciples to the city to prepare a meal to celebrate Passover. Passover is the remembrance of Israel being freed from slavery to Egypt, specifically when the angel of death passed over the homes of the Israelites that had lambs' blood over the doors.

As the disciples reclined and ate dinner with Jesus, he explained that one of the twelve would soon betray him. One by one the disciplines denied that it would be them, including Judas who would be the betrayer. Jesus responded that the person who betrays him will have a terrible fate and that it was Judas.

Jesus prayed and thanked God for the meal. He then broke the bread, shared the wine with the disciples, and explained to them how the bread was a symbol of his body, broken for them, and the wine a symbol of his blood which would be poured out for their sins to be forgiven. This is where the church's tradition of [communion](#) comes from.

After the meal, Jesus became like a servant and washed the feet of the disciples. Peter did not feel right having Jesus wash his feet but Jesus said that He was doing it to be an example to them. Now the disciples would be able to wash each other's feet, meaning they could be servants to all.

**EVERYONE (NO MATTER WHAT RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION YOU ARE)
IS INVITED TO COME TO OUR
LAST SUPPER SERVICE
ON THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2023 @11AM
CHAPEL**

The service is going to be a combination of breaking bread together (eating snacks and drinks) and listening to worship songs, listening to Scripture, and a brief sermon. We are still having [Sunday Morning Easter Service on April 9, 2023 at 10am in the Chapel, 11am in Whitman & 11:30am in Ross!](#)

Chaplain Jocelyn's Corner

It's April Everyone!!! We are in the 4th month of 2022??? I read this Easter Devotional by Lysa Terkeurst and I wanted to share it as a form of encouragement to everyone.

“The angel said to the women, ‘Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: “He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.” Now I have told you.’” Matthew 28:5-7 (NIV) .

This year, I want to let the reality of Easter reach beyond just one Sunday. I desperately need the truth of Jesus' sacrifice to settle in to the deepest places of my heart. I don't know what hard realities you've been facing lately, but I have a suspicion that maybe you can relate to this same sense of desperation.

I know what glorious things this Holy Day says to the world at large. But what does Jesus want me to know, to think about, to wrestle through at this time of year? This season of new beginnings. Of resurrection. Of healing. So, I'm asking the Lord to specifically reveal and heal things within me in these days leading up to Easter.

After all, Easter is no longer a ritual to me. It's a revelation. A time where Jesus splits my soul along the fault line of a scar deep within to bring dead things alive. Places where there's been a wounding but not yet a full healing. Places where I'm not living fully alive in Christ. But first, I must take time to ask Jesus to reveal what needs to be resurrected within my heart this year.

Is it a more passionate intentionality to replace complacency that can so easily creep in to my Scripture study and prayer time? Is it a deeper sense of trust in God to replace fear that holds me back and sometimes holds me hostage? Is it forgiving someone who's hurt me deeply but has never recognized they did so?

This is why I must look to Jesus. Because to Jesus ... I was loved so much that He gave His life for me. It feels so personal. Even though I know God so loved the world that He gave His Son, it becomes very individual if we let it. Be personal with Jesus. Yes, take a moment to sit with Him.

As we reflect on Matthew 28:5-7, as these prayers arise...

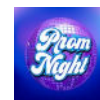
- *"Do not be afraid," — Dear God, I hand over to You those things that make me so afraid. Resurrect the parts of my faith that are squelched by fear.*
- *"I know that you are looking for Jesus," — God, when my soul is searching, may I know that the answer to every longing is found in You.*



MAGGIE VISITS



SENIOR PROM



BOCCE



BREAKFAST & BIRTHDAYS





**HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY
IRISH POTATES & IRISH BREAKFAST**



LUNCH AT MULLIGANS!



PI DAY





Interview with Dot Nemeth
By Stephanie Foran, Volunteer

There is a saying that “life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass; it's about learning to dance in the rain.” Second floor resident Dorothy “Dot” (Blackeby) Nemeth has lived out this quote. Dot was born in Millville and was an only child, which was often “lonesome.” Her mother was a homemaker, while her father was the owner and operator of a chicken farm. Her family moved to Palmyra when her father took a job with a steel casting company. At the young age of 15, Dot tragically lost her mother when she was killed by a train. Dot’s father later remarried and moved to Arizona due to a health condition (COPD), but Dot wanted to stay and finish high school in Palmyra. Luckily, she was able to live with a family she befriended, the Durgins. In high school, Dot was in the Drum and Bugle Corps and played the piano. She also had a strong interest in math. When Dot was a sophomore in high school, she went to a dance on a Friday night in Riverside, which was a very popular thing to do back then. It was there that she met the love of her life, Zolton Nemeth. They had their first official date (a double date to see the Charlie Spivak Band) when she was 16 years old. They would later marry, and Mr. Durgin walked Dot down the aisle because her father, unfortunately, was not well enough to make the trip from Arizona. Zolton was a meat cutter and manager at an A&P for 35 years. (Later in life, he would become the Industrial Plant Manager at a prison in Camden, managing and facilitating the development of an innovative meat packing and training facility for the NJ State Department of Corrections.) Dot was employed by Bell Telephone after graduation and continued to work there until her first child was born. The road to motherhood was not an easy one. Dot had four miscarriages, but she and Zolton were eventually blessed with three children. Dot went back to work when her youngest was in first grade, and she became a school bus driver. For 22 years, she enjoyed transporting students to school, field trips, and sports games. In their free time, Dot and Zolton enjoyed attending dances, shows, concerts, and movies and were active in their church. They took their first cruise to Hawaii for their 25th wedding anniversary. Upon retirement, Dot and Zolton were snowbirds for many years, wintering in Florida. They also loved going to Wildwood on weekends and vacations. Additionally, they had the opportunity to travel to Nova Scotia, Alaska, and Mexico. Dot’s favorite



trip was when they flew to Denver with another couple and rented a car and drove to the national parks. Dot celebrated over 73 years of marriage to her “sweetheart,” Zolton, whom she misses dearly. He passed away almost two years ago. Dot is a proud grandmother of nine; sadly, she lost a grandson to a drug overdose. She is also a great-grandmother of 10. She pointed out that her son Rob is a retired math teacher, son Doug managed an orchard in PA, and daughter Debbie was a music teacher and choir director and organist for her church. She also noted that her granddaughter is a member of the Coast Guard Band in CT and her grandson worked in public relations for the Harlem Globetrotters. Nowadays, Dot spends her time watching Eagles and Phillies games and attending concerts and other activities at UMC. She loves playing pinochle with a few other residents, including Bill Rittmayer, until he recently passed. She also likes playing Bingo, but only when it does not interfere with pinochle. She even works out at the exercise room three times a week. When asked about her secret to longevity, her response was: “Keep busy.” I would add that Dot has proven time and again that she knows how to “dance” in the “rain.” We wish her “clear skies” and the continued ability to navigate life’s “storms” with grit and perseverance.



Dot and Zolton on their wedding day



50th Wedding Anniversary



Home in Mount Laurel



Ring Toss Competition



**April 26th, Wednesday
@ 2pm in the Lobby**

Grand Prize winner: Free meal at the next restaurant trip OR a nice meal at the Bistro

Runner up: Bag of Goodies

****For questions or details ask Robert
@ the Gym*

RHoblitzell@umcommunities.org or call (856)
854-4331 ext 5207

Volunteer Corner

Mary Moloney, Volunteer Coordinator



“It is spring again. The earth is like a child that knows poems by heart.”
— Rainer Maria Rilke

Hello Spring!! I am sure everyone is looking forward to sitting outside and enjoying the beautiful weather. Our horticulture program with Amy will resume this month. Check the calendars for the day and time. Please keep in mind that we have a volunteer Shoprite shopper who will shop for you if you are not able to make it to the store. The Shoprite paperwork is available at the reception desk.

Our Crocheting volunteer Deb is out for a procedure and will be returning soon. We do have another volunteer assisting the group so please look for the flyers in the elevators for the day and time the group will be meeting.

Enjoy April!

Mary

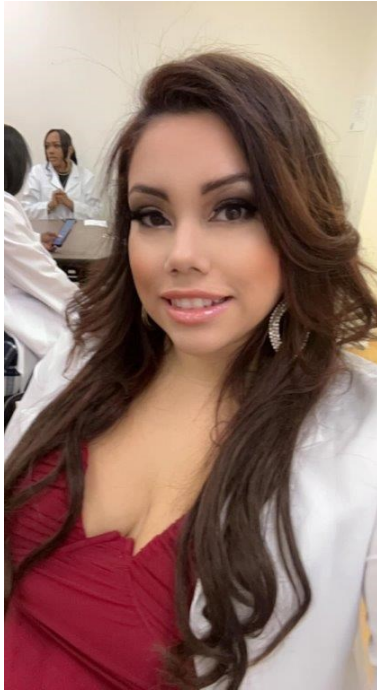
**Barb, Joe and Pat
Enjoying a Sunday
Afternoon Blackjack
Game with our
volunteer Shandor**



**Anna enjoying a
Manicure and friendly
Conversation with our
Volunteer Brooke**



**Residents enjoying
Visits with Christine
And Bella**



Congratulations to UMC-Collingswood's
AL nurse Jessica Mendoza,
Jessica was pinned on January 13,
2023 RN!
We are so proud of you!

Ava DiNardo was inducted
into the National Honor
Society in January 2023.
She was also elected as
the President of her class,
which is the Class of
2024. Ava is the daugh-
ter of Stacy the UMC-
Collingswood dietary
Director.



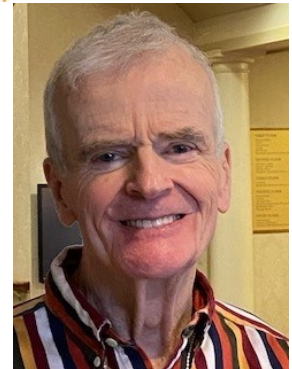
NEW RESIDENTS



Margaret Wenger
Apt. 429



James Clay
Apt. 216



Florence Horneff
Apt. 312

Nancy Carvette
Apt. 219



Robert Carvette
Apt. 219



NEW ASSOCIATES

Shannon Milloro—HC C.N.A.
Wendy Dobovich—Staff Educator
Teaira Johnson—Home Maker
Christine Liscomb—Porter
Caron Johnson—Home Maker
Oneida Stevenson—ARD
Quinn Bennett—Maintenance
Shawne Mimna—Administrator
Courtney Myers—Dining Server



A Message from the Foundation

If you have ever considered a Charitable Gift Annuity with the UMC Foundation, now is a great time to learn more!

A Charitable Gift Annuity, or CGA, is a powerful way to receive secure retirement income, create an immediate, partial income tax deduction, and make a gift to charities like UMC. In July, the payment rate that you will receive based on your age has gone up to 8.1% for 80 years of age and 9.1% for 90 year of age.

CGAs are great opportunity to transfer low-yield or volatile securities in exchange for a higher, fixed, secure retirement income. If you use appreciated stock to fund your charitable gift annuity, the value is based on the asset's market value, not your cost basis.

If you or a family member would like to learn more about Charitable Gift Annuities or receive an overview of what a CGA would look like for you, please email foundation@umccommunities.org or call 732-922-9800.



Important Dates in April

1—April Fools Day

2—Palm Sunday

5—Passover

6—Holy Thursday

7—Good Friday

7—World Health Day

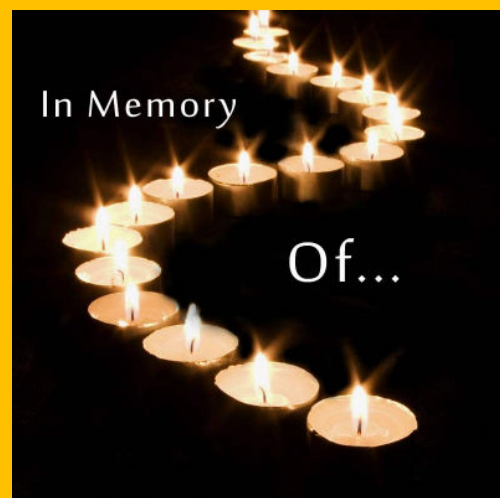
9—Easter Sunday

16—Orthodox Easter

18—Tax Day

22—Earth Day

Gloria Cedrone
Eleanor Jones
Bill Rittmayer
Mary "Betty" Bailey



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Having a Problem You Can't Get Resolved?

Contact Executive Director, Tamara Moreland at x5101



If you feel an independent advocate is needed, please contact Julia Grayer, our Volunteer Advocate with the New Jersey Office of the Long Term Care Ombudsman. Julia has been assigned to UMC-Collingswood to represent the rights of all residents. Her mission is to advocate for quality of care and to ensure that all residents are treated with the dignity and respect they deserve. Julia may be contacted by calling the Volunteer Advocate Program Regional Coordinator, Janet Khanlian, at 609-826-5122. Janet will pass your message on to Julia.

the New Jersey Office of the Long Term Care Ombudsman (NJLTCO) is responsible for securing, preserving, and promoting the health, safety, and welfare of New Jersey's elderly population, through investigations of abuse, neglect, and exploitation; legislative and regulatory advocacy; policy work; and education and outreach. NJLTCO brings about change on local, state, and federal levels by advocating for policy and legislative initiatives and participating in activities that support the Office's core mission to advance the rights, the dignity and the self-determination of elderly individuals living in long-term care. By law, callers may remain anonymous.

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