



# NEWS LETTER

A quarterly newsletter for the friends and family of Christian Care Retirement Community

May 2021–July 2021

## COVID-19 One Year Later

COVID-19 has been a difficult situation for nursing homes around the country to deal with over the past 12 months with increased regulations, additional costs for PPE, and lack of income due to low demand for services. The residents, however, have had it much worse as they have not been able to see their families, have been restricted from going out into the community, and worst of all, have had their neighbors and close friends contract the virus and pass away. The arrival of an effective COVID-19 vaccine has provided a ray of hope that things may be able to change. But without the support of the local community, and a continued diligence to help fight the spread of COVID-19, nursing facilities may be forced to again restrict residents from enjoying time with their families or going out into the community. With your help, we can once again re-open places like Christian Care and allow our residents to enjoy the comforts and privileges of family, friends and community. Learn more about how you as a community member can help us win this fight against COVID-19 by watching the video at the web link below.

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we can once again  
re-open places like  
Christian Care...”*



Scan the QR code, or type the web link below into your phone or computer internet browser to view.



<https://tinyurl.com/ccrc-covid>

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# Activities Department

The warmer weather is here; we are so thankful to be able to sit outside and enjoy the sunshine. We sure had an unusually late winter and early spring. I want to thank you for your patience and understanding during those months where visitors and volunteers were unable to come due to the COVID-19 virus.

We have missed all of you. We are thankful that we are now able to welcome you back into our building. Being able to host church in the chapel again has been great! The first service was emotional; what an amazing feeling to be able worship together again.

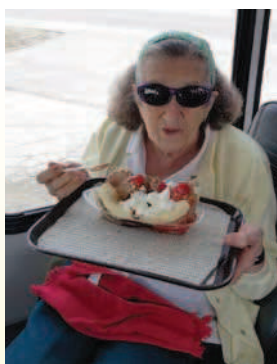
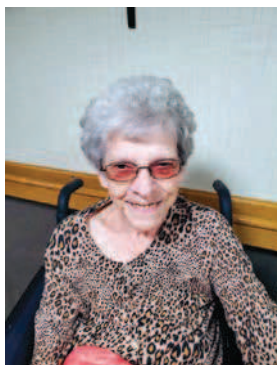
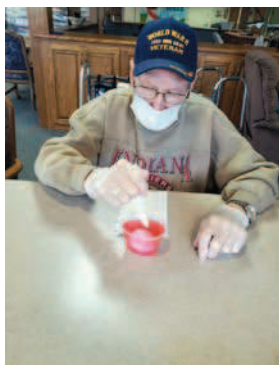
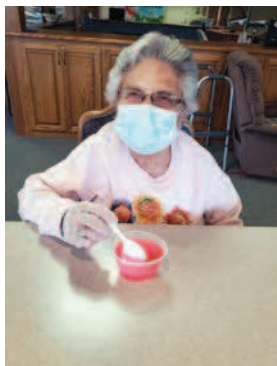
We have kept busy by taking van rides to Wilshire, OH to get ice cream, quilting, playing bingo, and so many other activities.

We are looking forward to fishing in the pond, ice cream on the patio and many days of enjoying the sunshine.

Thank you to all of the volunteers who have helped with staff screening. You don't realize how much we rely on you to help Christian Care run smoothly. Thank you all so much.

Have a safe and blessed summer.

– Betty Lough



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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 Director ..... Preston D. Kaehr  
Administrator ..... Donna Emshwiller  
Director of Nursing ..... Rachel Quillen  
Business Office ..... Donna Geisel  
Social Service Director ..... Maria Bates  
Hospitality Services Director ..... Deb Dove  
Scheduling Coordinator ..... Barb Werling  
Maintenance Supervisor ..... Dion Dubbeld  
Human Resources Director ..... Katie Holloway  
Activity Director ..... Betty Lough

Members of:

- Leading Age Indiana
- Wells County Chamber of Commerce

Mission Statement:

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

# Happy Birthday!!!!!!

## Residents

Violet Meyer..... June 2  
 Virginia Rauch..... June 2  
 Barbara Barger..... June 2  
 Mary Lantz..... June 8  
 Rudy Frauhiger..... June 11  
 Betty Marshall..... June 15  
 Cheryl Flack..... June 16  
 Delores Fry..... June 22  
 Sally Tinkel..... June 26  
 Mary Jane Hamilton-Marvo..... June 27  
 Betty LeMaster..... July 4  
 Betty Davis..... July 5  
 Pete Heyerly..... July 5  
 Joan Pursifull..... July 5  
 Janet Turmail..... July 9  
 Thomas Stephens..... July 12  
 Barbara Smekens..... July 15  
 Frank Howe..... July 16  
 Sherry Hilliard..... July 18  
 Harry Gerber..... July 21  
 Al Ringger..... July 21  
 Donna Dillman..... July 28  
 Melvin Frauhiger..... July 31  
 Mary Coffield..... August 1  
 Ellen Geisel..... August 2  
 Linda Brigham..... August 3  
 Eleanor Benes..... August 7

Bonnie Worden..... August 8  
 Marilyn Baumgartner..... August 11  
 Wendell Gerber..... August 13  
 Patricia Huffman..... August 15  
 Lucile Frauhiger..... August 19  
 Harold Arnold..... August 21  
 John Cupp..... August 21  
 Sandra Wright..... August 22  
 Dorothy Zaugg..... August 24  
 Jeanette Gilbert..... August 25  
 Bev Troxel..... August 26  
 Lela Moser..... August 26  
 Paul Haffner..... August 28  
 Etta Steffen..... August 28  
 Rita Reinhard..... August 29

## Employees

Phoebe Lantz..... June 2  
 Patricia Ketron..... June 4  
 McKayla Wallace..... June 4  
 Debra Elsten..... June 8  
 Kirsten Bennett..... June 12  
 Dawn Brickley..... June 17  
 Haillie Welch..... June 17  
 Allisa Beck..... June 18  
 Alan Carpenter..... June 18  
 Stacey Quinones..... June 18  
 Kara Reckard..... June 18

Jenny Gerber..... June 21  
 Lacey Funk..... June 23  
 Ashley Green..... June 24  
 Jillian Iida..... June 24  
 Cole Arnett..... June 28  
 John Krinn..... June 29  
 Jolan Gerber..... June 30  
 Daisy Herrera..... June 30  
 Nicole Affolder..... July 3  
 Gavin Thomas..... July 3  
 Cecily Kaehr..... July 4  
 Melissa Clark..... July 7  
 Teresa Osborn..... July 8  
 Katie Holloway..... July 10  
 Ruby Mosser..... July 11  
 Rebecca Bradtmueller..... July 17  
 Frederica DeBolt..... July 25  
 Terri Urshel..... July 25  
 Jamie Gregory..... July 28  
 Angela Kiefer..... July 31  
 Cassandra Smith..... July 31  
 Cecelya Archbold..... August 8  
 Shaylee Turmail..... August 8  
 Rene Biberstein..... August 9  
 Preston Kaehr..... August 10  
 Carol Klopfenstein..... August 10  
 Cierrah Myers..... August 10  
 Michelle Briede..... August 16  
 Elaine Kipfer..... August 27  
 Nattasha Baumgartner..... August 29





# Welcome!!!!!!

## Admissions & Discharges

### Christian Care welcomed...

- Linda Brigham
- Earl Wass
- Donna Dillman
- Edith “Romaine” Shipley
- Wilma “Avis” Hulvey
- Janet Turmail
- Jeanne Gerber
- Martha Rupel
- Carl Fiechter
- Wendell Gerber
- Betty Marshall
- Janet Fuller
- John Krinn

### Christian Care discharged...

- Tom Frauhiger
- Joyce Mock
- Donna Dillman

### Assisted Living welcomed...

- Donna Dillman
- Marilyn Franke
- Mary Jane Hamilton-Harvo
- Morris Kleinknight
- Joseph & Marjorie LaMar

## Christian Care Says Farewell

Frances Marcile Biberstine came to healthcare on September 5, 2013 from Bluffton Regional Medical Center and passed away on November 10, 2020. She is survived by two sons, three daughters, 13 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren. She was a homemaker. She was a lifelong member of Six Mile United Church of Christ. We express our deepest sympathy to her family.

Jon Aschliman came to healthcare on December 23, 2020 from Bluffton Regional Medical Center and passed away on January 23, 2021. He is survived by his wife Nilah, a son, a daughter, eight grandchildren and a great-grandson. He retired from Bluffton Regional Medical Center after 33 years. He attended Hope Missionary Church, Bluffton. We express our deepest sympathy to his family.

Mildred Huss came to healthcare on January 20, 2017 from Bluffton Regional Medical Center and passed away on February 14, 2021. She is survived by three sons, ten grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren and 17 great-great-grandchildren. She retired from Bi-County Services in Bluffton with over 30 years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church, Bluffton. We express our deepest sympathy to her family.

Frank Ifer came to healthcare on March 10, 2021 from his home at West Shore Dr. at Christian Care Duplexes and passed away on March 14, 2021. He is survived by a son, a daughter, eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He retired in 2014 from Habegger's Ace, Bluffton. He was a member of the Apostolic Christian Church. We express our deepest sympathy to his family.



## Hospitality Services

Oh summertime, how we have missed you!

Enjoying the smell of fresh cut grass, the warm breeze and sunrays on our face. It is hard not to smile when thinking of summer, and it reminds us that there is still so much good to be thankful for.

To me, the sunshine and warm weather is a symbol of hope, peace, and ice cream!



Our residents have also really been enjoying different flavored ice creams each month, and we are excited to bring out the grills for hamburgers and hot dogs!

We hope that everyone is able to enjoy the warmer weather and remember:

*“Great is His faithfulness; His mercies begin afresh each morning.” – Lamentations 2:23*

– Deb Dove  
Hospitality Services Director

## Nursing Notes

What a journey we have all been on!

It's so good to see families and friends of our residents in the building and in the rooms visiting. As quickly as things change we can hopefully continue to look forward to the visits and fellowship.

Just a friendly reminder: regardless if a resident or visitor is vaccinated or not, masks are still required to be worn at all times. I know this is difficult for some to understand but this is still the recommendations we are receiving from ISDH and CDC. The more people that become vaccinated over time will create a “herd immunity” which will reduce the spread of COVID-19 and make us closer to the goal of less restrictions.

Until this point though, we still encourage the community to get vaccinated, wear a mask, social distance and perform good hand hygiene. By doing all of these things it helps to assure

that long term care facilities like CCRC can continue to allow resident freedoms and visitors in the facility. The higher the positivity rate rises in Wells County the more restrictions we have as a facility according to ISDH.

We are so thankful for all of our residents and families, and the patience and understanding they have demonstrated throughout the last year.

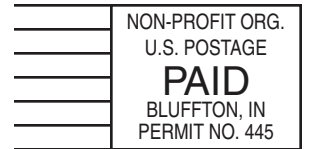
If you are visiting and it's nice outside, please consider taking your loved one outdoors on our patio or even for a wheel chair ride around the campus. Outside visits are still recommended over indoor when at all possible to prevent the spread of COVID.

– Rachel Quillen, RN  
Director of Nursing





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Return Service Requested



## Assisted Living Apartments

- 1 Bedroom/Efficiency Apartments
- Cooked to Order Dining
- Maintenance-Free Living
- COVID-19 Vaccinated Residents
- Housekeeping & Laundry
- Daily Activities & Fellowship

**Get 50% off your first  
three months rent!**

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