

# NEWS LETTER

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

November 2021–January 2022

## CCRC Welcomes New Director of Nursing

We are excited to announce that Kaitlyn Ort has accepted the position of Director of Nursing here at Christian Care.

Kaitlyn has been a nurse since 2015 and was previously the DON at Ossian Health & Rehab. She was born and raised in Blackford County and has three sisters and two brothers. Her husband's name is Alex, and together they have two daughters. Madelyn is 5, and Hadley is 2. They live on a farm in Montpelier with their dog Henry and 15 chickens!

Kaitlyn received her ASN from Ivy Tech, BSN from Purdue, and is currently working towards her MSN at Indiana Wesleyan University.

Kaitlyn is very excited to join our team and be a part of a Christian environment that is devoted to providing high-quality care. She is dedicated to maintaining a culture of excellence.



We welcome Kaitlyn to Christian Care. We look forward to working with her and wish her all the best!

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# Activities Department

As the first snowfall quickly approaches, we look forward to celebrating the holiday season with our family and friends. We look forward to decorating for the season and building a snowman and having snowball fights.

We are hoping to be able to have Christmas carolers and other entertainment back in the building.

Plans are being made for the upcoming holiday season. Deb and her staff have planned traditional Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners to be served to all in-house Christian Care residents. We will do our best to navigate through the holidays the best we can, keeping as many traditions as we are able.

We will again be offering Christmas Light Tours this holiday season. Details for these trips will be determined at a later date.

We have kept busy by enjoying golf cart rides, sitting on the patio, van rides, and walks outside. We enjoyed a taste of the Bluffton Street Fair with elephant ears, ZUM sticks, and lemon shake ups. We enjoyed Queens Apples in October, they were delicious as always. Thank you Dean and Cyndee Fiechter for the special treat.

We love our veterans, and we are thankful for their service, along with their families. Veterans Day is November 11, and we salute all who have served or are currently serving in our military.

- 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 Director .....Preston D. Kaehr  
 Administrator ..... Donna Emshwiller  
 Director of Nursing.....Kaitlyn Ort  
 Asst. Director of Nursing.....Lindsay Holmes  
 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

J. Keith Fuller	Dec. 4
Earl (Dale) Wass	Dec. 9
Anita Bertsch	Dec. 12
Richard Longenberger	Dec. 15
Imogene Abbott	Dec. 16
Bea Alberson	Dec. 17
Gloria Shinn	Dec. 19
Marcia Terhune	Dec. 19
Norma Sweeten	Dec. 22
Elizabeth Andrews	Dec. 22
Carol McCune	Dec. 25
Theresa Kipfer	Dec. 27
Carroll Scott	Dec. 27
Bill Triplett	Jan. 2
Rita Snider	Jan. 3
Karolyna Farling	Jan. 6
Lois Gerber	Jan. 7
Pat Gerber	Jan. 8
Marilyn Franke	Jan. 10
Chuck Steven	Jan. 13
Martha Foughty	Jan. 20
Sonja Hook	Jan. 23
Jan Elliott	Jan. 29
Wilmer Gerber	Jan. 29
Lorena Steffen	Feb. 1
Dave Reinhard	Feb. 2
Barbara Pfister	Feb. 4
Earl Gerber	Feb. 5
Joyce Neuenschwander	Feb. 6
Carl Fiechter	Feb. 7
Nilah Aschliman	Feb. 9
Edith "Romaine" Shipley	Feb. 10
Jerry Hook	Feb. 11
Alice Curry	Feb. 13
Dorothy Maxey	Feb. 14
Gwen Fogwell	Feb. 14
Joseph LaMar	Feb. 16
Dorothy "Dottie" Jones	Feb. 18
Esther "Marty" Davis	Feb. 20
Sharon Gentis	Feb. 22
Pauline Kaehr	Feb. 22
Wanda Steffen	Feb. 26

## Employees

Kinnette Briede	Dec. 3
Kathy Steffen	Dec. 4
Victoria Hilliard	Dec. 5
Lindsay Holmes	Dec. 8
August Hicks	Dec. 10
Natalya Goddard	Dec. 11
Lillian Lanning	Dec. 12
Brielle Nunley	Dec. 16
Elaine Bricker	Dec. 21
Emily Blaisdell	Dec. 22
Mary Lynn Frank	Dec. 23
Autumn Parker	Dec. 29
Jennifer Ley	Dec. 30
Michelle Huey	Jan. 2
Megan Brown	Jan. 6
Donna Geisel	Jan. 6
Hannah McCullough	Jan. 22
Corina Rector	Jan. 31
Ashley Conliff	Feb. 1
Maria Bates	Feb. 2
Eliza Elzroth	Feb. 3
Stephanie Beckman	Feb. 4
Sarah King	Feb. 6
Wava Lichtle	Feb. 8
Brooke Hummer	Feb. 15
Eric Craighead	Feb. 21
Cindy Petty	Feb. 23
Whitney Isch	Feb. 26



# THANK YOU VETERANS!

*Today and every single day we salute you for the sacrifice you gave to our nation!*



### Health Care Residents:

- Carl Fiechter
- Keith Fuller
- Darrell Gilbert
- Roland Lach
- Tom Stephens
- Bill Triplett

### Assisted Living Residents

- Vernon Gerber
- Morris Kleinknight
- Tom Smith

### Independent Living Residents:

- Joe Lamar
- Charles Stevens

### Duplex Residents:

- Harold Arnold
- Vernon Bynum
- Walter Erxleben
- Larry Farling
- Jake Fluke
- Melvin Frauhofer
- Tom Frauhofer
- Earl Gerber
- Harry Gerber
- Frank Howe
- Bill Longenberger
- Les Meyer
- Al Ringger
- Carroll Scott
- Dwight Troxel

### Employees:

- Leon Gerber

# Welcome!!!!!!

## Admissions & Discharges

### Christian Care welcomed...

- Betty Yaney
- Keith Prough
- Nancy McCroskey
- Thelma Hill
- Martha Foughty
- Lois Summers
- Jill Ellenberger
- Roland Lach

### Christian Care discharged...

- Joyce Braner
- Janet Turmail
- Sharon Gentis
- Betty Yaney
- Nancy McCroskey
- Tom Smith
- Keith Prough

### Assisted Living welcomed...

- Janet Turmail
- Dorothy Maxey
- Sharon Gentis
- Joyce Ebbinghouse
- Lucile Frauhiger
- Ellen Geisel
- Leota Reinhard

### Independent Living welcomed...

- Chuck Stevens

## Christian Care Says Farewell

Betty Marshall came to Healthcare on March 25, 2021 from Markle Health and Rehabilitation and passed away on July 15, 2021. She is survived by two daughters, three step-daughters, five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She retired from Bluffton Rubber Company after 20 years. She was a former member of the Epworth United Methodist Church in Bluffton. We express our deepest sympathy to her family.

Phyllis Binegar came to Healthcare on July 3, 2021 from Lutheran Hospital and passed away on July 18, 2021. She is survived by three sons, two grandsons, three bonus grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. She worked at Caylor-Nickel Clinic and with George Merkle, M.D. She attended Union Chapel Church of the Nazarene. We express our deepest sympathy to her family.

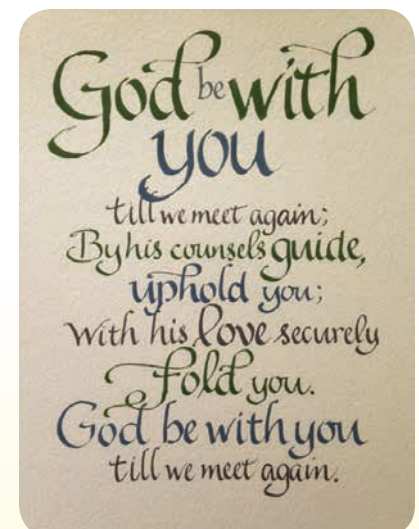
Ruth Falk came to Healthcare on March 20, 2020 from Bluffton Regional Medical Center and passed away on August 13, 2021. She is survived by two sons, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was a homemaker on their farm. She was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church. We express our deepest sympathy to her family.

Barbara Smekens came to Healthcare on August 26, 2019 from Christian Care Assisted Living Apartments and passed away on September 4, 2021. She is survived by four daughters, a son, 13 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. She retired from Old First National Bank. She was a member of the First Baptist Church. We express our deepest sympathy to her family.

Robert J. Meyer came to Healthcare on November 21, 2017 from Christian Care Assisted Living Apartments and passed away on September 7, 2021. He is survived by two daughters, a son, nine grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren. He was a faithful member and minister of the Apostolic Christian Church and loved serving his church with preaching the Word of God. We express our deepest sympathy to his family.

Donna Jean Warnimont came to Healthcare on September 9, 2019 from Christian Care Assisted Living Apartments and passed away on September 9, 2021. She is survived by a daughter, five grandchildren, a step grandchild, nine great-grandchildren and three step great-grandchildren. She retired from Ottoville Bank. She was a member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church. We express our deepest sympathy to her family.

Patricia (Patty) Moser came to Healthcare on June 13, 2018 from Bluffton Regional Medical Center and passed away on September 28, 2021. She is survived by her husband, Virgil, two sons, and three grandchildren. She was a homemaker and volunteered for many things. She was a member of the First Reformed Church in Bluffton. We express our deepest sympathy to her family.



# Hospitality Services

Fall is here and harvest is coming. What do you think of when you think of harvest and fall? I tend to think of family, gatherings, blessings, gratitude, and bountiful outcomes. We have so much to be thankful for each and every day. God has given us so much and we get to choose to bless others through Him.

Family and friends are such an important part of one's life, and during this season many will be getting together to celebrate with food and festivities. We are hopeful for the times we get to be together and our residents get to be with their loved ones.

We are looking forward to Thanksgiving and Christmas to enjoy all of the good food and time of fellowship. It may look different at times from what we are "used to" but with God all things are possible and beautiful. As we go into this holiday season, let us not forget the sacrifices made for us and the freedoms we have to celebrate.

On behalf of the entire Hospitality Services Team, we would like to wish you a blessed holiday season.

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.* -Romans 15:13 (NIV)

- Deb Dove  
Hospitality Services Director



# Nursing News

Well, 2021 is quickly coming to an end!!

This year has brought us so many changes. As we said farewell to some great team members, we also welcomed some new staff into those roles. I am so blessed to have accepted the ADON position here at CCRC! This has been my home for the last 20 years and I have served as the Staff Development Coordinator/Infection Preventionist for the last five. I am grateful for this opportunity and could not be more excited to step into this role.

On October 7th we completed our annual team member education fair. During this day all staff came in and completed competency check-offs for many different skills that included handwashing, glucometers, uristix, and hemocults. We also had our flu shot clinic for team members and our Assisted Living and Independent Living residents. We are so thankful that CVS pharmacy is able to offer this to us. Have you received your flu shot yet? It's not too late. You can receive these at your local pharmacy or doctor's office.

We would like to thank you for your continued patience and flexibility with the ongoing changes that COVID brings. It is so incredibly appreciated. We hope the rest of 2021 brings you good health and happiness!!

- Lindsay Holmes, RN, ADON  
Director of Nursing

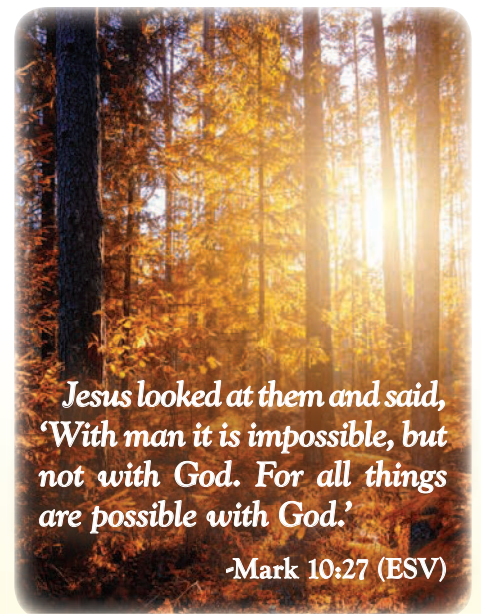
# Volunteer Corner

I can't express my appreciation enough to all of our volunteers. There are a few things that this past year and a half has taught us. First off how important our families and friends are to us. Second is how much we depend on our volunteers to help Christian Care run smoothly. This past year and a half has been hard, confusing and frustrating, but with the grace of God and our faith, we will overcome this. Christian Care has several opportunities to volunteer. If you would be interested, please contact Betty Lough, the Activity Director, at 260-565-3006, ext. 2172 or by email: [blough@christiancarerc.org](mailto:blough@christiancarerc.org).

We continue to base our activities and volunteers on the COVID percentage rates in Wells County. We ask that you remember to wear a mask when you are in the building and get your COVID vaccine. Please have grace and patience with our team members as we continue to navigate through this pandemic.

Have a blessed and safe holiday season.

- Betty Lough  
Activity Director

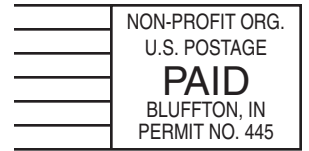


*Jesus looked at them and said, 'With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God.'*

-Mark 10:27 (ESV)



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Return Service Requested

# From Preston D. Kaehr

Dear friends,

10/22/21

I would like to inform you of my resignation as Executive Director at Christian Care. The time frame for my departure has not been determined yet at this time, but until such time, I will continue to serve as the director for the organization.

I would like to thank the staff, residents, stakeholders and Board of Directors for allowing me the opportunity to serve in this capacity for the past 6 years. There have been considerable challenges and changes over the years, and I appreciate your patience as I led the organization through those times. I am confident that the current leadership team in place will continue to carry on the mission and values of Christian Care, and will ensure its ongoing success and reputation for quality care.

Though I will miss the residents, my co-workers and my colleagues, I am very excited for the next chapter in my career. More details coming soon on that.

Respectfully,

Preston D. Kaehr