



# NEWS LETTER

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

August 2022–October 2022

*Introducing Our New*

## Director of Nursing

I started at Christian Care in 1999 in Housekeeping. However, in 2003 I chose to be a stay-at-home mom when I had my third child until 2007, when I started nursing school at IPFW. I graduated in 2010, and returned to Christian Care in 2012.

I was raised by my grandparents, so I have always had a heart for the elderly. I've enjoyed my career here at Christian Care. I started as a floor nurse and since have filled various positions, such as Unit Coordinator of Southwoods and Residential Services Coordinator for Assisted Living and Independent Living, where I eventually transitioned into the role of Residential Services Director, which is the position I filled until accepting the DON position.

I have loved my time here at Christian Care, and I am excited to lead in this capacity. I know that this role will be both challenging and rewarding, and I'm so thankful for the amazing support I have received from both nursing staff and the administrative team. Christian Care has always had a great reputation and strong standards of care, and I'm thrilled to be a part of the team that has a desire and passion to continue to uphold those standards.

I feel there are great days ahead for Christian Care! I'm thankful to be working with a team with some amazing goals and a vision for the future of Christian Care, and I am excited to be able to play a role in that.

– Melissa Clark  
Director of Nursing



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# Activities Department

Greetings!

What a warm summer we have had!

We have kept busy with activities. We went to Richards, Hoosier House and Cracker Barrel for lunches, and to Willshire, OH, to get ice cream at one of our favorite places. If you have never been there, you should go. We kept on playing Bingo, took golf-cart rides, and enjoyed patio time and going to church.

Thank you to the Apostolic VBS kids for singing for us this year. The residents enjoy seeing all of the little kids sing. We were able to live stream the VBS program on our community channel this year. The residents were thankful and amazed to see all the children who participated in VBS. Thank you to the Apostolic Christian Church.

We have plans to take the Christian Care bus through the opening day parade at Street Fair. We hope we will be able to take the residents up to enjoy lunch at the fair one day (more information will follow).

The Honor Flight came to Christian Care in July. They provided our veterans with the opportunity to participate in the virtual reality simulation of both the flight and of Washington D.C., along with a special ceremony.

## Volunteer Corner:

We have several openings for volunteering. If you have a heart for volunteering, and a few hours a week or even a month, we have a place for you. I will be planning the next volunteer in-service and training with the date and time to be announced later.

Thank you to all of our volunteers who give their time to us.

*“As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands – one for helping yourself, the other for helping others.”*  
 – Audrey Hepburn

*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).*

– 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
- Willow Lane

Skilled Nursing

- The Orchard
- Golden Apple

### ADMINISTRATION

Executive Director/AIT .....Austin Smith  
 Interim Executive Director .....Leon Gerber  
 Administrator .....Donna Emshwiller  
 Director of Nursing.....Melissa Clark  
 Business Office Manager.....Donna Geisel  
 Social Services Director .....Jen Kinyo  
 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

Claire Yergler .....Sept. 1  
 Marilyn Triplett.....Sept. 4  
 Jan Curry .....Sept. 7  
 Ruth Arnold.....Sept. 10  
 Darrell Gilbert .....Sept. 18  
 Hedy Vaughn.....Sept. 29  
 Nancy Shane.....Sept. 30  
 Glenna Plummer.....Oct. 9  
 Roland Lach.....Oct. 17  
 Leota Reinhard .....Oct. 18  
 Joan Gerber.....Oct. 21  
 Vickie L. Osborn.....Oct. 27  
 Jerry Shaw .....Oct. 27  
 Betty Steffen.....Oct. 30  
 Jayne Gibson .....Oct. 31  
 Bette Erxleben .....Nov. 1  
 Carroll Scott.....Nov. 1  
 Gloria Kaehr .....Nov. 4  
 Carolyn Meyer .....Nov. 4  
 Ruth Ann Monroe.....Nov. 4  
 Jayne Schriver.....Nov. 10  
 Lois Summers.....Nov. 11  
 Joyce Troxel.....Nov. 11  
 John Schauss.....Nov. 12  
 Mary Kay Prough.....Nov. 16  
 Joyce Longenberger.....Nov. 19  
 Jerry King .....Nov. 20  
 Doyle Keith Meade .....Nov. 23  
 Marilyn Meade.....Nov. 24  
 Betsy Strahm .....Nov. 28  
 Louise Deihl.....Nov. 29  
 Bette Mathias .....Nov. 30

## Employees

Debra Dove .....Sept. 1  
 Connie Parsons.....Sept. 7  
 Austin Coons .....Sept. 8  
 Tiffany Roe.....Sept. 8  
 Samantha Garcez .....Sept. 11  
 Lana Summers.....Sept. 11  
 Leon Gerber .....Sept. 15  
 Robin Ginger.....Sept. 15  
 Autumn Day .....Sept. 18

Abby Holloway.....Sept. 20  
 Kiersten Boots .....Sept. 20  
 Logan Reifsteck .....Sept. 23  
 Laura Baker .....Sept. 25  
 Amber Costello .....Sept. 27  
 Haley Gibson .....Oct. 4  
 Ellyn Rinkenberger .....Oct. 12  
 Rose Moser .....Oct. 18  
 Tamara Kaehr .....Oct. 19  
 Dion Dubbeld.....Oct. 22  
 Megan Garza.....Oct. 22  
 Shelby Cole.....Oct. 24  
 Ashton Arnett .....Oct. 26  
 Shelby Suwinski.....Oct. 26  
 Jenna Claghorn.....Oct. 31  
 Trey Craighead.....Oct. 31  
 Robin Haines.....Nov. 6  
 Amy Anderson .....Nov. 6  
 Ruth Allen.....Nov. 8  
 Alicen Rinehart.....Nov. 12  
 Ron Dubbeld .....Nov. 13  
 Colten Jones.....Nov. 21  
 Betty Lough.....Nov. 28  
 Alaina Bertsch.....Nov. 29  
 Amanda Reusser.....Nov. 30  
 Cassandra Priester .....Nov. 30  
 Laney Sawyer.....Nov. 30



# Welcome!!!!!!

## Admissions & Discharges

### Christian Care welcomed...

- Eleanor Benes
- Marcia Brewster
- Diane Mason
- Roger Eymmer
- Susan Maynard
- Robert Isch
- Larry Farling
- Nancy Lowe
- Delenia Peeper
- Darrell Jones
- Theresa Kipfer
- Lester Gerber

### Christian Care discharged...

- Robert Isch
- Joan Swartz
- Joe Lamar

### Assisted Living/Independent Living welcomed...

Roger and Evelyn Eymmer moved to Patio Pines. Shortly after moving in, Roger moved to Healthcare. Evelyn was born in New Bremen, Ohio. She was married to a farmer, and helped work the farm. They then bought a motel and ran it for several years. She has two children, eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Evelyn enjoys quilting and wood burning.

Tillman and Betty Gerber moved to Patio Pines. Tillman and Betty were born in the Wells County area. They have been married for 65 years, and have two sons, Tim and Ben, who are both married, and enjoy coming to Christian Care to visit their parents. Till and Betty have eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Tillman worked at and managed National Oil and Gas for 54 years. Betty taught school in the

Bluffton area for close to 33 years. In their retirement years, Till and Betty have been long term members of the Bluffton United Methodist Church, and they enjoy their church family. They also enjoy eating out with their friends for breakfast, lunch and dinner. They are really happy to be with their new family at Christian Care, and have been really happy the way the Christian Care family has accepted them into their new home.

John Meyer moved to Willow Lane. John is from Wells County. He worked as a salesman for most of his career. He is a member of the Apostolic Christian Church. He has been married to his wife Carolyn for 65 years, and they have four children, ten grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

## Christian Care Says Farewell

Jean Marshall came to Healthcare on April 8, 2022 and passed away on April 22, 2022. She is survived by one daughter and five granddaughters. Jean and her husband managed many Bluffton area rental properties. She was also a switchboard operator for Franklin Electric. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, where she served as a Deacon and a member for over 55 years. We express our deepest sympathy to her family.

Justine Gerber came to Healthcare on February 5, 2016 and passed away on April 28, 2022. She is survived by one son, two daughters, 11 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren. She was a homemaker and house cleaner for many years. She was a member of the Apostolic Christian Church. We express our deepest sympathy to her family.

Lester Gerber came to Healthcare on April 22, 2022 and passed away on May 5, 2022. Les is survived by his spouse, along with four children, ten grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren. Les was the founder and operator of the Les Gerber Insurance Agency and a licensed insurance agent for 54 years. He was a member of the Apostolic Christian Church. We express our deepest sympathy to his family.

Janis Elliott, from Assisted Living, passed away on May 6, 2022. She is survived by two children and five grandchildren. Jan operated her own daycare for 20 years after working for Caylor-Nickel Clinic and Franklin Electric. She was a member of the First Church of Christ, where she sang in the choir. We express our deepest sympathy to her family.

Theresa Kipfer came to Healthcare on April 14, 2022 and passed away May 9, 2022. She is survived by one brother, along with several nieces and nephews. She worked at Keebler in Bluffton for over 18 years and retired from Bluffton Regional after seven years of service. Theresa enjoyed knitting and crocheting. We express our deepest sympathy to her family.

Lela Moser came to Healthcare on April 6, 2019 and passed away on June 2, 2022. She is survived by one daughter, five grandsons and 12 great-grandchildren. She served her family as a homemaker and helped on the family farm. Lela attended the West Missionary Church, where she was a member for over 70 years. We express our deepest sympathy to her family.

# Nursing Update

There is a lot happening in the nursing department that we are excited about. We recently had another CNA class and our students have been busy on the floor getting their clinical hours in and preparing to test. We are also looking at doing another CNA class soon!

We have had several new residents admitted to Healthcare recently. Things are looking up and we are grateful for this! Our greatest goal is to provide compassionate, quality care to our residents. There are a lot of challenges that we face in Healthcare today in regards to

protecting our residents from COVID, and we appreciate the help from our residents and their families in continuing to take the proper precautions.

We have come so far since the beginning of COVID in 2020, and are thankful that we have had no further outbreaks among our residents, but we realize we cannot let down our guard. Just a reminder to our employees that we need to continue to be diligent in our screening process and remember that when we are testing to wait the entire 15 minutes for results before going to the floor. Visitors, if you

are having any symptoms at all please do not come and visit your loved one!

Our residents have enjoyed being able to get back to a lot of their routines as far as getting to go on more outings and dine-outs. They are taking advantage of the nice weather and going out on the patio and enjoying the beautiful flowers. We are thankful for all of our departments working together to help enrich our residents' lives!

- Melissa Clark  
Director of Nursing

# Hospitality Services



We have a busy end of summer and beginning of fall headed our way. We are looking forward to cooler temperatures, patio visits and sweatshirt weather. What better way to celebrate than Bluffton Street Fair... we will be having our own fair food that week. Some things will be taco salads, Italian sausage with grilled peppers and onions, curly fries, and corn dogs.



Moving into October, we will enjoy some fall favorites such as apple pie or dumplings, apple cider, and the changing of leaves to show God's beauty around us.

We continue with our meal delivery Monday through Friday for people returning from hospital stay, anyone who cannot prepare meals on their own, or are home-bound. Our meals are approved by a registered dietician to meet nutritional

guidelines. If you are interested in more information, you can reach out to Betty Lough at 260-565-3006 ext. 2172, or Deb Dove at 260-565-3006 ext. 2174.

We continue to be blessed with the opportunities we are given to serve our residents, families, and team members, and the support we receive from the community.

- Deb Dove  
Hospitality Services Director

## Memorials have been received in memory of:

- Imogene Abbott
- Jan Elliott
- Alvin Fiechter
- Bonnie Gerber
- Julia Gerber
- Justine Gerber
- Luther Gerber
- Lester (Les) Gerber
- Vernon Gerber
- Theresa Kipfer

Thank you to all who remembered our loved ones. Your gifts are "enriching the lives of our residents."



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