



# NEWS LETTER

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

May 2023–July 2023

## Accushield Kiosks

In August of 2022, we started using the Accushield Kiosks at Christian Care for visitors, volunteers, service providers and staff to sign in upon entering our building. Currently we have our COVID screening questions as part of the sign in process. Accushield offers the flexibility to change messages and questions during the screening process to keep up with regulations.

However Accushield provides more than screening individuals for COVID. Recently the city of Bluffton was under a tornado warning. The business office quickly generated an Accushield report showing all family & friends, service providers, staff and volunteers that were in the building. This is a great safety tool to account for everyone in our building during an emergency. So that we can be accurate in an emergency situation, we ask that when you leave to please sign out on the kiosk. That can be done on the mobile app as well as signing in.

Another Accushield benefit is we can tell which residents aren't getting visitors and may need more support from our Activities Department. We acknowledge that there can be a line at the kiosks, especially during events at the facility. One solution to reduce the wait time is to download the Accushield app onto your phone:



### Accushield Mobile Accushield

Once the mobile app is downloaded, you can sign in on your phone one hour prior to coming to Christian Care. The app generates a QR code that you can scan at the kiosks. This makes the process easy and convenient.

- Austin Smith  
Executive Director

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# Activities Department

April showers bring May flowers and how beautiful our patio is looking. The flowers and trees are starting to bloom. The birds are singing songs for us daily. Thank you to the Apostolic Garden Club for all of their hard work maintaining it. We look forward to the cherry tomatoes this summer.

April 8th we held our second Easter Egg Hunt. We hid approximately 5,000 eggs for our little ones to find. There were approximately 200 children at the event. We opened the hunt to the community this year and it was a huge success. Thank you for your donations of eggs and candy. Let's not forget the true meaning of Easter, which is the resurrection of Jesus Christ!

We look forward to our annual Mother's Day lunch/brunch and Father's Day lunch. Invitations have been sent out for the Mother's Day lunch, please RSVP. We will have two separate groups due to spacing. Christian Care's growth over the past few years does not allow us enough space in our fellowship room for everyone at one time. The in-house residents will use the Fellowship Room. Our duplex residents will have their brunch at the Activity Center to celebrate Mother's Day.

We look forward to fishing in the pond, wheel chair rides and walks outside, sitting on the patio and van rides, especially to Wilshire, Ohio for ice cream because it is one of the residents' favorite places to visit.

We have several trips planned with American Heritage Trails Escorted Tours this year. Our first trip will be to Holland,

Michigan on May 9th. We have trips planned for June, July, August, October and December.

- **Tuesday June 20th, Amish brown bag tour, cost \$89.00.** Enjoy backroads tour of Amish country, complete with a local guide. Each guest receives a grab bag to receive special treats at each stop. Trip includes grab bag items and a real Amish lunch. **Sign up deadline is May 12th, with payment due in full by May 15th.**
- **Thursday July 20th, Christmas in July, cost \$145.00.** Enjoy and learn more about the quaint Bavarian town of Frankenmuth. Make your own pretzel, fill up on a family style luncheon, ride a paddleboat and shop at the world's largest Christmas store, Bronner's Christmas Wonderland. Price includes lunch, baking class, wine tasting and paddleboat ride. **Sign up deadline is June 12th, with payment due in full by June 16th.**
- **Monday August 14th, Ark Encounter, cost \$89.00.** Explore the life-size replica of Noah's Ark in Williamstown, KY. Don't miss the opportunity to see the largest timber frame structure in the world. You'll be amazed and inspired! Includes admission. **Dining on your own. Sign up deadline is July 7th, with payment due in full by July 10th.**
- **Wednesday October 4th, Nickel Plate Train Ride, cost \$125.00.** All aboard for this fun train ride

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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 .....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  
Nutritional Svcs. & Purch. Dir. ....Deb Dove  
Maintenance Supervisor .....Dion Dubbeld  
Human Resources Director .....Katie Uppfalt  
Activity Director.....Betty Lough  
Residential Services Coordinator ....Michelle Gould  
Environmental Services Director....Victoria Hilliard

Members of:

- Leading Age Indiana
- Wells County Chamber of Commerce

Mission Statement:

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

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out of Noblesville, Indiana. We will be stopping in a hidden Indian town for you to grab lunch at a charming restaurant. While on the train, sit back and enjoy a wine tasting like no other. Price includes train ride and wine. Dining on own. **Sign up deadline is August 28th, with payment due in full by September 1st.**

- **Wednesday December 13th, White Christmas at Beef and Boards Dinner Theatre, cost \$99.00.** Based on the iconic movie, two song-and-dance men follow a sister act to Vermont to perform at a bankrupt lodge. Price includes lunch buffet and matinee performance. **Sign up deadline is November 1st, with payment due in full by November 6th.**

Please sign up at the front desk. If you have any questions please contact Betty Lough, Activity Director, 260-565-3006 ext. 2172.

Christian Care will provide transportation to meet the bus from Christian Care, with limited sitting. You may drive yourself to the meeting point with American Heritage Trails. Meeting place is in Fort Wayne Village of Coventry or Meijer on Lima Road. All tickets, food, drinks and snack expenses will be paid by the participant. Payment is due in full 30 days prior to the trip and is non-refundable.

### Volunteer Corner

The week of April 17th was National Volunteer Week. We are so blessed to have an amazing volunteer team. They have supported Christian Care in so many ways over the years. We have several openings for volunteering. If you are interested, please contact Betty Lough, Activity Director, for more information.

*"Volunteers are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect this nation's compassion, unselfish caring, patience, and just plain loving one another."* – Erma Bombeck

– Betty Lough  
Activity Director

# Happy Birthday!!!!!!

## Residents

Tom Frauhiger.....	May 3	Penny Herman.....	May 10
Evelyn Eymmer.....	May 5	Daphne Lantz.....	May 11
Kathleen Fuller.....	May 5	Megan M. Patch.....	May 19
Sandra 'Sandy' Myers.....	May 5	Cathy Halterman.....	May 24
Lynn Osborn.....	May 6	Luann Fahl.....	May 30
William Longenberger.....	May 8	Beth Hanni.....	May 31
Margaret Slentz.....	May 8	Patricia Ketron.....	June 4
Barbara Howe.....	May 9	Margo Haiflich.....	June 6
Carolyn Meyer.....	May 10	Debra Elsten.....	June 8
Nellie Sleppy.....	May 10	Caleb Hudson.....	June 8
Delores Heyerly.....	May 17	Kirsten Bennett.....	June 12
Marjorie Baumgartner.....	May 20	Allison Shepherd.....	June 12
Thomas Stogdill.....	May 23	Dawn Brickley.....	June 17
Betty Bynum.....	May 24	Gabriella Godwin.....	June 17
Luann Fahl.....	May 30	Allisa Beck.....	June 18
Violet Meyer.....	June 2	Alan Carpenter.....	June 18
Virginia Rauch.....	June 2	Stacey Quinones.....	June 18
Wayne Haggard.....	June 8	Kara Reckard.....	June 18
Mary Lantz.....	June 8	Hattie Reinhard.....	June 18
Rudy Frauhiger.....	June 11	Jenny Gerber.....	June 21
Cheryl Flack.....	June 16	Ashley Green.....	June 24
Thomas Smith.....	June 23	Thomas Isch.....	June 27
Sally Tinkel.....	June 26	Cole Arnett.....	June 28
Mary Jane Hamilton-Marvo.....	June 27	Robin Major.....	June 28
John Krinn.....	June 29	Hannah Sexton.....	June 28
Betty LeMaster.....	July 4	Jolan Gerber.....	June 30
Betty J. Davis.....	July 5	Daisy Herrera.....	June 30
Simon 'Pete' Heyerly.....	July 5	Cecily Kaehr.....	July 4
Joan Pursifull.....	July 5	Rebecca Lloyd.....	July 4
Janet Turmail.....	July 9	Hutchenson Craighead.....	July 5
Thomas Stephens.....	July 12	Olivia Wills.....	July 5
Frank Howe.....	July 16	Savannah Huss.....	July 6
Sherry Hilliard.....	July 18	Melissa Clark.....	July 7
Harry Gerber.....	July 21	Katie Uppfalt.....	July 10
Margaret Oswald.....	July 21	Ruby Mosser.....	July 11
Jerry Petzel.....	July 21	Jennifer Kinyo.....	July 12
Al Ringger.....	July 21	Megan Elizabeth Peterson.....	July 13
Sharon Kay Lautzenheiser.....	July 22	Rachel Harvey.....	July 15
Diane Mason.....	July 22	Brianna Bennett.....	July 17
		Rebecca Bradtmueller.....	July 17
		Frederica DeBolt.....	July 25
		Jamie Gregory.....	July 28
		Angela Kiefer.....	July 31
		Cassandra Smith.....	July 31

## Employees

Rose G. Zschernitz.....	May 5
Elizabeth 'Beth' Geisel.....	May 6
Dylan Craighead.....	May 7
Zara Eisenhut.....	May 8



# Welcome!!!!!!

## Admissions & Discharges

### Christian Care welcomed...

- Elizabeth Aeschliman
- Richard Branyan
- Jerry Case
- Alan Curtis
- Connie Dawson
- Phillip Johnson
- Ervin Moser
- David Park
- Jim Phillabaum
- Randy Reynolds
- Margaret Slentz

### Christian Care discharged...

- Elizabeth Aeschliman
- Alan Curtis
- Suzanne Dunlap
- Patricia Gerber

### Independent and Assisted Living welcomed

- Phyllis Cassiday
- Frances Gilliam

## Christian Care Says Farewell

Nancy Lowe came to Healthcare on May 20, 2022 and passed away on January 5, 2023. She is survived by three sisters. Nancy was a 1975 graduate of Norwell High School and was employed by the Wells County Library for many years until retirement in 2018. Nancy loved reading and her cat Toby. Nancy was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Bluffton where she was an assistant in their preschool for several years. We express our deepest sympathy to her family.

David 'Dave' Park came to Healthcare on January 3, 2023 and passed away on January 11, 2023. He is survived by his wife, Mary Jane, one son, one son-in-law, four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Dave graduated in 1950 from Bluffton High School, and from Ball State in 1954. Dave served in the Army from 1955–1957. Dave was an executive with the Boy Scouts of America. In 1971, David purchased Carnall & Sons, which he ran until 2002 when their daughter took over the business. Dave served on a number of boards, such as past President of the Bluffton Chamber of Commerce, Wells County Historical Society, Vice President of the Wells Community Hospital Board and was selected as Outstanding Citizen of Wells County in 1997. Dave was a member of the First Reformed Church in Bluffton. We express our deepest sympathy to his family.

James 'Jim' Phillabaum came to Healthcare on January 6, 2023 and passed away on January 27, 2023. He is survived by his wife

Joyce, three children, and two grandchildren. Jim was a 1959 graduate from Bluffton High School and served in the Navy from 1964–1968. Jim retired as Corporate VP of North American Van Lines in 2022. Jim was elected to the Bluffton Common Council, serving 44 years. Jim was honored to serve as Mayor Pro-Tem after the passing of Mayor John Flaningam. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church where he was active in Kate's Kitchen ministry. We express our deepest sympathy to his family.

Pauline 'Pat' Kaehr came to Healthcare on August 8, 2019 and passed away on January 29, 2023. She is survived by two sons, two daughters, 22 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren. Pat was a farmer's wife and homemaker, and most of all enjoyed being a grandmother and great-grandmother to all her grandchildren. Pat was a member of the Apostolic Christian Church. We express our deepest sympathy to her family.

Ervin Moser came to Healthcare on January 28, 2023 and passed away February 6, 2023. He is survived by one daughter, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Ervin was a 1941 graduate of Bluffton High School and served in the Army from 1944–1946, stationed in the Philippines. Ervin owned and operated Moser Implement for over 70 years. Ervin enjoyed playing golf, and spending time at Lake Wawasee and Seven Lakes in Florida with family and friends. Ervin was a member

of the Apostolic Christian Church. We express our deepest sympathy to his family.

J. Keith Fuller came to Healthcare on August 18, 2017 and passed away on March 3, 2023. He is survived by his wife Janet, one daughter, and four grandchildren. Keith graduated from Chester Center High School in 1951, then served in the Armed Forces from 1953–1955. Keith also worked at Franklin Electric for 44 years. Keith enjoyed spending time with family, fishing and reading. He was a member of the New Hope Lutheran Church in Ossian. We express our deepest sympathy to his family.

Mary Birdella Coffield came to Healthcare on October 19, 2017 and passed away on March 11, 2023. She is survived by one son, one grandson, and two great-grandchildren. Mary graduated in 1943 from Rockcreek High School and was employed by the Bluffton News-Banner for 44 years, retiring in 1988. Mary was a member of the First Reformed Church in Bluffton. We express our deepest sympathy to her family.

Jerry King came to Healthcare on February 17, 2022 and passed away on March 21, 2023. He is survived by his wife Darlene, two daughters, five grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. Jerry graduated in 1946 from Bluffton High School and retired from Bowmar LLC in Fort Wayne after 32 years of service. We express our deepest sympathy to his family.

## Dining Services

We are so excited to be preparing for our Mother's Day Brunch on Thursday, May 4th for the special women in the duplexes, and then we will be honoring our ladies in Assisted Living and Healthcare at our Mother's Day Luncheon on Thursday, May 11th. This is a time we can take to celebrate these special women.

We are also working on the plans for our Father's Day Lunch on Tuesday, June 13th. What a great opportunity to show them they are appreciated and loved.

As we sit and look outside, watching the grass grow, the flowers bloom, and the sunshine, let us remember how blessed we are in our lives, along with the time we can spend with family and friends and food. We can't wait to get the grill fired up for cookouts. We also look forward to celebrating a few national food days...Cherry Cobbler Day on May 17th, Donut Day on June 2nd, and Make Your Own Sundae on July 11th.

We recently celebrated our team members in the Dining Services Department with Nutrition Month. We continue to be amazed by our team and the way they care for our residents and for each other. On behalf of the Dining Services Department, thank you for allowing us to serve you.

*"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."* - 1 Peter 4:10

- Deb Dove  
Nutritional Services

## Independent and Assisted Living

As the weather starts to warm up and the flowers are starting to bloom, residents have started to enjoy some walks outside and relaxing on the patios. We look forward to more of this as the wet spring weather passes.

With the increase in activities outside, please remember skin cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in the United States, and most cases are preventable. Remember to use SPF 15 or greater sunscreen, seek shade, wear long sleeve clothing, and sunglasses to protect yourself from harmful UV rays.

Residents recently had a craft fair, showcasing some incredible hand made things. We have many talented crafters in Assisted and Independent Living.

We have welcomed some new residents in Assisted Living, Phyllis Cassiday and Frances Gilliam. Please help them feel welcomed.

We also want to say goodbye to our friend Norma Smith. Norma was just shy of her 102nd birthday. She lived with us for 5 years.



## Good Samaritan Charitable Program

### Memorials have been received in memory of:

- Mary Coffield
- Pauline 'Pat' Kaehr
- Ervin Moser
- James Phillabaum
- Norma Smith

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

## Nursing

We are so thankful that spring is here and along with it the warmer weather! Our residents are already taking advantage of some of the warmer, sunny days and enjoying some wheelchair rides outside and sitting on the patio. We are seeing some flowers starting to bloom and trees budding. When we see these things, it makes us think of a new beginning, and this is exactly the feeling we are having here at Christian Care.

We recently experienced a COVID outbreak in our facility and it's always difficult to see our residents not feeling well and in quarantine. We are thankful that the majority only experienced minor symptoms! We are thankful that the outbreak is past! We definitely do not take our responsibility in caring for our residents lightly, but I feel I can speak for all of the nursing department, that it is a true pleasure to provide the best care possible to our residents.

- Melissa Clark  
Director of Nursing



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Return Service Requested

**Attention Visitors:**  
**Transmission Rate is Low/  
 Moderate/Substantial**  
**Masks are ENCOURAGED while  
 in the building**

**STOP** and screen at the kiosk! This is a requirement to proceed through the building. Have you had ...

- A positive COVID test in the past 10 days?
- Symptoms compatible with COVID?
- Close contact with someone COVID positive?

If any of the above statements are true for you, please defer non-urgent visits for 10 days. If visitation is necessary, the use of a mask is required.



Date Updated: \_\_\_\_\_

← Example of "MASKS ENCOURAGED" message.


Please read messages about masks when entering our facility, masking messages can change depending on current circumstances!

→ Example of "MASKS REQUIRED" message.

**Attention Visitors:**  
**Transmission Rate is High**  
**Masks are REQUIRED to enter the building**

If any of the following statements are true for you, please defer non-urgent visits for 10 days. If urgent, please see a team member for appropriate PPE:

- A positive COVID test in the past 10 days
- Symptoms compatible with COVID
- Close contact with someone COVID positive



Date Updated: \_\_\_\_\_