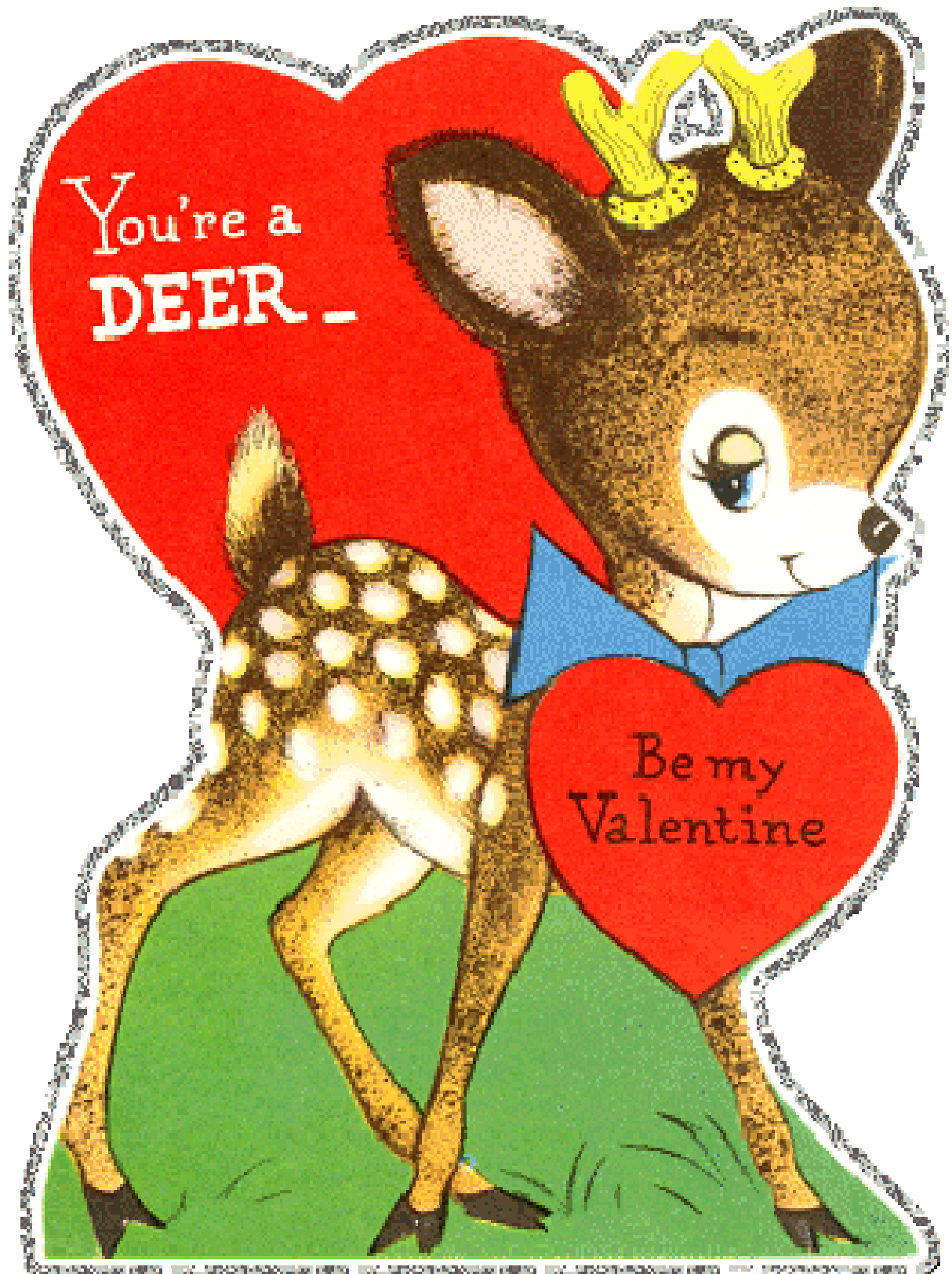


Maple Crest Moments

February 2011



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MAPLE CREST!

Tuesday, February 1 at 12:00 NOON

Primetimers at St. John Mennonite Church. Feel welcome to attend this gathering specifically created for seniors. The program will be a Valentine theme. Maple Crest will provide the food item to share at the pot-luck meal. Please sign up for transportation loading at 11:15 AM.

Monday, February 7 at 1:30 PM

Fingernail Spa in the Craft Room. Joan Fredericks, of "Nails by Joan," her colleague, Nicole, and Heidi Farling Wise, of "Village Cut and Curl" will file and polish fingernails for free once again this month. Sign up for specific time frames.

Tuesday, February 1 at 3:00 PM

Wii Bowling in the Family Room. Enjoy a game of bowling with just a flick of the wrist, a remote control and a TV screen. Try it out or just come and watch others make a strike!

Monday, February 7 at 3:30 PM

"Critters from Down Under" in the Patio Room. Joanne Niswander spent a month in Australia in October of 2010 with her daughter and family. When Joanne left the big city for the first time, she said "I'm not in Kansas anymore." That response was mostly due to the uncommon wild-life of Australia. Come and witness the unique beauty of the "Land Down Under" for yourself through Joanne's photos.

Thursdays in February at 4:00 PM

Bible Study in the Family Room. On the first two Thursdays, Matt Weaver, a Bluffton University senior in Biblical Studies, will lead the sessions. On the 17th, Tig Intagliata, the BU Chaplain, will be the leader. All residents are welcome to participate.

Wednesday, February 9 at 8:30 AM

Senior Citizens Breakfast at the Bluffton Middle School. Enjoy a hearty breakfast, free of charge, with friends from the Bluffton community. Then, sit back, relax and be entertained by the Bluffton High School "Ladies First" choir. Sign up for transportation loading at 8:10 AM.

Friday, Feb. 4 and 18 from 1:30-2:30 PM

Crochet/Knitting Circle in the Family Room. Come learn to crochet or knit with Kimberly Hansen from Riverbend. There is also an opportunity to help create baby blankets for Haiti. Note that this Circle only meets on the first and third Fridays of each month.

Thursday, February 10 at 1:00 PM

Bluffton Public Library in the Maple Crest Library. Find Leslie Liberato, the outreach librarian, at our library at 1:00 PM before she distributes books to residents in their rooms. See Debbie to fill out a form to join this program.

Friday, February 4 at 2:30 PM

Birthday Party in the Rose Dining Room. Come and celebrate with all those who have birthdays in February!

Thursday, February 10 at 2:30 PM

Welcome Committee in the Family Room. Help evaluate the January "New Resident Welcome," and brainstorm for the next one.

Mondays in February from 10:30-11:30 AM

Institute for Learning in Retirement in the Patio Room. Tim Schumacher will present this course on "The History of Radio Broadcasting," with an emphasis on old time radio shows. The total cost is \$10.00 per person for all four sessions, and may be paid at the time of the first class. Sign up was due on January 31, but please see Debbie if you would still like to participate.



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MAPLE CREST!

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Friday, February 11 from 4:30-6:30 PM
Pie Baking Contest/Spaghetti Dinner in the Rose Dining Room and Patio Room. Invite family and friends to join you for this special dinner. The cost is \$6.00 per person. Feel welcome to enter the pie contest or to bid on a pie to take home or to just enjoy tasting pie samples! See the flyer in this newsletter or on the main bulletin boards for all the details.

Sunday, February 13 at 6:30 PM
Nancy Thomas on the Piano in the Living Room. Spend a delightful Sunday evening listening to Bob Bowersox's daughter, Nancy, as she shares her gift of music.

Monday, February 14 at 12:00 NOON
Senior Citizens Center Pot-Luck Meeting. Due to winter weather, the monthly meetings at the Senior Center are noon pot-luck meals. Each person is encouraged to bring a dish of "finger-type" food to share. The program will be Kristi Groman Schey on the piano. Sign up for the Maple Crest car leaving at 11:30 AM, with the return trip by the Senior Citizen Center's bus. No other reservation is necessary and there is no cost for this event.

Monday, February 14 at 12:00 NOON
Breakfast with Dan & June in the dining rooms. This annual tradition has become a Maple Crest favorite. Feast on everything from potato skin fries to Belgian waffles and cinnamon rolls! Duplex residents need to make reservations by Wed., February 9, and pay the regular noon meal fee to participate.

Monday, February 14 at 6:30 PM
Valentine's Party in the Patio Room. See the Valentine King and Queen, and Mr. or Ms. Congeniality get crowned! Entertainment will be provided by the quartet of Dave Brauen, Jeff Boehr, Everett Collier, and Kevin Gratz, and by the singers Susan Liska and Meri Skiliter. Dress in valentine colors!

Tuesday, February 15 at 11:15 AM
Dine and Shop. Dine at "Cracker Barrel" in Findlay and shop at Wal-Mart SuperCenter.

Thursday, February 17 at 1:30 PM
Young at H'art in the Craft Room. Janette Reineke will bring out the artist in each resident participating in her class.

Tuesday, February 22 at 2:30 PM
Assisted Living Presidents Party in the Orchard Dining Room. This is the time to gather with a small group to celebrate the Birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and George Washington. Assisted living residents are welcome to come and share in a variety of activities.

Wednesday, February 23 at 1:15 PM
Music with Jimmy in the West Great Room. Sing-a-long with Jimmy on favorite piano pieces, or just relax and enjoy his tunes.

Wednesday, February 23 at 2:30 PM
Bakers' Group in the Orchard Dining Room. Make a special treat for the Men's Group (and wives) to enjoy! Of course, tasting will be a part of the process, as well!

Thursday, February 24 at 4:00 PM
Communion Service in the Patio Room. Chaplain Tig Intagliata, from Bluffton University, will be the preacher and will preside over communion at this worship service. All are welcome to receive communion, no matter ones church denomination.

Friday, February 25 at 2:30 PM
Men's Group and wives in the Patio Room. Keith Sommer will present a program entitled, "The History and Mystery of Locks." He will bring a wide variety of unique locks to view, including an antique prison lock and padlocks from 1870 to the present day! Refreshments will be provided by the Bakers' Group. Sign up to reserve a spot by Friday, February 18.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MAPLE CREST!

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Sunday, February 27 at 4:30 PM

Food & Fellowship at Bluffton University. Residents are invited to join a group of college students for a fun evening of conversation and great food in a reserved room! The cost is \$7.00 and the meal (chosen by you from a wide selection) will be brought to you by a student. Please sign up for transportation.

Monday, February 28 at 2:30 PM

Book Club in the Family Room. Discuss the book "Stones into Schools" by Greg Mortenson. Pick up the next book at the meeting.

NOTE: Wednesdays at 10:00 AM

Coffee Time! (for men) in the Orchard Dining Room. Meet for a simple coffee hour— no food and no program— just a time to chat around small tables and enjoy each other's company. All Maple Crest men are welcome!

RESERVATION DUE DATES

ILR Course — Monday, January 31.

Breakfast with Dan and June — Duplex residents only need to reserve by Wed., Feb. 9.

Men's Group and Wives — Fri., Feb. 18.

SAVE THESE MARCH DATES:

Tues., March 8 at 1:30 PM— Resident Life Council.

Fri., March 11 at 6:30 PM— the Barberettes with Jayne McGarrity.

Sat., March 12— the Lima Beane Chorus at 2:00 PM in Lima.

NOTE: The toenail care nurse will be here on February 23. If you are interested in scheduling an appointment, please contact Jane Edinger.

A SPECIAL BIRTHDAY PARTY NOTE

This month we will begin an experiment of offering **sugar free ice cream** as an option for the time of refreshments. Please ask the server for sugar free ice cream if that is what you prefer.

What is the Saturday Night Movie about ???

February 5- "The Sound of Music"

A woman leaves an Austrian convent to become a governess to the children of a Naval officer widower.

February 12- "Toy Story 2"

When Woody is stolen by a toy collector, Buzz and his friends vow to rescue him, but Woody finds the idea of immortality in a museum tempting.

February 19- "Lord of the Rings"

In a small village in the Shire a young Hobbit named Frodo has been entrusted with an ancient Ring. Now he must embark on an epic quest to the Cracks of Doom in order to destroy it.

February 26- "Father of the Bride"

In this remake of the Spencer Tracy classic, George and Nina Banks are the parents of young soon-to-be-wed Annie. George is a nervous father unready to face the fact that his little girl is now a woman. The preparations for the extravagant wedding provide additional comic moments.

Our sympathy to the families of :

*Esther Kirkendall
and Phyllis Moser*

on their loss.

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RESIDENT MOVES

Robert & Marie Lamb — E102

NEW RESIDENTS

Roland Knoop — W137

Norm & Mary Lou Vercler — N028

Welcome to the Maple Crest Family!

Welcome to the Mennonite Memorial Home:

Maurice Criblez
Doris McGlaughlin
Ellen Messing
Olen Walters



RECIPE shared from the Maple Crest kitchen

Cheeseball

1 pkg. Hidden Valley Ranch dressing
8 oz. pkg. cream cheese, softened
3 T. mayonnaise
1/4 c. minced onions (green stems & all)
1 c. cheddar cheese (medium), softened

1. Mix all ingredients together. Put into refrigerator to chill. Form into ball and roll in chopped pecans or shredded cheese.

Cooks.com

***This recipe was used at the
Sugar Bowl Party!**

Keep in mind ~

The Bluffton Public Library has informed us that during the winter months if the county is placed on a Level 1, 2, or 3 snow emergency, all outreach services are cancelled. If this happens on a day they are to come to Maple Crest, they will try to re-schedule for the next possible date. We will inform you as soon as we receive news of any changes.

For your information:

Greg's Pharmacy delivers more than just prescription medications to Maple Crest. When needed (for example, when family is out of town), they will deliver sundries, over the counter medications, etc. Typically, somebody from the pharmacy comes here Monday-Friday afternoons, so any requests should be called in to Greg's Pharmacy (419-358-5946) by 2:00 pm.

Channel 55 SURVEY RESULTS!

Based on the survey results about our "in house" channel 55, we have decided to stop broadcasting announcements throughout the week. We will continue to show a movie on channel 55 every Saturday evening at 7:00 pm. Because of the suggestions received, we will also now put the movie titles on the monthly calendar, along with a brief summary about each movie in the "What's Happening" pages.

2011 AOPHA STARS Program



AOPHA, one of the professional organizations Maple Crest is a member of, is sponsoring the annual STARS program that recognizes non-management employees who have exhibited an outstanding work ethic and commitment to providing excellent service and care. If you have observed a staff member of Maple Crest, Mennonite Memorial Home, or Mennonite Home Health that you believe would fit such criteria, please fill out one of the nomination forms located in the lobby of the main building and return to the main office by Wednesday, February 16th, 2011. If you need additional forms, please contact the main office. Employees meeting the program criteria will be recognized at a regional luncheon on March 29th, 2011. If you have any questions about this program, please let me know. Thank you.

Daren Lee
Director



Oxygen Use in Resident Apartments

When a resident uses an oxygen tank or concentrator inside his or her apartment, it is necessary to post an “Oxygen In Use” sign outside the door. This applies even if the oxygen use will be temporary. Since we are not involved with medical issues of independent residents, please let the office know if you start to use oxygen OR if you already use it in your apartment and there is no sign posted outside your door. Maple Crest will prepare the sign for you. Thank you.

Reminder About Cookies & Fruit



Cookie jars and fruit baskets are available in the butler’s pantry off the Rose Dining Room and also in the West Great Room. We ask that you treat these jars and baskets as a place to grab a snack and not a place to “stock up”. If you need to order cookies in quantities greater than what would be considered a “snack”, please contact the kitchen.

Thank you and enjoy!



VALUES PASSED ON

I found an old picture of my dad standing in front of his Massey-Harris tractor. He was about the age that I am now. This reminded me of how values transfer from generation to generation. I have, among other things, been a farmer all my life.

Just as my father passed love of the soil and farming on to me, our Heavenly Father, who created us in his image, passes his virtues on to us. Of course God gives us the freedom to choose whether or not we develop these virtues in our lives. Our earthly fathers give us freedom to choose our life paths after we come of age, and, similarly, God allows us choices of where we journey in life. He doesn't care what career we choose; He will always support us and guide us through his Word in the Bible if we study it.

But God will be pleased if we cultivate the fruit of the Spirit. He desires that we grow in the virtues of joy, love, peace, kindness, gentleness, goodness, faithfulness, patience and self-control. Jesus was the model for each of these and God wants us to become more like Jesus.

Recently I read a wonderful line written by a devotional writer. He writes, *"God stores up goodness in each of us to use when it is needed."* Perhaps God also stores up the other fruits in us—to be used as needed. Think of it this way. Every day God gives us a certain amount of these virtues to use in our relations to God and to our fellow humans. He wants us to use all of the stored virtues; otherwise they are lost. We should empty the storage bins every day. What a way to please our great God!

May we actively seek to grow in the fruit of the Spirit. Joy will follow and I guarantee it will thaw a cold February and produce in us a warm attitude.

In Christ,
Bill Herr, Chaplain

A decorative border of red hearts surrounds the text.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY PARTY

Friday, February 4

2:30 PM

Rose Dining Room

February Birthdays

Ernie Porzelius	2/1
Ernest Bosse	2/3
Kathryn Van Dyke	2/3
Carl Wolf	2/16
Susan Bixel	2/17
Richard Augsburg	2/20
Myda Jane Badertscher	2/21
Marie Lamb	2/26
Durand Dudley	2/28