

# Grace Notes



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## WINTER GARDENING—by Carice Williams



I sit in the warmth of the fireside's glow  
As the cold lingers on and the north winds blow snow.  
And I'm dreaming of gardens and flowers on display,  
For the seed catalog came to our house today!

Forgotten is winter with all of its chill;  
inside is bursting its joys to fulfill.  
Small packets of seeds with their pictures so bright  
Are luring me off from the warm fire's light.

Forgotten is snow that is piled by the door  
And the icicles cold and the north wind's wild roar,  
For springtime has entered with flowers so gay  
'cause the seed catalog came to our house today!

### Monthly Event

|        |                                    |            |
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| FEB 1  | LIBRARY (COMMUNITY ROOM)           | 10:00 A.M. |
| FEB 1  | COTTAGE CARRY IN                   | 5:30 P.M.  |
| FEB 4  | ELNORA'S 100TH BIRTHDAY OPEN HOUSE |            |
|        | 3:30—6:00 P.M. COMMUNITY ROOM      |            |
| FEB 6  | CHENANIAH GOSPEL HOUR              | 2:30 P.M.  |
| FEB 22 | LIBRARY (COMMUNITY ROOM)           | 10:00 A.M. |

THERE IS NOT MUCH SCHEDULED DUE TO THE VERY COLD TEMPERATURES THAT WE ARE EXPECTING FOR THIS MONTH!

### Weekly Events

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| Monday    | 9:00 A.M. Community Grocery Shopping |  |
|           | Blood Pressure checks with Estelle   |  |
|           | 5:00 P.M. Wii Bowling Practice       |  |
| Tuesday   | 10:00 A.M. Hymn Sing & Out to Lunch  |  |
| Wednesday | 4:00 P.M. Wii Bowling Practice       |  |
| Friday    | 9:30 A.M. Move it with Marilyn!      |  |
|           | 4:00 P.M. Wii Bowling Practice       |  |
| Sunday    | 2:30 P.M. Chapel—Community Room      |  |

Our next visits from the Dayton Public Library is scheduled for February 1st and also February 22nd. You may check out books from 10:00—11:00 A.M. in the Community Room. They have scheduled with us for the entire year, however, we will see what your response is in order to continue this service.



Did you know that they will also deliver books to your cottage? Call the Business Office if you are interested! This is a wonderful service!

Cottage Resident Information

If you are interested in updating your medical information, just ask the Business Office for a form. Remember, **IF YOU MOVED INTO YOUR COTTAGE DURING 2017, YOU DO NOT HAVE TO FILL ONE OUT.** We should already have your information.

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~Elnora's 100th Birthday Open House~

Don't forget to stop in and help Elnora celebrate her big birthday!

Sunday, February 4th

Community Room

3:30—6:00 P.M.

Everyone is welcome. . . No gifts, please!



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| FEBRUARY 1  | SCOTT    |
| FEBRUARY 1  | ED       |
| FEBRUARY 17 | MARGARET |
| FEBRUARY 19 | GEORGE   |
| FEBRUARY 20 | EM       |
| FEBRUARY 20 | AUSTIN   |
| FEBRUARY 28 | MARTHA   |
| FEBRUARY 28 | DORIS    |

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

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| FEBRUARY 13 | AUSTIN & BONNIE |
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We have news! Our new Administrator came to us on Monday, January 22nd! And . . . guess what?!

If you haven't heard. . . His name is Mike! That means that Mike's Moments will live on! As of this publication I'm not sure if many of you have been able to meet our new Mike. Below is a note of introduction from him:

Dear Residents & Families,

I would like to take a minute to introduce myself as Grace Brethren's new Executive Director. My name is Mike McKinniss. I come to Grace Brethren with 38 years of experience in the health care field. I have been licensed as a nursing home administrator since 1985. My experience has included activities, social services, Administrator, Senior Director, Regional Director, and Executive Director. I am married, have three grown children and three grandchildren.

I am very excited for the opportunity to become a part of this campus and to continue its long history of providing the utmost quality care to its residents. I look forward to meeting each and every one of you, and please be patient as I learn your names.

Please stop in and introduce yourself to me if I don't approach you first!

Thanks!

~Mike

The following is NOT part of Mike's Moments! It's a cute poem by a senior writing about retirement! We thought you might enjoy it!

### In My Retirement

~by Betty Cochran

When I was young and beginning a career  
 With no responsibilities and certainly no fears  
 ~I never thought of growing old!  
 Then I married with a brand new life  
 My only concern was to be a good wife  
 ~I never thought of growing old!  
 We went in debt to buy a home  
 But I always knew I wasn't alone  
 ~so I never thought of growing old!  
 It was so great to be alive  
 I worked everyday from eight to five  
 ~Never thinking of growing old!  
 Our life was complete, we finally won  
 When God sent to us a wonderful son  
 ~No time to think of growing old!  
 We watched him grow as he should  
 Tried to educate him the best we could  
 ~And forgot about growing old!  
 Suddenly he was an adult and away from home  
 Trying to make it on his own  
 ~and I realized I am growing old!  
 So I quit that job after thirty years  
 With a lot of memories and yes, some fears  
 ~Because I was growing old!  
 So here I am, ten years have past  
 And believe it or not, I'm having a blast  
 ~even if I'm growing old!  
 'Tis the end of my story and here is my plan  
 I'm going to live every day as full as I can  
 ~It's not so bad growing old!



This story is about my son, Terry, who was ten years old and attending Patterson school. The time is February, the Saturday before Valentine's Day. My husband, Bob Rosenfelt, a Dayton fireman and I had enjoyed breakfast together, then he left to go to work at fire station #11 on Brown Street.

I was frying bacon and eggs, along with toast, orange juice and cereal for Terry's breakfast. Our family lived on Jasper Street within walking distance of the great big National Cash Register company. On Saturday morning, a man called Uncle Bob, was in charge of a program for children in the NCR area which provided them with a free movie and candy bar for each child that attended the movie.

I said to Terry, "While you eat your breakfast I am going upstairs to make our beds."

"Ok Mom" he replied.

When I came back to the kitchen I had a task on my mind. I must make some Valentine cookies for my family! But then I noticed something missing. Where had my son, Terry gone? I looked on our back porch and his bicycle was gone! I glanced at the kitchen clock, it read ten minutes of nine. Then my mind clicked! Uncle Bob's morning show! I turned on the radio and to my surprise, my son, Terry, was talking on the radio to Uncle Bob. Terry was saying, "I like your show and I try to come every Saturday."

Uncle Bob replied, "Thank you Terry, but don't you think you are a little early today?"

Terry answered, "I didn't want to miss the movie!"

Uncle Bob laughed and said, "All right Terry, go sit with your little friends and I will get the movie started!" Then Uncle Bob's show went off the radio.

I began to set the ingredients on the table to make Valentine cookies. Later I heard the noise of a bicycle on the back porch and in came Terry with that grin of his and handed me a red envelope.

With surprise I opened it and took out a pretty Valentine with these words:

"Happy Valentine's Day with love Mother." It was signed, Terry.

~Happy Valentine's Day to you all!~

~Alice



## Cottage Up-Dates

**Watch for these future move-ins:**

# Gary & Marie

# Beryl

**(We don't have exact move-in dates yet, but they will happen soon!)**

## God and Science - taken from the Internet

God is sitting in Heaven when a scientist says to Him, "Lord, we don't need you anymore. Science has finally figured out a way to create life out of nothing. In other words, we can now do what you did in the 'beginning'."

"Oh, is that so? Tell me . . ." replies God.

"Well," says the scientist, "we can take dirt and form it into the likeness of You and breathe life into it, thus creating man."

"Well, that's interesting. Show Me."

So the scientist bends down to the earth and starts to mold the soil.

"Oh no, no, no. . ." interrupts GOD.

"Get your own dirt."



### A Vine is Like a Reflection of Life

A vine is like a reflection of life.

It twists and turns when it meets strife.

It gets accustomed to good and bad times

As it travels along with other vines.

Some years are good with not much worry

So it trails along in not much of a hurry.

Other years there's drought or too much rain

Then the vine will probably feel pain.

And so is life much like a vine

Some years go great and everything is fine.

Other years have twists and turns all unexpected

That is when toward God our hopes are reflected.

May the vine live for many more years

And hopefully shed very few tears.

~By Cottage resident

Margaret



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**MONTHLY REMINDER  
TEST YOUR EMERGENCY PHONE.  
PRESS BUTTON ON PENDANT THE  
SAME DAY EACH MONTH, SUCH  
AS YOUR  
BIRTHDAY DATE**

**MONDAY VAN SERVICES  
MONDAY MORNINGS 10:00 A.M. GBV VAN TAKES  
COTTAGE RESIDENTS TO GROCERY  
AND OTHER ERRANDS  
CALL JOHN  
TO LEAVE A MESSAGE IF YOU REQUIRE  
TRANSPORTATION ON MONDAYS  
Please call him on Friday, prior to the Monday**

**GBV's Hooked on  
Books Club**



**Our books have been moved into the  
Exercise Room, off of the Community  
Room. The books will always be  
available to you. Enjoy!**

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**Groundhog's Day is  
February 2**

**Do you think he will  
see  
his shadow this year?**



**Words to Live By**

**~submitted by Alice  
"There is no end to how much good  
you can do if you don't care who gets  
the credit."**

**~Margie Kirby**

**"Nature is full of genius, full of the di-  
vinity; so that not a snowflake escapes  
its fashioning hand."**

**~Henry David Thoreau**

**BUS GARAGE  
FUND**

**\$13,697.10**

**Do you remember when these  
products were invented?**

- 1950 Diner's Club credit card**
- 1950 Mr. Potato Head**
- 1952 Sony transistor radio**
- 1952 Power steering**
- 1953 Polio vaccine**
- 1953 Saran wrap**
- 1953 Radial tires**
- 1954 Teflon pans**