

Grace Notes



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Song of Easter by Celia Thaxter

Easter lilies! Can you hear
What they whisper, low and clear?
In dew fragrance they unfold
Their splendor sweet, their snow and gold.
Every beauty-breathing bell,
News of heaven has to tell.
Listen to their mystic voice,
Hear, O mortal, and rejoice!
Hark, their soft and heavenly chime!
Christ is risen for all time!



Monthly Events

<u>APRIL 4</u>	<u>CHENANIAH GOSPEL HOUR</u>	<u>5:30 P.M.</u>
<u>APRIL 6</u>	<u>COTTAGE CARRY-IN</u>	<u>2:30 P.M.</u>
<u>APRIL 11</u>	<u>SALEM CHURCH OF GOD QUARTET</u>	<u>7:00 P.M.</u>
<u>APRIL 13</u>	<u>VOLUNTEER LUNCH</u>	<u>12:00 P.M.</u>
<u>APRIL 20</u>	<u>WHISTLE FACTORY & STEAK & SHAKE</u>	<u>9:00 A.M.</u>
<u>APRIL 28</u>	<u>HUMMINGBIRDS/BUTTERFLIES & BEES</u>	<u>9:00 A.M.</u>

Weekly Events

Monday	9:00 A.M. Community Grocery Shopping 4:00 P.M. Wii Bowling Practice
Tuesday	10:00 A.M. Hymn Sing & Out to Lunch (Blood Pressure Checks with Lois)
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—Activity Room

Special Announcement: Joann has provided a form at the end of this newsletter that is called a Cottage Resident Profile. It's something that the cottagers did years ago and it's quite interesting! If you would like to participate in this profile, just fill it out and drop it off at the business office, OR you can just give Joann a call @ XXX-XXXX and she will pick it up. There is a sample resident form attached so that you will have a better understanding of how to fill it out.

Thursday, April 13th we will host our Volunteer Luncheon @ noon in the Community Room. The invitations for the volunteer Lunch have just been sent out. If you receive an invitation, please RSVP to the Business Office by April 7th. As in the past, you may ask one guest to accompany you to the luncheon.



April Outing: This trip will be to the Whistle Factory in Columbus, OH, on Thursday, April 20th. The charge is \$4.00 for the tour and you will need lunch money as we will eat at Steak & Shake. The bus will be leaving at 9:00 A.M. If this departure time should change, Debbie will let you know!

On Friday, April 28th, we will have a representative from Sunshine Kennels & Garden Center come and talk to us about flowers that attract hummingbirds, butterflies and bees! Come and learn about the plants that will attract them and also learn what plants thrive best in our area. A question and answer time will be offered. There will be door prizes to sign up for! Coffee and donut holes provided! Please feel free to ask friends to come and join you. RSVP to the Business Office (836-4011) by Monday, April 24th. Sunshine Kennels & Garden Center is a locally owned nursery located @ 3318 Phillipsburg-Union Road right here in Union.



APRIL 2	IRV
APRIL 6	WILMA
APRIL 14	DICK
APRIL 17	BONNIE
APRIL 18	BILL
APRIL22	MARILYN

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

THERE ARE NO ANNIVERSARIES THIS MONTH



One of my favorite times of year is Spring. Winter is over and we finally get to enjoy the great outdoors. One of my first indications of this great time of the year is when I hear on the news, "Pitchers and catchers report to Spring Training." And what is better than hearing that "Pitchers and catchers report to Spring Training," it is when the umpire yells out "Play Ball," on Opening Day. Yes, baseball is my favorite part of spring and it is definitely my favorite sport. So please indulge me as I take a moment to print something a little baseball related for this month. Nothing seemed more appropriate than a little history that was recently published in an article from the 'Baseball Weekly' entitled, 'Opening Day.'

For over a century, baseball has been hailed above all other sports as America's National Pastime. And no other game during the regular one-hundred sixty-two game season has been as eagerly anticipated as Opening Day. Just look at any die-hard baseball fan's calendar. Vacation? Holidays? Anniversaries? All are often forgotten and pale in comparison with the coveted first game of the season. Ask any fan what the "official" start of Spring is. Chances are their answer will be Opening Day. Much more than just an event, it is an experience.

Major League Baseball's first officially recognized franchise the Cincinnati Reds were historically awarded the privilege of "opening the Openers" and hosted the outings from 1876-1989. Only twice during this time (1877 and 1966) were they forced to debut on the road due to rain. Finally in 1990, the tradition was broken and the Reds were scheduled to appear as the visitors against the Houston Astros. Despite the prestige of being christened as baseball's opening act, Cincinnati has posted an average record of 50-52-1 that has been shadowed by the countless spectacles off the baseline including parades, fireworks, circus performances and the opening of new ballparks in 1884, 1894, 1912 and 2003. A national event, Opening Day has also become a "political pitcher's" arena for U.S. Presidents to show their "stuff." On April 14, 1910, President, and baseball enthusiast, William Howard Taft attended the

home opener in Washington D.C. Since then, eleven sitting U.S. presidents have tossed out the season's ceremonial first pitch. One stand-out, Harry S. Truman, showcased his ambidextrous talent when he threw out balls with both his right and left arm in 1950. Beyond Presidents, Opening Day has witnessed many other historical performances:

Ted Williams was a .449 hitter in openers, with three home runs and fourteen runs batted in during fourteen games. "Teddy Ballgame" also boasted at least one hit in every Opening Day game he appeared in. Williams' first Opening Day (April 20, 1939) was especially noteworthy as he faced the rival New York Yankees and Lou Gehrig, who was playing in his 2,123rd consecutive game.

Opening Day 1940 witnessed one of the most famous pitching events as Cleveland ace Bob Feller and White Sox hurler Eddie Smith went head-to-head. Smith blinked, but Feller remained in control and tossed the only Opening Day no-hitter in Major League history.

Hammerin' Hank Aaron ignited the crowd at Riverfront Stadium on his first swing of the 1974 season when he tagged Cincinnati Reds for his 714th career home run to tie Babe Ruth on the all-time list.

Unfortunately, Opening Day has also been marred by riots and civil disobedience. At the start of the 1907 season, the New York Giants opened against the Phillies following a heavy snowstorm. In preparation for the game, groundskeepers were forced to shovel large drifts of snow onto the outer edges of the field in foul territory. After falling behind 3-0, the disappointed fans at the Polo Grounds began hurling snowballs onto the playing field, disrupting play. As the melee progressed, chaos ensued and fans began rushing onto the field to continue the snowball fight. After being pelted, Home plate umpire Bill Klem had enough and called a forfeit in favor of the Phillies. Statistically speaking, how important is Opening Day to a team in regards to a championship season? The answer is not that much.

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The record for most consecutive Opening Day wins by a team is nine, shared by the St. Louis Browns, Cincinnati Reds and New York Mets. Still every fan looks forward to starting off the season with a win.

At the plate, Hall of Fame outfielder Frank Robinson, future Hall of Fame outfielder Ken Griffey, Jr. and 2x All-Star Adam Dunn (all Cincinnati Reds players), each hit eight career/record setting home runs on the first day of the season, while Willie Mays and Eddie Mathews each belted seven Opening Day round-trippers.

Above all others Walter Johnson was perhaps the greatest ballplayer ever to don a uniform on Opening Day. In fourteen season openers for the Washington Senators, Johnson hurled a record nine shutouts with a nine and five (9-5) overall record. His two most famous starts include a 3-0 masterpiece against the A's in 1910 and a 1-0 marathon victory while battling fifteen innings against Philadelphia's Eddie Rommel.

Hall of Fame pitcher Early Wynn, who played for the Washington Senators, Cleveland Indians and Chicago White Sox, summed up the essence of Opening Day when he said, "An opener is not like any other game. There's that little extra excitement, a faster beating of the heart. You have that anxiety to get off to a good start, for yourself and for the team. You know that when you win the first one, you can't lose 'em all."

Regardless of the outcome, Opening Day still remains as the number one date in the hearts, minds (and on the calendars) of baseball fans everywhere. The official countdown begins after the last pitch of the World Series when we can't wait to hear those two magic words again, "Play Ball!"

Just a few baseball related quotes:

People ask me what I do in winter when there's no baseball. I'll tell you what I do. I stare out the window and wait for spring. (*Rogers Hornsby*)

"If it wasn't for baseball, I'd be in either the penitentiary or the cemetery." (*Babe Ruth*)

Baseball is the only field of endeavor where a man can succeed three times out of ten and be considered a good performer. (*Ted Williams*)

Playing baseball for a living is like having a license to steal. (*Pete Rose*)

Baseball, it is said, is only a game. True. And the Grand Canyon is only a hole in Arizona. (*Columnist George Will*)

If it weren't for baseball, many kids wouldn't know what a millionaire looked like. (*Phyllis Diller*)

A hot dog at the ballgame beats roast beef at the Ritz. (*Humphrey Bogart*)

You gotta be a man to play baseball for a living, but you gotta have a lot of little boy in you, too. (*Roy Campanella*)

Ninety percent of this game is half mental. (*Yogi Berra*)

~Mike

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The first sign of spring in your yard may be a purple crocus bloom trying to push its way up through the snow. Then a song “cheero, cheero” from an orange breasted robin, helping himself to the berries on your hawthorn bush.

Later, when the snow has melted, you can watch a flock of robins in the yard, standing still with one side of their head tilted toward the ground, listening for earth worms. If the worm sticks its head up through the soil, the robin will grab the tasty worm for its first meal of protein.

With a robin couple, the female builds a cup-like nest with mud as its foundation and then lines it with bits of grasses, twigs, and other soft material. While the mail robin, Patty, sings his spring song to entertain his mate, Pam. Their favorite shelter for building a nest is a blooming crabapple tree. Pam typically lays four bright blue eggs and incubates or sits on the eggs for two weeks, till the eggs hatch.

One morning there was peeping under Robin Pam. Full of happiness, she whistled to Patty and he flew quickly to the nest to see his new little boy robins, Dee and Don, and two little girl robins, Jill and Jan.

Father Patty and mother Pam robin were now very busy for the next several weeks, feeding their new family.

So . . . step outside. . . . listen to all the robins singing when it’s spring-time in Englewood!

~Alice



Spring is on its Way

Bright little yellow, purple, and white crocus peek through the snow
announcing spring is on its way.

Early arrivals for summer, robins brave the cold weather and
brighten the day with their cheerful song and red-brown breasts.

On a nearby pond—tiny fluff ball mallard ducklings trail in line
behind their mother to the water’s edge for a morning swim.

Bare crabapple and pear trees, deep in winter slumber,
are slowly awakened by warmer days and prepare to dress for Spring.

If the robin’s song could be written in words I’m sure it would read this way:

“Cold, bitter winds will soon be gone and sunshine will warm each day.
Winter is taking her final bow, and spring is on its way.”

~by Alice’s daughter, Susan



Quick GBV Notes:

- Bids are currently being taken to cut down 4 more Ash Bore Destroyed Trees in the Community (ones in front of Cottage 304, 306, Corner near cottage 401 and 402).
- Looking to repair and reseal the drive in front of Cottages 1 through 6 along with the parking lot in front of the Health Care Center. Once we have a date that this will take place, we will inform all those who will be immediately inconvenienced by this 2 to 3 day project.
- New GBV Front Sign is in the process of being made and should be installed in April or May. Speed Limit signs have been ordered and will be placed as you enter GBV.
- With Spring being here, we are in the process of scheduling our annual outside cottage window washing along with putting down new mulch.
- If you have volunteered at GBV in any way, we would like to honor you and show our appreciation. Please mark your calendars for April 13 at Noon for our Annual Volunteer Banquet. Invitations were recently mailed out.

Resident Village Council

- Thank you to out-going Village Board Members James and Dave for your great service on the Village Council Board.
- Special thank you to Joann who served as the Board Chairperson for the last 3 years. We are very glad that you will be still serving on this Board as a Member for years to come.
- Welcome to new Chairperson and new Board Member Marjorie. Thank you for volunteering your time and talents to this very important Board.
- *Please see the Attached Questions and Answers from the Town Hall Meeting from March 2nd.*

~Mike

From the Desk of the Chaplain

The youth at a church in Southern California went on a mountain-climbing excursion, along with their youth leader. While taking in the breathtaking sights, however, the leader realized he had lost the trail. A heavy snowfall had completely covered the path, and he didn't have a clue where they were or how they could get back to the main camp. Sundown was not far away, and they were not equipped to spend the night on the craggy, windblown slopes where the temperature would soon drop even lower.

While trudging through the snow, entertaining thoughts just this side of panic, they suddenly heard someone on the slopes above them yell down: "Hey, the trail is up here!" They glanced up and to their relief saw another climber in the distance. Without hesitation, they began to make their way up to the large boulder where the man was sitting. The climb was exhausting, but their relief in finding the way gave their adrenaline a rush. Finally, they arrived. . . but to their surprise the man who had yelled at them was nowhere to be found. Furthermore, there were no traces in the snow that anyone had been sitting on the boulder, nor were there footprints around the rock. The trail, however, stretched out before them, leading them to safety. The boys not only learned a valuable lesson about the wilderness but also firmed up their belief in encountering "angels without knowing it."

~Chaplain Dick

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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 @ 1-937-
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



Don't forget that every Tuesday be-
tween 10-4 is our open Book Club in
the Community Room.

You may bring a book to donate and
take a book to read!

"Age is an issue of mind over matter.
If you don't mind, it doesn't matter."

~Mark Twain

**God cares
about every
little bitty,
teeny tiny,
itsy bitsy
thing in your day.**

Diabetes Support Group

This support group meets on the
2nd Thursday of each month. We
are cancelling for the month of
April due to our Volunteer Lunch-
eon that is scheduled for April
13th @ noon.
Join us in May!
Any questions about the group?
Call Jim

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