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A Christmas Wish—Author Unknown

May you, wherever you are in this golden hour, know joy.

May your hearthfire be surrounded with those near and dear to you.

May the happiness of your children re-echo the gladness Heaven sent forth
in the time of the Miracle of Bethlehem.

May the faith the humble shepherd found in the starlit stable
be yours in fullest measure.

May you gather together in a bright bouquet love, charity, and tranquility of spirit,
for he who possesses these holds the key to riches beyond measure.

May all your dreams in this splendid hour reach fulfillment.

And may all the paths you walk be lighted with peace,
not only today, but in all the days of the year to come.



Monthly Event

<u>DEC 5</u>	<u>CHENANIAH GOSPEL HOUR</u>	<u>2:30 P.M.</u>
<u>DEC 5</u>	<u>DAYTON CELEBRATION CHORUS</u>	<u>7:00 P.M.</u>
<u>DEC 7</u>	<u>RESIDENTS CHRISTMAS PARTY</u>	<u>2:30 P.M.</u>
<u>DEC 8</u>	<u>TRILL SEEKERS—FLUTE ENSEMBLE</u>	<u>2:00 P.M.</u>
<u>DEC 10</u>	<u>PIANO RECITAL—COMMUNITY ROOM</u>	<u>3:00 P.M.</u>
<u>DEC 12</u>	<u>ENGLEWOOD CIVIC BAND CHRISTMAS</u>	<u>7:30 P.M.</u>
<u>DEC 15</u>	<u>DR. SWAGERTY PRESENTATION</u>	<u>2:00 P.M.</u>
<u>DEC 19</u>	<u>FAMILY NIGHT—JIM ROBINSON</u>	<u>7:00 P.M.</u>
<u>DEC 21</u>	<u>PIANO RECITAL—COMMUNITY ROOM</u>	<u>2:30 P.M.</u>

Weekly Events

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



Just a Reminder: Don't forget the Resident Christmas party on Thursday, December 7th @ 2:30 P.M. Bring your gift and ornament over on that day. Thanks for helping us to make the residents' Christmas brighter! We really appreciate it!

Julie has contacted the Dayton Public Library about coming back to serve us. The library will be setting up in the Community Room on Thursdays beginning in January, 2018. Their first visit is scheduled for Thursday, January 11th. You may check out books from 10:00—11:00 A.M. If you would need or desire to have books delivered to your cottage, Julie has a form for you showing what type of reading material you enjoy. They have scheduled with us for the entire year, however, we will see what your response is in order to continue this service.



Special Presentation by Dr. Daniel Swagerty, Jr., M.D., M.P.H.

We have a phenomenal speaker coming to GBV on December 15th @ 2:00—3:00 P.M. in the Community Room. Dr. Swagerty is the Professor and Chair of the Department of Geriatrics at Wright State University. The title of his talk is: "No Matter Your Age".

This is not just another talk about leading a healthy lifestyle. He will be talking about our mental attitude at all ages! ~Please RSVP to the Business Office!~



DEC. 7	MARIAN
DEC. 8	THEO
DEC. 11	CHUCK
DEC. 15	WILMA
DEC. 26	SUE
DEC. 26	MARILYN
DEC. 28	SUE
DEC. 29	BETTY
DEC. 31	JUDY

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

DEC. 8	DEO & THEO
DEC. 28	DICK & BETTY



This being my last Mike's Moments, I write it with very sad emotions. It is very shocking to me that over 13 and a half years have passed since I started as the Assistant Administrator at GBV. During that time, there has been a lot of change but what has remained constant is everyone's love for GBV. I share this same love for GBV and GBV will always be a BIG part of my life.

I have always said that GBV is a very special place. What makes it so special is not the buildings, policies that we operate under or even the great leadership here (i.e. the Board not me); what makes it so special is everyone that lives here and works here. It has been my privilege to have gotten to know some of the greatest people in my life while being here. I cannot thank each of you enough for your support and encouragement over our many years here together.

Even though I am very sad to be leaving this great community that is such a big part of my life, I am comforted by the fact that the second part of what makes GBV such a special place is still here; the staff. Not is the staff here some of the hardest and most compassionate people it has been my pleasure to have worked with, but they are just some of the greatest people I have ever known. I have always said that if I am not here, things will still be great because the staff here is just that exceptional.

I will stop boring you with my sappy sentimentalities. Yes, it is sad that I will no longer be 'officially' connected to GBV., but since God's Hand is on GBV, GBV will continue to be in the greatest of hands. Because of this, the future is very bright for GBV. I know this to be true because our Board has ALWAYS followed the Will of our Lord. I am very confident that the person that fills my position will be the right person to guide GBV into a very special future.

Again, I cannot thank each and every one of you enough for the blessed 13.5 years I have been at GBV. I consider my time at GBV to be one of the greatest blessings of my life. I thank God very often for bringing me here to serve you. I will continue to pray for each of you, the staff, the leadership and GBV in general.

~I want to take this opportunity to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!~

Now for some quick and less 'mushy' notes:

- Bruce
- Thank you everyone for your participation in the Community-Wide Disaster Exercise (Chaos and the Day After). This exercise proved to be very successful and because of it, GBV will continue to be a future distribution/emergency site for Montgomery County Public Health Emergency Services.

As I mentioned at the last carry-in in November, despite big increases in expenses, thanks to our great occupancy rate in the cottages, we are able to spread those costs out to more people.

- Because of that, we are able to hold our annual increase to a very low 2% (\$11-\$13 a month depending on the size of the cottage). This increase will be effective 1/1/2018.
- The Nursing Home costs will be going up around 3% per day (\$9.00/day).
- Barber and Beauty Shop will have some minor increases. Also effective 1/1/2018.
- The only other increase for the Cottages is Transportation. Due to NEVER having a cost increase for our Transportation and due to over-all transportation costs going up, we find it necessary to increase our transportation by \$15 per trip (i.e. a trip equals the drive to a medical appointment AND back to GBV).
- Also concerning our Transportation Program: This service is only for Medical Transportation. If you need transportation of Medical Services, it needs to be scheduled well in advance (1 week ahead of time if at all possible). Also, because it is for Medical Transportation purposes, we will transfer you in a wheelchair for your safety and the safety of our drives. If you need transportation of any other purpose other than Medical Transportation, please contact our volunteer who drives on every Monday.
- Annual Nursing Home Resident Christmas Party that is hosted by the Cottage Residents is December 7 at 2:30 P. M.
- Included in this newsletter is a message from the Board that the Chairman (Bruce McKenzie) ask to be published for you.

The Board of Trustees of Grace Brethren Village would like to recognize Mike Montgomery for his hard work, dedication and service for making Grace Brethren Village what it is today.

For more than a decade, Mike has devoted his time and efforts in building the Village as a place where many have called home. His energy and commitment to the role will be difficult to match, but he leaves GBV on solid ground for those who follow him.

On behalf of the Board, we take this opportunity to thank Mike for his work, devotion and leadership for what he has accomplished while guiding GBV to a great future. We as a Board are steadfast to ensuring the residents, cottagers and staff with a smooth transition and will work diligently in moving forward with what the founding partners envisioned by "**Adding Life to Years**". We wish Mike the very best in his future endeavors and will seek guidance from the Lord as we move to the next chapter in the history of Grace Brethren Village.

Sincerely,
the Grace Brethren Village Board of Trustees



Cottage Residents:

**Please check your mailbox at the Business Office
for your increase letter
re: 2018 rates**

**If your monthly statements are mailed to you,
you will receive your increase letter through the mail.**

'Twas Christmas eve and I was slowly walking around our family house, checking the Christmas decorations. My son, Terry, was sitting on the floor near our pretty Christmas tree, playing with some toy blocks. He looked up and asked, "Mom, will Santa Claus bring me a toy fire engine for Christmas?"



I answered, "your Father is a Dayton Fireman. He is in our office now talking with a salesman who sells big fire engines."

"I am ready to take them some coffee and some of my homemade Christmas cookies so come along with me." As we went to the office, Andy, the salesman said, "Hello, Alice and Terry." He hurried to gather up his papers and get them back in his briefcase so there would be space for my coffee and cookies.

Bob helped pour the coffee and pass the cookies. Andy sipped his coffee and took a bite of Christmas cookie. "Yum, your cookies are so good" he said. I handed him a small sack of cookies and said, "Merry Christmas."

Bob walked Andy out to his car where Andy put away his briefcase. Then he opened the back car door and said to Bob, "There is your box. Let me help you get it in your pickup truck." Then the men shook hands and Andy drove away.

Back in the kitchen, Terry and Bob and myself enjoyed a supper of pizza, drinks and my cookies. After supper, Bob put Terry to bed while I cleaned the kitchen. Bob came back and said, "Alice, I have a very big box in this truck. Could you try to help me get it out and in this house?" Well, we pushed and pulled till the mystery box was setting by our Christmas tree.

Two very tired parents then went to bed. The only sound was snoring!

On Christmas morning, I was coaxing Terry to eat his cereal. "Please, Daddy, may we see what is in the big box?" Terry asked. "Oh, come on." said Bob. And they all went in by the big box. Bob pulled the box apart, revealing a big red toy fire engine. Terry said softly, "Thank you, Daddy."



- Merry Christmas, everyone! From Alice

Cottage Resident Up-Dates:

Ann is living in Cottage. Their phone number is: xxx-xxxx. Due to their move-in and the Grace Note publication for November, Ann's birthday was missed on November 4th. We hope that your special day was a happy one!

Em and Martha in Cottage # have a new phone number:

~Just see the Business Office if you need an updated directory~

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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!**

**Attached to this publication of
Grace Notes is the last cottage resi-
dent profile that we have received. If
you desire for yours to be included,
ask the Business Office for a form.**

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**Who is Santa's favorite
singer?**
~Elf-is Presley

**What do you call a
snowman
on rollerblades?**
~A snowmobile



Water Volunteers Still Needed!

**The nursing center is still in need
of people to pass out ice water to
our residents. This takes about
one hour in the morning and it re-
ally helps out our nursing aides!**

**If you are interested in assisting in
this way, please call Marilyn.**