

Words of Worth

Worth Hartman, Chaplain

“Using Our Gifts for the Community Good”

I've been thinking a lot about gifts lately. No, I am not all worked up about Christmas and writing up my gifts list. I am thinking more about spiritual gifts; qualities of spirit, personality, abilities, talents, skills with which God has endowed each one of us. God asks us to recognize these gifts are bestowed by God and to nurture them, develop them and use them in ministry and service. Can you name some gifts that you see active in friends, family, or fellow villagers? What are the gifts God has given you? The apostle Paul mentions gifts of service, teaching, encouragement, giving, leadership, mercy, wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, discernment, helps, administration, interpretation, and hospitality. There are many more gifts we could name and we see expressed in ourselves and those around us.

Already some of you may be saying, “Who me? Spiritual gifts? You must be thinking of someone else. We look around the village and think of the person who speaks so well, the leader, the wiser, smarter, prettier, or more organized one. We are reluctant to claim the treasure the good Lord has placed within each of us. We say, “Not me but over there is where God deposited God’s spiritual gifts.” Yes you. I repeat, **“Recognize the spiritual gifts with which God has endowed each one of us.”** The apostle Paul said it this way, “God’s various gifts are handed out everywhere...Each person is given something to do that shows who God is. Everyone gets in on it, everyone benefits. All kinds of things are handed out by the Spirit, and to all kinds of people. The variety is wonderful...” (I Corinthians 12:4-7) There are a number of ways we try to deny our gifts. We may say, “Whatever gifts I may of had left me at age 65.” Yes, with age, our gifts may change or physical limitations may affect how, when and where we use our gifts. I assure you the spiritual gifts given by God’s Holy Spirit have no age limit. You have a calling, a ministry, and gifts to offer others no

matter how old you are. God can use age and limitations for our growth. Even in our faults, shortcomings and failures God can show us new gifts and strengths or allow an occasion for someone else to use their gifts for our help and comfort. Our gospel story is the parable of the talents. (Matthew 25:14-30). A master goes on a long journey and entrusts three servants each with a bunch of money (talents). When he returns the first two servants have doubled his money but the third one has buried his money. The third servant acts out of fear. He is afraid to risk. He plays it safe and won't trust. He sees the master as harsh and vindictive. Can you relate to that? Does fear hold you back from claiming and using your gifts? Do you carry fear of failure, fear of rejection, fear of disapproval, or fear that if you look too closely you will find no gifts inside yourself?

Another way to deny our gifts is through envy and jealousy. We see someone else using their gifts powerfully and we say, “I want their gift.” We doubt that we have anything to compare. Any gifts we may have don't count. We may secretly want the gifted one to fail. Jealousy and envy make the other person all important. Their successes, gifts and achievements loom large and we belittle ourselves. As long as we spend our energy making others the perfect, talented, gifted, together people we are not, we will never discover and bring to fruition our own gifts. Jealousy and envy are symptoms of our own lack of self-worth and our unwillingness to value our own unique gifts and personhood. I have entitled this meditation “Using Our Gifts for the Community Good”. Gifts are intended to be shared. They are given to build up the community. Gifts are drawn out of us to meet the communities' needs. Using our God given gifts will make us happier, more whole and more in tune with God's will but they will also benefit others and our community as a whole. We have a beautiful model here at WVN where we can discover new gifts, offer those gifts to others and help our village thrive. Even in these days of COVID I am seeing gifts of creativity, humor, communication, prayer, and learning flourish. I pray God guide us as we discover and share our gifts, offering them for the health of our community.

Vespers link:
<https://youtu.be/046DEHBA9kE>

In Memory

Ellen Magnum

Please keep her family in and friends in your thoughts and prayers.

Pauline and Norman Nixon Celebrate 75th Anniversary

Pauline and Norman met on the campus of Engine Repair School on Brookley Field, Mobile, AL. Norman was drafted into the Army Basic Training school at Camp Blanding, FL. Pauline worked on the assembly lines at Brookey Field. They day the war ended women were told they were no longer needed on the lines and to “go home and be housewives again!” At the end of basic training, Norm got a one week leave so hey went to New Orleans to be married, November 20, 1945.



Norm boarded a troop train in Atlanta for arrival in Baltimore, for a troop ship to Bremerhaven, Germany. There he boarded a “48 box car” that the Nazi's had used to move the Jewish Refugees to the prison camps. He arrived at an MP Training Camp in a castle at BAD TOLZ, Germany, Christmas Day, 1945. He served one year an MP at the War Crimes trials in Nuremberg. During this year, Pauline worked as a nurse's assistant at Bryce Hospital in Tuscaloosa, AL.



Pauline and Norm eventually moved to Indianapolis where Norm became a Chief Engineer at WTHR/Channel 13. They raised two daughters and two sons in the house they live in for 63 years near Ft. Benjamin Harrison. When asked the secret to their happy marriage, Pauline said, “Honey, we have not had controversy and we just lived our lives.” What a wonderful and sweet message to us all.

Their family had planned a huge celebration for their anniversary, which of course, had to be cancelled due to COVID-19. Let's all wish them the happiest 75th Anniversary!



Westminster Village North

Around the Village

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Welcome to the Village Pat Ertel!

Nancy Russell

Patricia "Pat" Ertel has taken up residency at 6252 Whitewater Drive. She spent her early childhood in Coshocton, OH and graduated high school in Georgetown, a small town near Cincinnati. After attending business school Pat spent the next four years as an administrative secretary at the University of Cincinnati.



During the ten years that followed she devoted her time to raising two daughters and one son, and she was a consummate volunteer at the schools her children were attending. Pat was such a good fit in the school system that when her children were older, she was given a paid position as an instructional aide in math and reading.

Those three children who live here locally have blessed Pat with six grandchildren - three in or post-college and three still in regular school. "My children and grandchildren are my life," she says as she fondly remembers going on a Disney cruise with a grandson who is now a graduate of the University of Cincinnati.

Pat has also been in the antique business and loves to rummage around flea markets to discover hidden treasure. To add to the diversity of her talents she, at one

time, managed a large apartment complex of over 200 units. And then, she culminated her work experience managing a dental office. Wow! This is a multi-talented lady!

Pat lived in Greenwood, IN for 11 years and then moved to our downtown's historic district, Chatham Arch, near Mass. Ave where she stayed 2 1/2 years. It was there that she heard about Westminster. She shared her thoughts of living here with her children, and they enthusiastically "got on board." Our Laura Roman worked patiently, expertly, and compassionately with the family - the rest is history. All of the family are quite fond of Laura, and the feeling is mutual.

Since gardening is one of Pat's passions, the former home of Barbara Wood is the perfect setting for her at Westminster. She delights in seeing all of the perennials that Barbara so skillfully planted and can't wait until blooms appear this Spring. Pat loves to cook. Her Chatham Arch kitchen was so small it didn't allow her to express her culinary skills with her beloved children. She is planning a safe small family gathering for Thanksgiving Brunch. I could detect the excitement in her voice as she shared this with me over the phone.

Her friendship ambassador, Sara Impagliazzo has faithfully and safely "walked" with Pat and "introduced" Pat to the Village and its residents. Pat says, "Sara has been wonderful - I couldn't be happier here!"

Westminster, we have another winner!

I Am Angry!

Larimore Gutierrez-Wickett

I am so angry at Covid19! We are all aware of what the virus continues to do to all of us. Why complain? We are all in the same boat: frustration, anxiety, fear, loneliness and anger.

Is there anything positive I can count on? Yes. We can count our many blessings. The first is, we are loved.

Tough love. It takes courage and it is for our own good. Our leadership is tough. They are strong so we can feel safe.

The last sentence in a Covid-19 update last week: “We ask you to follow these same rules. Understand that staff who ask you to wear a mask or social distance, are just doing so because they care about you.”

What a blessing. That is tough. That is love. And now, Covid-19 — Get out of here!

Always be a little kinder than necessary!

IL Residents Want to Thank Mary and Donna, Phyllis & Jake Darling's Daughters, for the Cheerful Fall and Thanksgiving Cards!

A Week at a Glance... Health Center

Debbi Johnson

Please check with your activities staff for information on daily activities at this time.

Health & Fitness Tip

Kenzie England

When a person begins to age, naturally, your sense of thirst lessens. However, this does not mean you should stop drinking water, milk and 100% fruit juice. Our bodies still need these liquids to maintain a healthy lifestyle. Drinking plenty of water is very important for your body – hydration is key and as you age dehydration becomes more of a common problem. Try to drink water when you wake up then continue to have a cup of water to sip on throughout the day.

Something told the Wild Geese

Shared by Irene Yacko

Something told the wild geese
It was time to go.
Though the fields lay golden
Something whispered—"Snow."
Leaves were green and stirring,
Berries, luster-glossed,
But beneath warm feathers
Something cautioned, — "Frost."
All the aging orchards
Steamed with Amber spice,
But each wild breast stiffened
At remembered ice.
Something told the wild geese
It was time to fly, —
Summer sun was on their wings,
Winter in their cry.

On Thursday, November 12, WVN celebrated our 48th anniversary! Congrats to us all!

A Week at a Glance... Assisted Living

Jill Armantrout

Saturday, November 14

1:00 (1-3) Door to door: Daily chronicles, Mail, outdoor time as prescheduled

2:45 (2:45-4:45) Door to door: Daily chronicles/trivia, Mail, Art pack

Sunday, November 15

1:00 (1-3) YouTube Vespers
Available Devotions Distributed
Popcorn to your door

Monday, November 16

1:00 (1-4) Daily chronicles/mail delivery, bingo #'s distributed, Grocery delivery

Tuesday, November 17

1:00 (1-4) Door to door: Daily chronicles, ice cream, mail & bingo #'s distributed
5:30 (5:30-6:30) Well check calls

Wednesday, November 18

1:00 (1-4) Door to door: Daily chronicles, crafts /art project, mail & bingo #'s distributed

Thursday, November 19

1:00 (1-4) Door to door: Daily chronicles, cook's corner snack, reminisce, mail & bingo #'s distributed
5:30 (5:30-6:30) Well check calls

Friday, November 20

10:00 *Grocery Orders due
1:00 (1-3) Door to door: Daily chronicles, printed devotions, travel club, bingo prizes
3:00 (3-4) Door to door
Mocktails/cocktails

We will be celebrating Thanksgiving with a traditional dinner of turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes and green beans for the noon meal. A boxed lunch will be delivered for dinner.

Happy 100th Birthday November 23 To Betty Brilmyer!



Social Hall Construction Update

Bill Lord

Saturday morning was the most visually active time yet as the concrete was poured for the entire main floor of the new Social Hall. On



Sunday morning you could see that it even had some floor design in the concrete. Now work will be easily visible until the walls are being constructed which will again block your outside vision of work being done. Since then perimeter detail work is being done as well as the fill for the porch.



Bargain Auction Items

Items 11-21 can be found on your digital screens, or YouTube link: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDIrOZWt3VZKw_XsNCw03cg as well as on the Touchtown Community app under photos for IL residents. Bidding begins 9:00 am 11/13 and ends at noon on 11/18. Call Laurie at extension 1053 or email lwilson@westminstervillage.com with your bid.

Resident Council Response

Jackie Brewer

Assisted Living Listings - Jackie will work on a separate phone listing for assisted living residents as their names, pictures and other information are not part of Touchtown. The phone listing will only include their names, apartment numbers and extensions, no pictures. Touchtown services only includes independent residents as the Touchtown app system could not separate independent, assisted living and health center residents and everyone would receive only independent information. The other areas do have the digital signs that gives them information specific to where they live.

WIFI Status. First, let me explain the cottage and duplexes. All cottages and duplexes include basic cable tv and any additions to their cable TV system such as HBO, Sports Channels, or other channels considered "extra" are not included and resident(s) enter a contract with their cable provider and resident(s) pay for this extra service. This includes Internet services and WIFI services for their individual home. WIFI service in the **campus buildings** is widely available for residents use. Second, WIFI service is being upgraded in Tamarack building only, at this time. We are adding additional WIFI access points that will increase the areas of WIFI coverage in Tamarack apartments. This will not affect the cottage or duplex homes or the other buildings on campus. Correction to the minutes: We did not sign a contract with AT&T for this upgrade. The upgrade is being completed by StructurePoint (Daniel) and our telephone vendor Triumph Communication. The access points have been delivered and programmed. Triumph will be installing new fiber cable and the access points. We hope this will be completed in about 3 weeks as installing the fiber cable is not easy and will take a while to complete.

Newspaper Delivery

Recently, there has been an issue with newspaper delivery. This is a work in progress as new staff is in training and your patience is appreciated. If you do not receive your newspaper please call: SATURDAY and SUNDAY – Dial 0 for the receptionist and she will notify maintenance. MONDAY – FRIDAY – Dial 2200 for Sharon. Leave a message if she is not at her desk.

Important Recycling Info

Just when you think you know the rules of recycling, something throws you for a loop. This week we were notified that someone had put a bag of cans in the dumpster for recycling. That was fine—EXCEPT the bag! Apparently plastic does not include plastic bags. Therefore please do not collect your recyclables in a plastic bag and then throw all in the dumpster.



One plastic bag in the dumpster this week made the entire contents trash and unrecyclable! Seriously. On top of that, we had to pay an extra fee for an extra trash load. They have provided the picture below for your benefit...and plastic means jugs, not plastic bags. Now you know.



A Week at a Glance... Independent Living

Laurie Wilson

The Carmel Symphony Orchestra is hosting a Live Stream Concert, Saturday November 14th at 7:30 pm. This is available for \$20 a computer. Please contact the Box Office - 317-843-3800 for tickets.

If you were unable to see the livestream Wounded Warriors Project event featuring Betty Raymer, you can find it on YouTube at: https://www.youtube.com/embed/PHSR1AbaN_0 or on the Touchtown app under photos.



Did you know?

Bugs Bunny Is An Honorary Member Of The US Marines. During *Super Rabbit*, of his many WW2 propaganda shorts, Bugs Bunny appears to be wearing the dress blues of the US Marines. Because of this, the Marines named him an honorary Marine Master Sergeant.

