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The Resident Workshop Turns 10

A decade ago, the dream of an on-campus Workshop was just that, A DREAM. Spearheaded by a committee of Residents, Team Members and potential residents, plans for the Workshop began in November 2001 with an official groundbreaking in April 2003, making the dream a reality.

The building layout was done by Harold Diffenderfer, Norm Kreider, Jim Queer and Marty Witman. Serving on the planning committee were Brian Black, Harold Diffenderfer, Marjorie Donnelley, Todd English, Galen Miley, William Snavely, Joanne Stehr, Caleb Wenger, Scott Wissler and Dr. Charles Wolfe. On June 18 Workshop construction began.

In 2003 Dr. Charles Pratt was quoted as saying, "A complete woodworking and craft shop would be an excellent therapeutic and creative facility for all Brethren Village Residents. It would be a perfect outlet for those interested in utilizing their skills to create various crafts."

The goal was to construct the Workshop 100% through donated funds, labor and equipment. BV Team Members, Board Members and Residents came

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Galen Miley and Dr. Charles Wolfe construct hymnal racks for the Akron Church of the Brethren

together to raise funds for the building project, including a 1,000-mile bike ride encompassing the perimeter of PA. They raised an impressive \$172,855 of the \$210,364 total cost to build the Workshop. Doors were salvaged from Founders Hall, covered with formica and used for work tables. Beds were later used for the base of work tables. Tools and equipment were donated by Residents and the lumber came from a variety of campus resources. Residents were not shy about taking items from the trash, earning themselves the affectionate nickname: "Dumpster Divers."

Work continued through December 2003 in preparation for the opening of the shop to Residents on January 7, 2004.

A dedication and recognition ceremony officially opened the shop on April 30, 2004.

The Workshop handles a large variety of projects from replacing a missing screw, to chair caning, to building a piece from scratch. A few special projects stand out for the Residents. A cherry tree that was cut down on campus became lumber for a 1700-era grandfather clock constructed by Dr. Wolfe for auction at the 2006 BBQ event. The clock took 300 man-hours to create and was sold at the auction for \$6,600. The winning bidder donated the clock back to Brethren Village and it now stands proudly in the vestibule of Village Center.

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Blue to You!

BV Resident Adrian Visbeen gave the Village a facelift when he painted all 28 fire hydrants blue. The blue color signals to fire officials that the hydrants are privately owned. That is, BV pays for the water that comes out of them, not Lancaster City. The project took Adrian, a BV resident for the past seven years, about 40 hours to complete. "Walking around campus I was tired of seeing the faded hydrants. I have time on my hands, so I asked Facilities if I could paint them. They supplied the paint and I got to work," Adrian says. The newly painted hydrants generated buzz across campus as Residents noticed the color change. "People definitely noticed the hydrants had been painted and wondered why they are now blue," said Gary Gaisert,

BV Facilities Director. "This project also allowed us to assess the safety and integrity of the hydrants and we found some things that needed to be repaired," Gaisert adds, "we also added reflectors to the hydrants which will help the Manheim Township Fire Rescue locate them if an emergency were to happen at night."

"Manheim Township Fire Rescue is very appreciative of the work Mr. Visbeen did on this project. Keeping the hydrant system on the BV campus in working order, and making the hydrants more visible for our personnel, will only serve to enhance the safety of all Residents and visitors on the BV campus," said Rick Kane, Fire Chief. "We are proud of the work Adrian did to enhance the safety of Village Residents," said Gaisert.



BV Resident Adrian Visbeen (kneeling, painting), gets support from Rick Kane of the Manheim Township Fire Department.



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Enriching each life touched by our ministry at Brethren Village.

Our Mission
Rooted in the tradition of service within the Church of the Brethren, the mission of Brethren Village is to provide a continuum of services and Christ-like care to support the aging process and to enhance the spiritual, physical, social and emotional wholeness of Residents, Team Members, and community.

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Wilbur G. Rohrer Named Director Emeritus

After faithfully serving the Board of Directors of Brethren Village for 34 years, Wilbur G. Rohrer was recently appointed Director Emeritus. Wilbur was elected to the board in 1978 and completed his tenure in December 2012.

During his many years of service, Wilbur served the Village's Board of Directors as Treasurer, Chair of the Finance Committee and a member of the Executive Committee. Wilbur has always been a strong advocate for the highest quality of life for Residents who call BV their home. During



his tenure, he has displayed leadership at the very highest level, always humble, always giving and always raising the bar.

Wilbur is President and CEO of Rohrer's Quarry and is also a Board Member of PA Aggregates and Concrete Association. He places a high regard on giving back to the local community, not only serving on the BV Board of Directors, but also as an active member of the pastoral team at Middle Creek Church of the Brethren. In his free time, Wilbur enjoys spending time with his wife, Judy, and their 17 grandchildren.

Humor + Effective Caregiving: The Importance of Giving Yourself Permission to Laugh

Tuesday, September 24th at 6:00 p.m.

You already have a great tool for caregiving — your sense of humor.

Come meet Dr. Paul McGhee, author of 15 books about the importance of humor in coping with life's ups and downs. Paul will share his special insights on how to take care of yourself in order to be a better caregiver, including excerpts from his "Humor Training Program," which has

proven to be effective for caregivers all over the world.

Plus, the first 25 people to register will receive a free, autographed copy of Dr. McGhee's *Humor: The Lighter Path to Resilience and Health*.

Enter at the main entrance and follow signs to the Welcome Center/Wolfe Auditorium. Space is limited, please visit www.bv.org to register.

BV's First-Ever Iron Chef Competition

BV held its own version of the Food Network's popular Iron Chef Competition, with two teams battling for bragging rights. The teams were led by Chefs' Jeanne Greenig and James Carr. They faced off in Wolfe Auditorium for a cooking competition that Residents and Team Members won't soon forget.



BV Chefs Jeanne Greenig and James Carr face off during the Iron Chef Competition.

Bim Miller, BV's Dining Services Director, hosted the event with Kathy Kuhns, Hospitality Manager. They unveiled the secret ingredient: local farm-fresh produce and organic, free-range chicken! The teams had a limited amount of time to incorporate the secret ingredients into an appetizer, entrée, and dessert which was presented to a panel of judges that included President John Snader, VP of Health Services Dave Rayha, and several Residents. After three nail-biting rounds of quick cooking, creative presentations and tantalizing tastes, James edged out friendly rival Jeanne to win the competition. "This was so fun and such a great idea, I really enjoyed myself," said a Resident who attended the event.

BV's Education Committee Seeks Presenters

The Education Committee, formed in April of this year to bring more educational programming to the Residents of Brethren Village, are looking for presenters, programs and possible bus trip opportunities which feature topics ranging from local history to computers. If you are a retired professor or professional and would like to give a presentation on a specific topic, please contact Kelly Collier, Resident Activities Coordinator, at 717-581-4470 or kcollier@bv.org.



Don't Let "Later" Become "Too Late"

Chuck Few, Planned Giving Counselor, Brethren Village

Here's my "honey-do" list for today: Two doctors' appointments. Get the car's front-end aligned and headlamp replaced. Pick up birthday cards. And, if it doesn't rain, mow the grass.

For years I've heard retired folks say they are so busy they don't know how they had time to go to work! Well, I'm now working part-time, not full-time, but, even with my much more flexible schedule, the clock keeps on running and things still need to get done. Obviously, some things are priorities while others are not. Beware, though. A lot of unwanted "excitement" can enter your life in short order if you don't take care of the important items.

As a long-time trust officer and CFP®, of special concern to me are people who tell me they need to update their wills or trusts or powers-of-attorney. Yet I often hear, "I just haven't gotten around to it yet." I could write volumes about the disasters outdated documents can cause. Personal wishes don't get carried out, assets go to unintended places and estate settlement costs become far more expensive than necessary. Things get complicated, expensive and, often, very emotional.

From time to time, new laws may need to be addressed, but, usually it is changes in someone's health or personal objectives that create the need to update. Please don't push them aside until later and please don't wait until something scares you into action. Later can become too late in the blink of an eye.

What to do? Review personal documents every year or so or any time there are major changes in your life or in your wishes. Consult with trusted family, friends and professionals if need be. Ask for their thoughts and ideas.

Remember: Changes in legal documents should be done by an attorney. Adding or deleting things yourself often may not be honored by the courts. Attorney costs to review and change documents are rarely exorbitant and the peace of mind is well worth any effort or fees.

If your personal documents need to be updated, I can help get the process started. Give me a call, let's talk.

Chuck

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Some of the Holy Walk-amolies walking group set off on their walk around campus.

Holy Walk-amoly, do you love to walk?

The Holy Walk-amolies walking group meets Tuesdays at 8AM in the Welcome Center for a 30-40 minute walk around campus, led by Wellness Team Member Bekah Roland. Once a month, the group goes off campus for breakfast and a walk at a local park or trail. The group currently has eight regular members and would love for more to join. Residents and Team Members are invited to join the walkers any Tuesday morning they are able.

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They have taken on projects both on and off campus such as 137 wooden shelves constructed for the door alcoves of Fieldcrest West Residents, and new hymnal racks made for the Akron Church of the Brethren.

Of course, not all projects taken on by the Workshop are massive undertakings. Not long ago, a Resident brought an old rocking chair to the Workshop that had been in her family for years. She said that it was beyond repair and was giving it to the Workshop. While talking to her, the Resident workers heard her fondly recount memories of the chair. When she left, work began to restore the chair. When the Resident saw her restored chair, she was beyond moved. The Resident workers love when their creative work means so much to people. While they are biding time, they're also restoring memories.



The Residents who run the Workshop decided long ago they would not charge customers for a project. They simply say they can give whatever they want to pay for the work that was done. The Workshop keeps a small amount of money for operating costs and donates the rest to the Good Samaritan Benevolent Care Fund. The workers are doing something creative with their time, and the funds generated from their projects go back to the Village. It all comes full-circle. Almost as impressive as their stewardship, is the amount they have given back. Since its inception, the Workshop has donated \$50,000 to the Good Samaritan Benevolent Care Fund!

Recently, the Workshop held a lumber cutting event. A portable saw mill was brought in and 40 volunteers helped trim, cut, stack and store massive logs that were cut down across campus for various reasons. Resident worker-volunteers have given countless hours of their time and expertise.

For those who enjoy working, thinking, planning, creating, working with their hands and minds, the Workshop presents opportunities and much pleasure. After all, they're here to *enjoy* their golden years!

Join us for our Annual Open Meeting

September 19, 2013, 7:00 PM in the Fieldcrest Great Room

There is no cost to attend, but reservations are required due to limited seating. Please RSVP to Glenda Knight (gknight@bv.org) by Sept. 12, 2013.

Directions: Enter BV campus from Route 501 at the light at Fieldcrest Drive, follow signs to event.



Register today for BV's Annual Golf Tourney!

Brethren Village's 23rd Annual Golf Tournament at Foxchase Golf Club will be held Sept. 12, 2013, rain or shine. The tournament includes an AM and PM scramble, with registration beginning at 6:30 AM and 12:30 PM. Registration fee includes greens fees, cart, meal and door prize ticket. Reservations for sponsorship opportunities are currently underway. To sponsor or register for this event, please contact Joanne Stehr, Director of Development, at (717) 581-4316 or joannes@bv.org.

BV Residents Win Medals at the Senior Games

2013 marked the 25th anniversary of the Lancaster Senior Games and BV Residents celebrated the event's silver anniversary by winning a total of 27 medals in 16 different events. A total of 34 BV Residents participated in this year's Senior Games, which had the highest attendance of any Senior Games event to date.

Gold medalists: Bill Culp, LaRue Helm (2), Larry Hodges and Carl Risser (2). Silver medalists: Shirley Brady (2), Lucy dePerrot, Tom Figart, LaRue Helm, Carl Herr, Bob & Beattie Kurtz, Karen Redner and Donald Zahn. Bronze medalists: Sally Bingaman, Shirley Brady (2), Bill Evans (2), LaRue Helm (2), Carl Herr, Larry Hodges, Harley Nygren (2) and Earl Redner.

Congratulations
to all of the BV medal winners!



Front row (l-r): Lucy dePerrot; LaRue Helm; Sally Bingaman; Shirley Brady; Beatrice (Beattie) Kurtz **Back row (l-r):** Carl Risser; Larry Hodges; Tom Figart; Bill Culp; Bill Evans; Harley Nygren; Bob Kurtz; Carl Herr
Not pictured: Don Zahn; Karen Redner; Earl Redner

Meet Judith Bollinger-Keeport, Auxiliary President

As BV Auxiliary President, Judith leads volunteers from Church of the Brethren congregations that serve the Village by organizing fundraisers such as the Holiday Bazaar & Cookie Sale and the Easter Candy Sale. The Auxiliary also receives income from the on-campus thrift and gift shops, village stores, craft groups, sponsorships and donations which fulfill their mission of supporting the Village. This year alone, the Auxiliary has pledged over \$125,000 to fund major campus projects and improvements. The Auxiliary members also visit new Residents, decorate for Christmas and host monthly birthday parties for the Residents.

Judith is a retired elementary school teacher, having taught first and second grade in the Ephrata Area School District. After retiring from teaching, she was the children's librarian at the Ephrata Public Library for several years and is now fully retired. Judith does volunteer work at the library and volunteers her time tutoring adults. Two years ago she married Harold Keeport. She and Harold reside in Ephrata, PA and enjoy walking, traveling, gardening, and visiting with friends and family. As a member of the Middle Creek Church of the Brethren, Judith enjoys singing in the choir and participating in church activities. She became familiar with Brethren Village when her parents moved to Oakwood House in 2006. As the Auxiliary Vice President for the past four years, Judith became more knowledgeable with all areas of the Village as she helped set up and take down the Christmas trees and decorations across campus and helped with birthday parties and the cookie and candy sales sponsored by the Auxiliary. As President, Judith hopes to become more involved in serving the Village in a variety of ways.



Calendar of Events

Sat/Oct 5 — Fall Love Feast with Host Conestoga COB in Wolfe Aud. at 6 PM

Sun/Oct 20 — Hymn Sing-along with Otis Kitchen and Jeanne Heck in the BV Chapel at 4 PM

Sun/Oct 27 — Remembrance Service in the BV Chapel at 3 PM

Sun/Nov 17 — BV Performing Arts presents Lebanon Valley College Musicians in Wolfe Aud. at 3 PM

Wed/Nov 27 — Thanksgiving Eve service in the BV Chapel at 2 PM

Wed/Dec 4 — Advent Communion in the BV Chapel at 2 PM

Tues/Dec 10 — BV Choir Christmas Concert in Wolfe Aud. at 7 PM

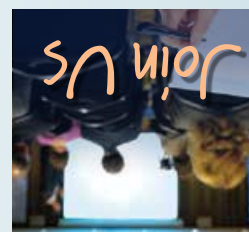
Tues/Dec 24 — Christmas Eve Service in the BV Chapel at 2 PM

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Harold & Rachel Kuhl, Fieldcrest, formerly of Ronks, PA

June 2013
Dorothy Wafel, Village Townhouse, formerly of Ephrata, PA
William Pierce, Jr., Village Townhouse, formerly of Zephyrhills, FL
Paul & Darlene Mattson, Oakwood House, formerly of Lancaster, PA
Eugene & Mary Pautler, Fieldcrest, formerly of Lancaster, PA
Lois Coxey, Oakwood House, formerly of Lintz, PA
John Bernseder, Fairview Meadows, formerly of Willow Street, PA

July 2013
Peter DeMeo, Sr., Village Townhouse, formerly of Toms River, NJ
John & Patricia Teamey, Village Townhouse, formerly of Lancaster, PA
Evelyn Book, Fieldcrest, formerly of Strasburg, PA
Ruth Graver, Fieldcrest, formerly of Manheim, PA
Albert Weidman, Oakwood House, formerly of East Petersburg, PA
Ann Molloy, Fieldcrest, formerly of Newtown, MA