

THE Villager

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“ Brethren Village is so friendly and accepting. There is freedom to have things as you’d like. I have made many close friends getting involved in a variety of volunteer opportunities and activities. I couldn’t be happier! ”
— Lois Snader

more Retirement: Lois Snader’s Story

When Lois Snader moved to Brethren Village 11 years ago, she never imagined she’d be the head of the sewing group in BV’s Creative Arts Room. A former teacher and third generation BV Resident, Lois was looking forward to having time to do volunteer work. The result was Lois’ involvement in at least seven different activities ranging from the Green Thumb Society to calling bingo in Personal Care. Lois sewed in her pre-retirement life, but taught herself to quilt after coming to BV by watching videos and learning from others. She says, “Slowly but surely the Creative Arts Room took over my life. I don’t always get my own stuff done, but I love it!”

These days Lois puts in about 130 volunteer hours a year buying and organizing plants for flower beds across campus, quilting and overseeing the sewing ladies in the Creative Arts room, and even shuffling the games around campus so Residents have a fresh puzzle to work on.

The Creative Arts Room (located on the lower level of Village Center) is open to any Resident looking to create. Experience is not necessary, in fact, the sewing/quilting team is looking for volunteers who want to learn. Finished pieces are sold at several events a year, and some of their top-selling items are always for sale in the side room annex of the BV Gift Shop (see sidebar for hours.) “I always ask myself: Is the purpose to make money or to keep people busy while doing what they love? It’s a creative outlet, and the people who come enjoy learning,” says Lois.

Brethren Village offers Residents the retirement they want, while encouraging our Residents to truly live their retirement. Have you always loved taking pictures, painting, traveling or gardening? Do you want to learn how to quilt, use technology or woodwork? Retirement at Brethren Village provides those opportunities and more. Get involved, make friends and do what you’ve always dreamed. Our beautiful

grounds, fantastic amenities and accommodating Team Members take your creative interests to heart and help make it possible. Brethren Village is where people come to live a vibrant retirement. Come see for yourself all that we have to offer! (see Open House article on page 5).

Our Retail Shops are open to the public!

Come see the treasures and beautiful handmade gifts:

GIFT SHOP:

M–F 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM

THRIFT SHOP:

T–F 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM

WORK SHOP:

M–F 9:00 AM – Noon
and 1:00 – 4:00 PM

All three shops are also open the first Saturday of each month from 9:30 AM – Noon



Servant Heart Awards

The Servant Heart Award is Brethren Village’s award to Team Members who exemplify outstanding service. Congratulations to:

J U N E Tara Horvath, The Courtyards • **J U L Y** Ginger Gardner, The Courtyards.



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Our Vision

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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Meet some of the new faces at Brethren Village

Brethren Village is pleased to welcome three leaders to our organization.

Rodney Martzall joined BV as Vice President of Finance and Chief Financial Officer. Rodney comes to Brethren Village from Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP (formerly ParenteBeard LLC), Lancaster where he served as Senior Manager. During his time at Baker Tilly he managed audit and review engagements for various clients with a focus on the senior living and not-for-profit industries. Rodney graduated from Elizabethtown College with a BS in Accounting. He is a Certified Public Accountant and is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants as well as a member of the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants.



Rodney Martzall

Michelle Schlegelmilch, NHA, serves as Administrator of The Courtyards. In this role, Michelle will oversee the skilled nursing center, in communication with the Director of Nursing and other department leaders, to plan and carry out the daily operations of The Courtyards. Michelle is responsible for monitoring the development of the compliance for Department of Public Welfare and Department of Health Regulations for Federal and State rules. Most recently, Michelle was at Friendship Community in Lititz, and was previously the Nursing Home Administrator at Messiah Village in Mechanicsburg and at Willow Valley Communities in Willow Street.



Michelle Schlegelmilch

Bonnie Kuzma, BS, RN, joined BV as Director of Nursing, collaborating with the Administrator to provide leadership for direct care Team Members, and manage and enhance operations in The Courtyards. The DON fosters quality nursing care by providing effective leadership, training, mentoring, on-going coaching, and supervision for the Assistant Director of Nursing, Nursing Supervisors, RN's, LPN's, and C.N.A.'s; and communicates and promotes Resident-centered nursing practices among all staff. Bonnie spent many years in nursing leadership at Lancaster General Hospital, and was a past nurse at Brethren Village.



Bonnie Kuzma



Counting Your Contributions to the Annual Appeal Means More Memory Counting

Your gift to Brethren Village's Annual Appeal directly impacts our Residents who are in need of financial assistance. Your support helps us continue to enhance their lives and provide an environment of caring and concern in a community where our Residents can age in place. There is no price tag on comfort, security, peace of mind and hope.

While we're counting your contribution toward our Annual Appeal goal of \$205,000 for benevolent care through the Good Samaritan or Endowment Fund, you can be assured that your gift makes it possible for Residents and their loved ones to do another kind of counting — memory counting.

"We're not doing the pill counting anymore, we're doing the memory counting. We're creating memories as daughters with their mother..." Ann Crowe, family member of a BV Resident, sharing how the assurance that her mother can remain at Brethren Village frees her family to worry less, and love more. View Ann's story and others like it by viewing the 2015 Good Samaritan Fund Banquet Video — (<http://www.bv.org/news/video-gallery.asp>)

Each day at Brethren Village there are many stories like Ann's, thanks to dedicated Team Members who care for Residents regardless of their financial situation. Thanks to those who generously support benevolent

care, Residents, and their families, can continue to build lasting memories with peace of mind, knowing they will be cared for even if their resources are depleted.

The Brethren Village Annual Appeal is just one of many opportunities where you can make a contribution which helps our Residents in financial need. Can we count on you? Watch your mailbox for our Annual Appeal brochure and your opportunity to support Brethren Village.

For more information on ways to give or to give online, please visit: <http://www.bv.org/giving/events-and-appeals.asp>

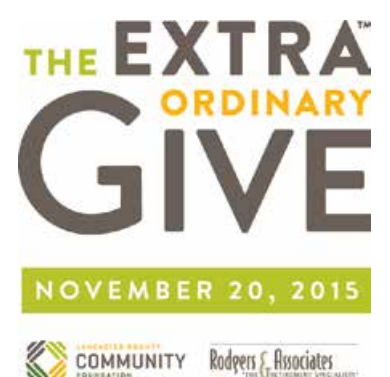


Individually we can make a difference,
but together we can transform
Lancaster County.

Save-the-Date!

Looking for a way to make your Annual Appeal gift during Lancaster County's largest celebration of philanthropy?

On November 20th, join thousands of donors for the 24-hour giving marathon which benefits more than 300 local nonprofit organizations — including Brethren Village.



Rehabilitation Center at Brethren Village — Opening in January 2016!

Construction continues to transform the Garden Spot building (next to The Courtyards). Our brand new building, with 20 all-private suites, will feature a complete range of therapy services and an impressive array of amenities, all leading the way toward successful short-term rehabilitation. The spacious new therapy gym will provide the very best in rehabilitation equipment, technology and technique led by an expanded staff of respected therapy professionals.

The Rehabilitation Center Proudly Offers:

- A Specialized Nursing Center of Excellence with rehabilitation programs for neurological, cardiopulmonary, orthopedic and complex medical conditions
- Physical, Occupational and Speech Therapy
- Respiratory Therapy & Pulmonary Rehabilitation Program
- On site wellness and outpatient clinic, including outpatient at home
- Full Range of Balance, Mobility & Cognitive Exercises
- Bariatric Services
- Aquatic Programs
- Complimentary Transition of Care Services — Providing continuity from Pre-hab to home
- Culture of Wellness and Hospitality

Features and Amenities:

- All private rooms with private bathrooms and walk-in showers
- Individually controlled room temperature
- High-definition cable television
- Wireless Internet service
- Computers and tablets for patient use
- In-room dining options with an always-available menu
- A bistro-style dining room

Be one of the first to see the new short term rehab building at Brethren Village! Check our website later this fall for details on our short term rehab open house dates: www.bv.org



Exterior rendering of The Rehabilitation Center at Brethren Village.

Are You a Follower? Be sure to follow Brethren Village on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube for the latest news and events!



What You May Not Know About Your IRA



Most people are familiar with the basics of IRA's, but there are some important things about IRA beneficiaries that you may not be aware of.

Unlike other assets, IRA's are "beneficiary accounts," so they pass outside the normal estate administration proceedings. Properly assign IRA beneficiaries and shortly after your death, they can elect different options as to how and when they receive the assets. Since the IRA is a tax deferred asset, this will affect how much tax is to be paid by your beneficiaries and when.

However, if you have not designated a beneficiary, your IRA becomes part of your probate estate and is taxed and distributed according to your will — when your estate is settled. The same thing happens if you name a single beneficiary and they predecease you and you haven't designated an alternate. Finally, if you have a change in relationship, a new spouse for instance, and you neglect to change your IRA beneficiary, your former spouse might still be named as beneficiary of your IRA, and will receive the proceeds — even if your new spouse is named as beneficiary of assets in your will.

When considering beneficiaries, remember that if they do not create their own IRA from the proceeds, they will need to pay taxes at their current tax rate on the money they withdraw. If you have multiple assets to give to your beneficiaries, you might consider giving other assets, like life insurance policies, investments and property, to your beneficiaries and name a charitable organization beneficiary of your IRA. What is the advantage? A charitable organization does not pay taxes on the IRA.

Since coming to Brethren Village, I have been encouraged by the number of Residents who have remembered BV in their wills. It's even easier to leave a gift to Brethren Village through your IRA than through your will. There is no attorney to call, no fee to pay and no need to travel to anyone's office. Simply call whomever manages your IRA and tell them you want to add BV as an IRA beneficiary. You will be sent a short form to fill out designating the beneficiary addition and the amount or percentage you want to leave. Sign the form and return it via the U.S. Mail. That's all it takes to leave a gift for the benevolent work of Brethren Village from your IRA. It is easy to do and, yes, your gift makes a difference.

For information about an IRA gift or other ways to maximize the power of giving, give me a call. Let's talk!

Chuck Few, Planned Giving Counselor
717.581.4274, cfew@bv.org

There is no charge for confidential consultations. Always consult a qualified attorney about any legal matter.

NEW RESIDENTS

JUNE 2015

Shirley Burkhart,
Village Garden Apartments,
formerly of Lancaster PA

Lee & Nancy Manifold,
Village Townhouse,
formerly of East Petersburg PA

Nevin & Carol Dierwechter,
Cottage,
formerly of Ephrata PA

Shirley Gish-Stauffer,
Cottage,
formerly of Landisville PA

John & Theresa Herr,
Village Townhouse,
formerly of Lancaster PA

Stephen & Janice Haldeman,
Village Townhouse,
formerly of Lancaster PA

JULY 2015

Patricia Cooper,
Fieldcrest,
formerly of Leola PA

Irene Aranguiz,
Village Townhouse,
formerly of West Chester PA

Ray Freeman,
Fieldcrest,
formerly of Ephrata PA

AUGUST 2015

Floyd and Faye Dissinger,
Cottage,
formerly of Lititz, PA

Kathryn Ross,
Oakwood House,
formerly of Cincinnati, OH

Marion Fulginiti,
Village Garden,
formerly of Millersville, PA

Glenn and Patricia Breidenstine,
Oakwood House,
formerly of Lancaster, PA

Bonnie Norris,
Cottage,
formerly of Lititz, PA

Robert and Heidi Keller,
Cottage,
formerly of Mountville, PA

Join Us

for the 5th Annual Open House Event

**Saturday, Oct. 17
from 10 AM-4 PM**



Prospective Residents and community members are invited to truly explore all that Brethren Village has to offer by attending our FREE Fall Open House Tour on Saturday, October 17, 2015, from 10 AM–4 PM. Registration begins at the Fieldcrest Building Entrance C, located by entering our campus at Fieldcrest Drive and Rt. 501.

You'll be able to explore our Residential and Personal Care options at your leisure, tour amenities, plus enjoy refreshments from BV's Dining Services. No reservations are needed.

- Residential living cottage and apartment tours
- Personal Care and memory support apartments, services and amenities tours
- Workshop, fitness center and other buildings open
- Refreshments
- Shuttle service available (Enter campus from Lititz Pike at Fieldcrest Drive and follow Open House signs.)

Joining forces with 17 other retirement communities in Lancaster County, our BV Open House Tour allows visitors to find more to explore in our community as part of the "Explore Retirement Living Open House Tour" event. For a full list of participating communities, please visit www.explore retirement living.org.

We look forward to welcoming you!



BV Pastor Mark Tedford recently dedicated the new water fountain outside the Chapel. The fountain was given to BV by the Residents via the Green Thumb Society. Integral to the project were: Elvin & Linda Heck, Carl Risser, Mary Ann Breneman, Connie Brown (all BV Residents) and Doug Dosch, BV grounds. If you happen to be on campus in the evening, be sure to check out the beautiful fountain all lit up!

Care for the Caregiver Event: Tuesday, October 27 at 6 PM

featuring Jane Gross, New York Times journalist
and author of *A Bittersweet Season: Caring for our
Aging Parents — and Ourselves*.

A longtime New York Times expert on the subject of caregiving and founder of the "New Old Age" blogs, Jane Gross shares her frustrating, heartbreaking, enlightening and ultimate redemptive journey, providing us with valuable information she wishes she had known earlier. Admission is free, please call 717-581-4438 for reservations.



Calendar of Events

Oct. 3 • 6 PM Love Feast, Host church is Hempfield COB, Wolfe Auditorium

October 10-17 President's Cruise to Canada/New England aboard the Regal Princess, hosted by BV President John Snader (prior reservations required).

Oct. 17 • 10 AM-4 PM Campus wide Open House event

Oct. 21 Longwood Gardens Nightscape Trip, departing BV 3:00 PM. Cost is \$66.00 per person. Contact Holly Began at 717.581.4251 for more information.

Oct. 22 • 2:00 PM Susan and Jim "America the beautiful," Wolfe Auditorium

Oct. 25 • 3 PM Remembrance Service, Chapel

Oct. 27 • 6 PM Care for the Caregiver Series featuring Jane Gross, NY Times Journalist and bestselling author of *A Bittersweet Season: Caring for our Aging Parents — and Ourselves*, Wolfe Auditorium

Oct. 28 • 7 PM Otis Kitchen & Harold Merkey music program, Chapel

Nov. 9 • 1 PM The Westley singers, Wolfe Auditorium

Nov. 15 • 3 PM Performing Arts presents Jason Buckwalter, Baritone Soloist, & Andrew Stewart, Accompanist, Wolfe Auditorium

Nov. 16 King of Prussia Mall Trip, departing BV at 8:00 AM. Cost \$28.00 per person. Contact Holly Began at 717.581.4251 for more information.

Nov. 20 The Extraordinary Give, Lancaster's largest day of online giving. Support Brethren Village!

Nov. 25 • 2 PM Thanksgiving Eve Service, Chapel

Dec. 2 • 2 PM Advent Communion Service, Chapel

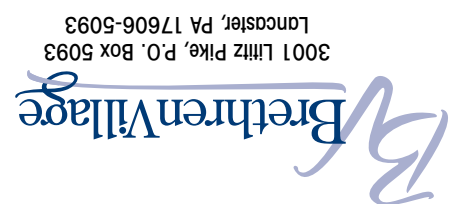
Dec. 4 • 9 AM-4 PM Annual Christmas Cookie Sale and Bazaar, Wolfe Auditorium

Dec. 8 • 2 PM Dr. Otis Kitchen and Chuck Few: "What You May Not Know about Thanksgiving and Christmas Music," Wolfe Auditorium

Dec. 8 • 7 PM BV Choir Christmas Program, Fieldcrest

Dec. 9 • 7 PM BV Choir Christmas Program, Wolfe Auditorium

Dec. 24 • 2 PM Christmas Eve Service, Chapel



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