

THE Villager

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more Retirement:

Stephanie Gallagher's Story

During the 20 years she lived in Lititz before moving to Brethren Village in 2014, Stephanie Gallagher didn't realize the source of her happiness in retirement lay so nearby. But when she visited Brethren Village, she admired the community's well-maintained property and campus and could imagine herself living here. And, the friendliness she found among residents and staff foreshadowed the warm greeting that awaited her as a resident.

"I went on a Brethren Village bus trip to Virginia Beach after living here just three weeks and immediately made new friends," Stephanie said. "Everyone was so nice and friendly."

Her first new friendship at Brethren Village actually started before she even moved here. On a campus tour, she was visiting a cottage, looking at available features such as fireplace, pantry, desk and kitchen island. As the cottage's friendly owner tried without success to operate her new coffee maker, Stephanie stepped in to help. The two of them clicked right away. Stephanie began visiting and occasionally meeting her for dinner at Chives, the on-campus restaurant. Stephanie smiles and fondly recalls, "She was my first friend at Brethren Village — even before I moved in."

She was so pleased with the kind welcome she received here that she now volunteers at the reception desk

in The Courtyards, the village's skilled nursing center. It's a perfect fit. As a retired emergency physician, Stephanie is accustomed to making people feel comfortable in a health care setting. "I enjoy greeting visitors — a smile is contagious — and I've gotten to know quite a few people who visit regularly."

She has also been impressed at how well Brethren Village communicates openly and often with residents. The regularly scheduled meetings with the President, Residents' Council and Neighborhood meetings allow them to meet with team members, stay informed and solve problems. Stephanie acknowledges that, as a Baby Boomer, she's one of the youngsters on campus, but her decision to downsize early and move to Brethren Village was a strategy that has served her well. "My son lives several hours away, so rather than wait until I might have difficulty living alone, I decided to move while I was healthy and independent." She hasn't had a moment of regret.

She has found one avenue to forming new friendships at Brethren Village is the abundance of activities offered here. Among her favorites are lectures, concerts, Wellness programs like the fitness center and Shelly Aquatic Center, and trips. She also enjoys dining out at Chives and the Coffee Shop.



Within the quiet and comfort of her lovely home, she enjoys reading mystery and suspense novels and doing crossword and jigsaw puzzles. She's a traveler, too — recalling a three-week trip to Europe with her young son as her all-time favorite. While she enjoys cooking, she really loves baking. "When I moved here, I baked cookies for my new neighbors. In fact, I made cranberry nut bread today and shared it with them, too."

Happy and comfortable in her new home, Stephanie says, "I love everything that Brethren Village has to offer, and moving here has been one of the best decisions I have made!"

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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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Care for the Caregiver Event

Tuesday, April 19,
at 6 PM in
Wolfe Auditorium



Join us at our Care for the Caregiver event featuring Jolene Brackey, nationally recognized motivational speaker and author of "Creating Moments of Joy." Jolene Brackey has a vision. A vision that will soon look beyond the challenges of Alzheimer's disease and focus more of our energy on creating moments of joy. When a person has short-term memory loss, his life is made up of moments. But our memory is made up of moments too. We are not able to create a perfectly wonderful day with someone who has dementia, but it is absolutely attainable to create a perfectly wonderful moment; a moment that puts a smile on their face, a twinkle in their eye, or triggers a memory.

Jolene brings a message of hope and encouragement — along with a generous helping of humor — speaking to caregivers who are both family members and professional caregivers. Jolene will relate practical solutions and insights, helping to guide caregivers and their loved ones through the many phases of the Alzheimer's and dementia journey. Admission to this event is free, advance reservations are requested. Please call 717-581-4438.

Servant Heart Awards

August

Andrew Snyder, Grounds

September

Susan Miller, Personal Care

October

Scott Zeamer, Renovations

November

Jeanette Shreiner, The Courtyards

December

Larry Snavelly, Security

January

Jeffery Johnson, Maintenance



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2016 Good Samaritan Banquet

Register Today!

Join us for the 15th annual Brethren Village Good Samaritan Banquet at Middle Creek Church of the Brethren. Your support of this event helps assure Residents who are in need of financial assistance that care and essential services will continue even if their assets are depleted. Annually, Brethren Village provides in excess of \$1.8 million in benevolent care and last year, this event helped raise over \$54,000 for the Good Samaritan Fund!

The banquet will begin with fellowship and a bountiful hors d'oeuvre reception. Enjoy a delicious meal prepared by members of Middle Creek Church of the Brethren, then be entertained by the talented Josh and Elizabeth Tindall of Elizabethtown, who will present a musical performance entitled, "From Chopin to Show Tunes." Delight in this journey through piano favorites ranging from classical melodies, favorite hymns and Broadway music.

See how your support and the blessings of others truly enhance the lives of many BV Residents. Make your reservation today, you won't want to miss this special evening!

Tickets are \$125 per person and various sponsorship opportunities are available. If you would like to attend or

be a sponsor, go to www.bv.org/banquet or call Teresa Rineer, Development Associate & Special Events Manager, at (717) 581-4478. Reservations are due by April 14, 2016.

We look forward to seeing you there and appreciate your support!



Josh & Elizabeth Tindall to perform at this year's Good Samaritan Banquet.

IT TAKES A VILLAGE!

WHEN ALMOST 30 INCHES OF SNOW FELL AT BRETHERN VILLAGE IN JANUARY, IT WAS ALL HANDS ON DECK AS TEAM MEMBERS FROM ALL DEPARTMENTS HELPED CLEAR SNOW AND KEEP RESIDENTS SAFE.



The entrance to the Welcome Center is blocked by the mountain of plowed snow.



Aaron Ruppert, Technology department, works to clear Resident vehicles.



The Grounds team worked tirelessly until every street, sidewalk, and driveway was clear.

Rooted in Values – Eyes toward the Future

It's nearly a year since my arrival at Brethren Village, and in that time I've listened to numerous stories from friends of Brethren Village – Residents and Team Members, members of the Board of Directors, vendors, event sponsors and people in the community. In a recent meeting with the Executive Committee of the Auxiliary, I heard several times, "We want to do things that make life better for Residents." At the heart of the mission of Brethren Village is a promise that everyone deserves a high quality of life and service when they encounter the organization.

Rooted in the values of the Church of the Brethren, giving generously of one's time or money is nearly reflexive for those who hold the community dear. Merely the whisper of an appeal yields abundant contributions to the Good Samaritan Fund or the Endowment. The banquet and golf tournament fill quickly with sponsors and participants. Checks from local congregations flow in throughout the year. Auxiliary efforts are met with enthusiasm that yields significant funds to purchase items that enhance life on campus. Every day countless individuals show up for volunteer positions to work tirelessly to make life better for those served.

Looking forward, we are blessed to have such a solid foundation upon which to build. Yes, you can continue to look forward to a Good Samaritan banquet, golf tournament and annual appeal in 2016. Keep an eye out for enhancements to these and other initiatives throughout the year.

We are building on this heritage by increasing the kinds of projects to which you can contribute and support the mission of Brethren Village. Yes, support for the Good Samaritan Fund and the Endowment ensure our core commitment to benevolent care today and tomorrow, just as you can anticipate future opportunities to contribute to special projects on campus will enhance the daily life of all who live and visit Brethren Village.

Additionally, we are looking for ways to expand the channels for giving. From our experience with the Extraordinary Give, we're working on improving the ways that you can give online – for tribute contributions and for event registration. Likewise, you will see an emphasis on diverse ways to give – such as gifts of stock, bequests in wills, designations on life insurance policies and IRAs as well as Charitable Gift Annuities and Trusts.

Finally, we anticipate a future focus on volunteer opportunities for individuals in our local community — and for Residents on our campus to



Renny Magill, CFRE
VP of Development

volunteer in initiatives in the local community. Whether giving your time or your money, we are grateful for the faith you have in our organization, and we endeavor to be the best stewards of all that you share with us. In this way, we will honor the many people who have gone before us and toiled to build the great foundation of generosity we enjoy today at Brethren Village.



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Rehab Center Open House

More than 500 people attended our Rehab Center open house and had the opportunity to get the first glimpse of our new, free-standing building.

The Rehabilitation Center at Brethren Village was intentionally designed to bring the outdoors inside – including sunlight, natural materials, outdoor views and nature photography. Studies have shown that humans are instinctively drawn to nature; it nurtures, calms and inspires us and research has established that connections to nature, both direct and simulated, promote health and well-being. With that in mind, all Resident

suites feature a bay window surrounded by natural stone tile walls and the Resident suites, common spaces and therapy gyms feature abundant natural light, all serving to create a

healing environment leading the way to successful short term rehabilitation.

For more information about The Rehabilitation Center at Brethren Village, please call 717.581.4438.



New Residents

SEPTEMBER 2015

- Linda Mackey,**
Village Garden, formerly of Lititz, PA
- Paul & Gloria Rice,**
Fieldcrest, formerly of Elizabethtown, PA
- Charlotte Glover,**
Fieldcrest, formerly of Lancaster, PA
- Shirley Miller,**
Fieldcrest, formerly of Akron, PA
- George & Stephanie Meclarey,**
Fieldcrest, formerly of Lititz, PA

OCTOBER 2015

- Velma Freeman,**
Village Garden, formerly of Brooklyn, NY
- Linda Monge,**
Fairview Meadows, formerly of Landisville, PA
- Carl & Betty McGinnis,**
Fieldcrest, formerly of Leola, PA
- Eugene & Lois Johnson,**
Fieldcrest, formerly of Binghamton, NY
- Frank Toth,**
Cottage, formerly of West Grove, PA

NOVEMBER 2015

- Harold & Nyla Witmer,**
Oakwood House, formerly of Mt. Joy, PA
- Dimitra White,**
Fairview Meadows, formerly of Elizabethtown, PA
- Barbara Strickler,**
Fairview Meadows, formerly of Lancaster, PA
- Carl & Ella Lehman,**
Fieldcrest, formerly of East Petersburg, PA
- Patricia Cracolici,**
Fairview Meadows, formerly of Lancaster, PA
- Nancy Augsburger,**
Oakwood House, formerly of Annville, PA

DECEMBER 2015

- Barbara Weber,**
Fairview Meadows, formerly of Leola, PA
- James & Arlene Hathaway,**
Cottage, formerly of Horsham, PA
- William & Donna Bedell,**
Fairview Meadows, formerly of Dushore, PA

JANUARY 2016

- Vicki Goodman,**
Village Garden, formerly of Lititz, PA
- Charles Haines,**
Village Garden, formerly of Strasburg, PA
- Brenda Colon,**
Village Garden, formerly of Denver, PA
- Joan Johnson,**
Fieldcrest, formerly of Lititz, PA
- Roger Erb,**
Fieldcrest, formerly of East Petersburg, PA

FEBRUARY 2016

- James & Mary Drumm,**
Fieldcrest, formerly of Quarryville, PA
- Glenn Young,**
Village Garden, formerly of Souderton, PA
- Donald & Joanne Mateer,**
Fieldcrest, formerly of Lancaster, PA
- Paul & Priscilla Enck,**
Cottage, formerly of Denver, PA

U P C O M M I N G E V E N T S

April 13 Film & Faith Program: "Bonhoeffer, Agent of Grace," Wolfe Auditorium, 6 PM

April 14 Day trip (7 AM- 8 PM): In Search of Lost Soldiers, Washington D.C. - Join us for a tour of the life of Clara Barton, founder of the Red Cross. Visit the Missing Soldiers Office then lunch at Tony & Joe's Restaurant. Enjoy a guided bus tour of Washington DC, visit the National Portrait Gallery and lastly we will visit the beautiful Brookside Gardens. RSVP By 3/11/15. Cost \$110 per person. Call Holly Began 581-4251 for more info or to sign up.

April 19 Care for the Caregiver Event Featuring Jolene Brackey, Wolfe Auditorium, 6 PM

April 27 Big Topic Series: Spiritual Lives of Great Composers by Charles Denlinger, 7 PM

May 1 BV Performing Arts Presents: "Principally Harps" featuring harpists Janet Jackson Witman and Mindy Cutcher; Wolfe Auditorium, 3 PM

May 3 Spring BV Chapel Choir, Fieldcrest Great Room, 7 PM

May 4 Spring BV Chapel Choir, Wolfe Auditorium, 7 PM

May 5 Good Samaritan Banquet, Middle Creek Church of the Brethren, 5 PM

May 5 National Day of Prayer, Chapel, 12 PM

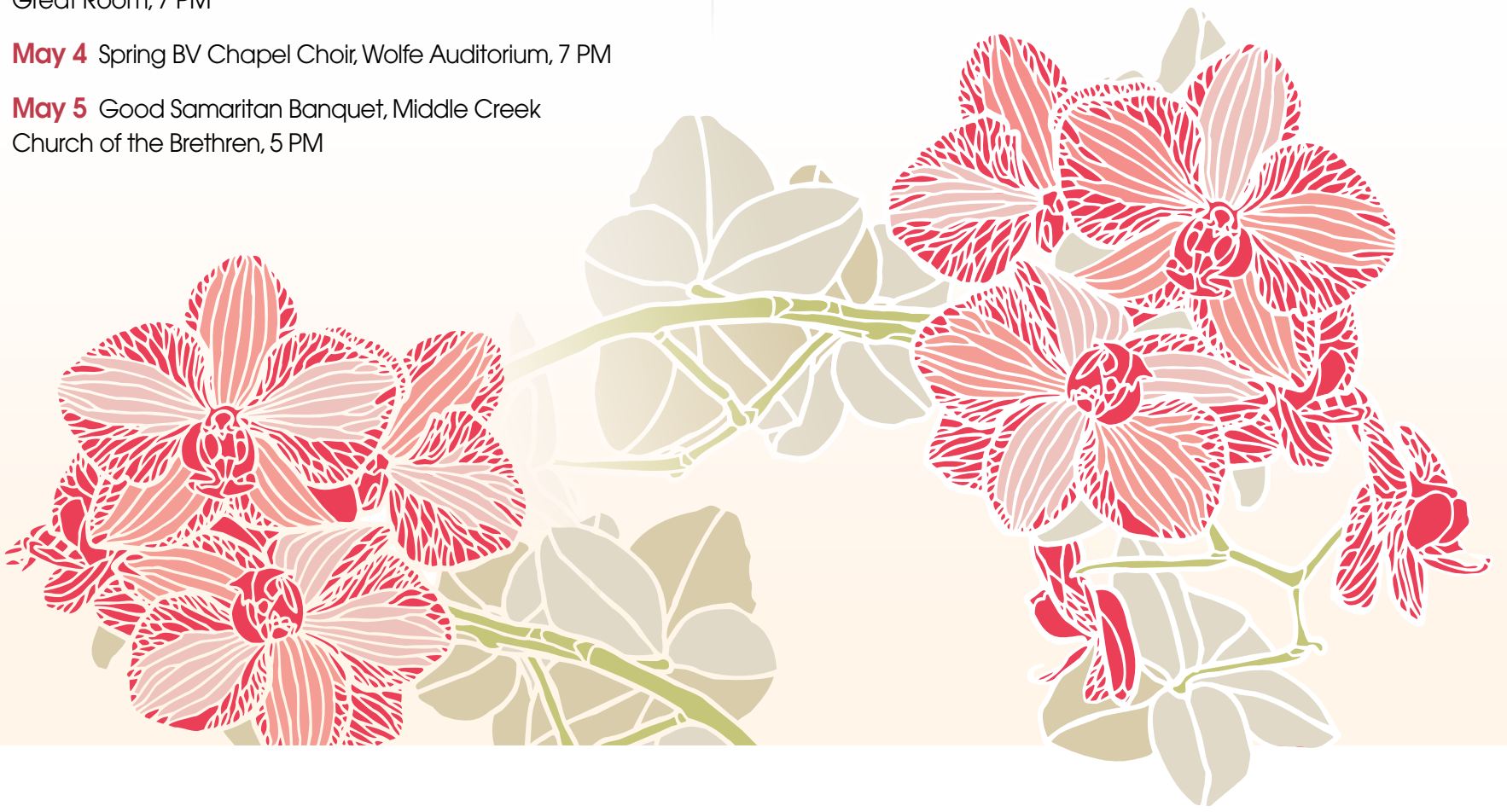
May 10 Lancaster Senior Orchestra, Wolfe Auditorium, 2 PM

May 11 Film & Faith Program: "C.S. Lewis, Through the Shadowlands," Wolfe Auditorium, 6 PM

May 19 Bill Moyer the Piano Man, Wolfe Auditorium, 2 PM

June 12-16 Hudson River Valley Overnight Trip. Trip includes accommodations for 4 nights, a Hudson Valley Tour Guide for 4 days, 4 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches and 4 Dinners. Highlights of the tour include West Point Academy, FDR's home, library and museum, the Culinary Institute of America, Vanderbilt Mansion, Madava Farms, a cruise down the Hudson River, Monhonk Mountain House, Boscobel House and Garden and the Purple Heart Hall of Honor. Call Holly Began, (717) 581-4251, for more info or to sign up.

July 27 Summer Communion, Chapel



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