

# THE Villager

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## Enjoying the Ride at BV

Long-time Lititz residents Bob and Shirley Thomas moved to Brethren Village last year after considering several potential retirement destinations in Lancaster County. The active retirees selected the Village primarily because “it feels like home here.”

That sense of comfort, along with the security of a continuing care retirement community, an ideal cottage, comprehensive amenities and affordability, convinced them to move to the community just down the road from where they lived for many years.

Residing nearby, they routinely drove past the campus and often visited friends who had retired here. But they had another close connection to the Village — Shirley had worked here for several years as a nursing secretary and saw first-hand the high quality of care Brethren Village provides. In fact, her affection for the community rubbed off on their daughters, both of whom worked here when they were younger.

Their familiarity and comfort with Brethren Village led them to decide, in 2012, to apply for a cottage. They moved in to their renovated, “like new” cottage in May 2016 and couldn’t be happier with their decision and their home.

Bob is an avid cyclist and has found the roads through and around Brethren Village to be great for riding and enjoying the outdoors. In fact, he

began a cycling group at Brethren Village. Recently, the biking bug has also bitten Shirley, who has begun to put mileage on her bike as well.

Married for 49 years, Shirley is employed part-time as a secretary, and Bob, a retired snack food executive, does volunteer work for their church. With four children, 14 grandchildren and, so far, two great-grandchildren, all living in central Pennsylvania, they appreciate having a yard with ample space for grandchildren to play.

In their brief time here, Bob and Shirley have observed that Brethren Village has as many opportunities to get involved as they could want. Bob says, “You can be as busy as when you were working, or busier.” He mentions the woodworking shop, train room and crafts room as examples of the activity-focused resources that the Village offers.

They have been impressed, too, by the full scope of amenities on campus, including restaurants, banks, stores, library, hair and beauty care, and transportation, all of which provide convenience as well as socialization for Village Residents.

Shirley likes the “convenience and freedom of living here” while knowing that “additional care is available if we should need it someday, and our children wouldn’t have to worry about that.”

She and Bob have no regrets about their move. They have brought their memories of living in their longtime home with them to Brethren Village and still keep in touch with former neighbors.

Though they understand why some prospective residents might be apprehensive about a move, they like to share the advice of a friend who said, “Make the move when you can choose to do it, not when you have to make it.”

For those trying to decide whether to move to a senior community, he suggests talking with people who live in one, get their input, plan ahead and visit a few communities. Then, “if you feel it’s a good fit, go for it.” For Bob and Shirley, their new home fits them as well as their old one, only better.



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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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# Join us

for our Caring for the Caregiver Event

**May 9, 2017 at 6 PM,  
Wolfe Auditorium**

Brethren Village is proud to present our Caring for Caregiver event featuring Dr. Linda Rhodes. Dr. Rhodes was Secretary of Aging in Pennsylvania and created the state's nationally recognized Family Caregiver Support Program. Today, she provides strategic planning and consulting to a wide range of non-profit and government agencies across the country in health care, education and aging, and presents caregiver seminars to families coping with caregiving. Dr. Rhodes is also Director of the Hirtzel Institute on Health Education and Aging at Mercyhurst University.

Dr. Rhodes has authored three national-selling books, her most recent being The Essential Guide to Caring for Aging Parents, which received a Silver National Mature Media Award. Dr. Rhodes holds a doctorate in Applied Human Development from Teachers College,



Dr. Linda Rhodes

Columbia University. She has received numerous awards and is a featured speaker at numerous conferences, including radio and television appearances as an expert in eldercare. You can learn more about her at [www.lindarhodescaregiving.com](http://www.lindarhodescaregiving.com)

Admission to this event is free, advance reservations are requested. Please call (717) 581-4438.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**BV's 27th Annual Golf Tournament**

September 14, 2017

**New Location!**  
Iron Valley Golf Club

Check [www.bv.org/golf](http://www.bv.org/golf) for details soon!

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



Guests will be entertained by accordionist and aspiring actor, Cody McSherry.



## Good Samaritan Banquet

Hurry, there's still time...but don't delay as you won't want to miss this year's Good Samaritan Banquet!

Join us Thursday, April 20, 2017 from 5 to 8:30 PM as we celebrate 120 Years of Caring at this year's Good Samaritan Banquet held at Middle Creek Church of the Brethren. Your support of this special event helps assure Residents who are in need of financial assistance that care and essential services will continue even if their financial resources are exhausted. Every year, Brethren Village provides in excess of \$2 million in unreimbursed costs for benevolent care. With your support and the support of many others, we can continue to fulfill our mission of providing a continuum of essential services and Christ-like care. Last year, \$58,000 net was raised for the Good Samaritan Fund and with your help, we hope to reach \$65,000 this year.

The event will begin with fellowship and a bountiful hors d'oeuvre reception sponsored by Benchmark Construction and BV Residents, Donald & Kathryn Wolgemuth. A wonderful full-course meal will be provided and served by Middle Creek Church of the Brethren volunteers, and guests will be entertained by accordionist and aspiring actor Cody McSherry, the 13 year old highly talented young man who won last year's Lancaster's Got Talent competition.

In keeping with the 120<sup>th</sup> year anniversary theme and thanks to the generosity of a special anonymous "Angel Sponsor" who has underwritten the discounted amount, individual

reservations for this year are reduced from \$125 to \$120 per person, passing the savings on to guests.

If you would like to attend or be a sponsor, reservations are due by April 6 and can be made online at [www.bv.org/banquet](http://www.bv.org/banquet) or by calling Teresa Rineer, Associate Director of Development at (717) 581-4478. We look forward to seeing you there and appreciate your support!



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# New Residents

## New Residents

### August 2016

**Gail Borris**  
Fieldcrest, formerly of Lancaster PA

**Patricia Scott**  
Fairview Meadows, formerly of Lancaster PA

**Joanne Shank**  
Oakwood House, formerly of Ephrata PA

**Threda Copp**  
Fieldcrest, formerly of Corning NY

**C. Jean Rineer**  
Village Townhouse, formerly of Lititz PA

**Ken & Florine Howard**  
Village Townhouse, formerly of Lancaster PA

**Elizabeth Ferderbar**  
Fairview Meadows, formerly of Lancaster PA

## New Residents

### September 2016

**Elaine Biehn**  
Village Garden, formerly of Ephrata PA

**Rose Marzolf**  
Fairview Meadows, formerly of Lancaster PA

**Patricia Wagner**  
Oakwood House, formerly of Lititz PA

**Richart & Marie Kephart**  
Fieldcrest, formerly of Lancaster PA

## New Residents

### October 2016

**Clarence Wieder**  
Fieldcrest, formerly of Leola PA

**Robert Miley**  
Fieldcrest, formerly of Lancaster PA

**Phaon Smith**  
Oakwood House, formerly of Wyomissing PA

**Irene Bernas**  
Fairview Meadows, formerly of Lancaster PA

## New Residents

### November 2016

**Richard & Suzanne Graff,**  
Cottage, formerly of Lancaster PA

**Ken & Mary Bowman**  
Oakwood House, formerly of Lancaster PA

**Melvin & Arlene Graver**  
Village Townhouse, formerly of Lancaster PA

## New Residents

### December 2016

**Ruth Courtney**  
Village Townhouse, formerly of Ephrata PA

**David & Jean Harris**  
Village Townhouse, formerly of Lancaster PA

**Lieselotte Maerz**  
Oakwood House, formerly of Lancaster PA

**Gloria Herr**  
Fieldcrest, formerly of Lancaster PA

## New Residents

### January 2017

**Shirley John**  
Fieldcrest, formerly of Lancaster PA

**Jessie Eckhart**  
Fieldcrest, formerly of Lancaster PA

**Charlotte Landis**  
Village Garden, formerly of Leola PA

**Mary Reynolds**  
Fairview Meadows, formerly of Whiting NJ

## New Residents

### February 2017

**Orpha Thuma**  
Oakwood House, formerly of Marietta PA

**Susan & Ann Reinhold**  
Cottage, formerly of Mount Joy PA

**Fran King**  
Fieldcrest, formerly of Lancaster PA



## The Bistro at Village Center

officially opened on Jan. 5, 2017. Whether you're on campus or off, stop by and enjoy pizza fresh from the wood burning oven or a handcrafted salad! The Bistro also features daily specials, a sandwich bar and smoothies and desserts.





The promenade at Northside Court features gathering spaces where Residents can entertain family and friends or just relax and enjoy the outdoors.

## Now under construction, the private apartments at Northside Court

are tucked neatly into the edge of our campus. Apartments range from 1,240 to 1,428 sq. ft., and surround a boulevard of landscaped pathways where you can entertain, walk or sit at your leisure. All apartments feature two bedrooms and baths, kitchen with island, spacious living and dining area, balcony or patio and attached private garage. Some apartments have a bonus room.

Northside Court is like a village within our Village. Nine, two-story buildings with four spacious apartments per floor are within easy walking distance to all of the amenities within

Brethren Village. And you're within minutes of restaurants, malls and entertainment venues.

Most of Northside Court is already reserved. People are busy choosing flooring, paint colors and other options from our showroom. But there are still a few apartments remaining. Call (717) 581-4200 today, or visit [bv.org/northside](http://bv.org/northside) to view a virtual tour.



Brethren Village was founded on February 15, 1897 and 2017 marks our 120<sup>th</sup> year!

## BV CELEBRATES 12 Decades of Caring

Throughout our rich history, many leaders, Residents and Team Members have exemplified BV's core value of Caring. Join Brethren Village as we Celebrate 12 Decades of Caring throughout 2017. Check our daily news email, website and social media pages for more details.

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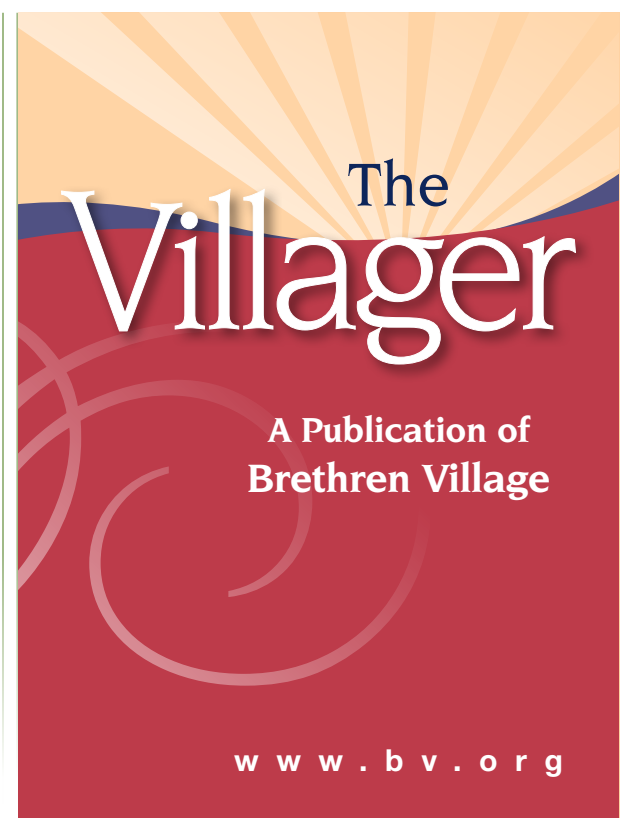
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# Calendar of Events

**April 4:** Americana Journey, (8:30 AM– 5:45 PM) – We will explore the American Treasure, a massive indoor collection of American antiques, on a tram ride. Then, enjoy the sights from the steam locomotive of the Colebrookdale Railroad, an 8.6 miles long and a century-and-a-half back in time experience. Call Kelly Collier at 581-4470 for more information or to sign up.

**April 5:** Seder Celebration, FC Great Rm., 5 PM

**April 12:** Film — *Friendly Persuasion*, Wolfe Aud., 6 PM

**April 18:** Spring BV Chorale Program, Wolfe Aud., 7 PM

**April 19:** Spring BV Chorale Choir Program, FC Great Rm., 7 PM

**April 20:** BV's Good Samaritan Banquet, Middle Creek COB, 5 PM

**April 26:** Big Topic, "Religions," Dr. Jeffrey Long, Chapel, 7 PM

**May 4:** National Day of Prayer, Chapel, 12:30 PM

**May 7:** "Trio Caprice," Wolfe Aud., 3 PM

**May 9:** Care for the Caregiver Series, Wolfe Aud., 6 PM

**May 10:** Film — *42 Jackie Robinson*, Wolfe Aud., 6 PM; Pre-film talk at 5:15 PM

**May 18:** The Singing Mayor of E-town Chuck Mummert, Wolfe Aud., 2 PM

**May 22:** BV Choir Program, Wolfe Aud., 7 PM

**May 23:** BV Choir Program, FC Great Rm., 7 PM

**May 31:** Big Topic, "C.S. Lewis & J.R.R. Tolkien," Chapel, 7 PM

**June 12:** Chiques Church of the Brethren youth play  
*The First Action Heroes of the Bible*, Wolfe Aud., 7:30 PM

**June 15:** A musical program from Tom Kriczky, Wolfe Aud., 2 PM

**Sept. 10-12:** Ocean City, Maryland — We will visit Assateague Island wild horses, cruise around Assawoman Bay, and stop at the Air Mobility Command Museum in Dover Delaware. The trip includes 2 nights lodging, 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners, and all tours and guide gratuities. Call Kelly Collier at (717) 581-4470 for more information or to sign up.

**Sept. 14:** BV's 27th Annual Golf Tournament at Iron Valley Golf Club (new location!)