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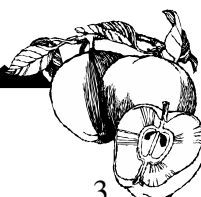
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Wow! What a great job the Dietary Staff did for our Family Thanksgiving Dinner! Actually, **Thank You** to the entire Dietary Department, Activities, Maintenance, Nursing, Housekeeping and Administrative Staff for all the effort and work in planning, taking reservations, cooking, setting up, decorating, cleaning, helping Residents, arranging for entertainment and all the many, "little things" that did not go unnoticed. We served almost 450 meals, with 200 guests in attendance, in addition to our Residents and Staff. While we constantly take note of ways to do things a little better next time, the afternoon went smoothly and we appreciate the many compliments from our guests! Be sure to make your reservation for our Christmas Dinner on December 21<sup>st</sup>.

Sheryall Frasl, Dietary Aide, I have a surprise for you in my office! There will be upcoming changes as we continue to address issues from the Family Forum meeting in June and other concerns we have in order to provide the best possible care to our Residents. Certified Nurses Aides, (CNAs) for the most part, will be working eight-hour shifts, beginning January 4<sup>th</sup>. The shift times will be changing, reverting to 6:15A, 2:15P and 10:15P starting times. We have hired a number of CNAs who will be starting this month. With the staffing level increase, we will focus on

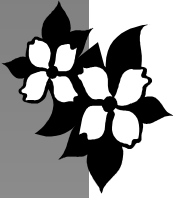
Resident Care and "Customer Service". We appreciate your trust and confidence. Please recognize that while change takes time, our multi-faceted plans are being carefully implemented. Ultimately, our goal is to provide care and services to our Residents and their families just as we would want that care provided to ourselves! Watch for notices, as a Family Forum meeting is tentatively being planned for the week of January 12<sup>th</sup>, and a "State of the Union" Employee meeting is tentatively scheduled for the week of January 19<sup>th</sup>. Until then, the Board of Directors and Staff of Orchard Manor wish everyone a Happy, Healthy and Safe Holiday Season!

Diane Robinson, NHA  
Administrator

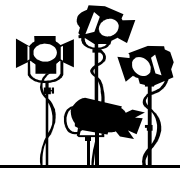


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# Employee Spotlight



## Margaret Taylor, Housekeeper



Margaret Taylor has been with Orchard Manor for 23 years. In addition to her current position as a Housekeeper and Laundry Aide, she has also worked in the Dietary Department.

Margaret's favorite thing about working at Orchard Manor is the Residents.

Margaret graduated from Moniteau High School and is one of five children. She is the proud grandmother of nine!

In her spare time, Margaret likes to go gambling and work in her flower beds.

Margaret's favorite memory is taking all her grandchildren to Oglebay Park in West Virginia to see the annual Christmas display. There were 11 children in the back of the pickup truck wrapped in blankets. It was snowing and very cold. One lady asked how many more children and adults were coming out from the back of the truck as they all piled out. They all had a great time!



## Our Dedicated Staff

### Service Anniversaries for December

Gina Savolskis, CNA—31 years

Bonnie Hamilton,  
Transportation Coordinator—27 years

Gloria Royer, Cook—27 years

Shirley Bobbert, CNA—20 years

Chris Rauch, LPN, Scheduling & Medical  
Records—16 years

Angie Hites, LPN,  
Wound Care Nurse—14 years

Kathy McConnell, CNA—12 years

Aggie Johns, CNA—5 years

Cheryl Fedorchak, CNA—5 years

Wanda Fox, CNA—4 years

Emily Hutchison, CNA—4 years

Peg Snyder, CNA—4 years

Christine Roberts, LPN—2 years

Peggy Falla, RN,  
B-Wing Unit Manager—2 years

Sue Ann Blair, CNA—1 year

Teri Forrester, Dietary Aide—1 year

## Volunteers Needed

We have lots of special entertainment and events set up for the month of December. We are looking for volunteers to help decorate the facility, wrap Christmas

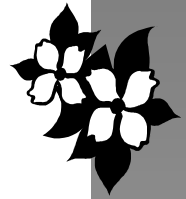
presents, do Christmas shopping and assist Residents to and from these special events. If you can help in any way, please see Faith Mong, Activities Director.



# Chaplain's Chatter

Pastor Stephanie Thompson

## As Prepared As We Need To Be



At the close of the holidays, do you ever find yourself saying, “things are going to be different next year”? Me too. Here we are, a new Christmas season is upon us, if adjustments are to be made, the time is now. So, where are we at?

Thanksgiving is just barely over; and, amazingly, the rush of the Christmas season is already very much upon us. You'd think that with the extra time we give ourselves – after all Thanksgiving is all but lost – we would be ready when Christmas comes around.

For me, it seems some years I am on target with my preparations, everything seems to be clicking along, I'm meeting my goals along the way – the trees (yes, trees) are up, the cards are sent, the house cleaning is coming along, I've donated food to this cause, made pies for that one, adopted a child here and a family there, but I am amazed at how things “heat up” the closer to Christmas it gets. Through much self-evaluation and honesty, I have discovered that when I have been on target I actually seem to dream up more things to do. What's with that?? I add a couple of more things to do here, and a couple of more events to go to there, with the end result being that I have NEVER been ready. But then, aren't we all pretty much that way? Who is ever REALLY ready? As a matter of fact, I have realized that in the past 15 years I have lived here, I have never gotten things ready enough to have time to make Christmas cookies. Wow, what a discovery! Maybe I just don't like to make cut-out cookies! Ha, ha!

All kidding, and not kidding, aside, there is tremendous pressure on us to achieve some elusive outward “look of perfection” that is actually defined not by reality, but by our own imagination (and maybe as well by the imaginations of others who have a HUGE staff to make it happen) .

The fact is, Christmas will come and Christmas will go, and it will happen no matter what external things we get done or don't get done.

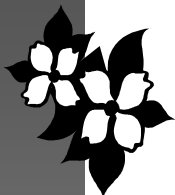
Maybe that nagging feeling we get a week before Christmas - you know, the feeling that we are not ready, that we will *never* be ready, is really our hearts calling us to God. While it is good to have a clean house, and absolutely to help others, especially at this time of year, I am convinced that what God really cares about is not how prepared we are to receive *everyone else* in our homes this season, but how prepared we are to receive Him in our hearts!

The good news is that things really can be different this year! We can adjust, and it is as simple as spending some much-needed time reading the Bible – read one Psalm a day as a gift from God – by including God in our plans and decisions, and by daily discussion with God each day through prayer, and Christmas Day will find us at peace with God and as prepared as we need to be for everything else!

My prayer for us all this season is that at the end of it we will say “things are going to be the same next year”!

Pastor Stephanie





# Christmas Dinner

We would like to extend an invitation to all families and friends to join us in celebrating the season at our Annual Christmas Dinner. Each year the dinner is held on the Sunday before the Holiday. This year it will be held Sunday, December 21st at the noon meal. In order to prepare enough meals and seating for everyone, **reservations are required.** If you would like to make a reservation, please contact the Receptionists, Donna Roberts or Rich Tallis by **Monday December 15th.** The cost for adults and children is \$7.00. Children 3 and under are free.

With all of the confusion of organizing the dinner and different people taking reservations and payment, we would appreciate payment for the meals prior to December 21st. Thank you.

## Support Group

The monthly CAREgiver's Support group will be held on Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 in the Great Room. This will be our Christmas get-together so please bring a snack and an ornament that has a special memory. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Jo Palmer at 724-458-4456

## Door Decorating Contest



We encourage everyone to participate in decorating a door for the holidays. It is a great way to have fun with the Residents and show your creativity. Sign up by the Hobby Room if you would like to participate. All doors need to be done by December 11th to participate in the contest. The winners will be announced Thursday, December 12th. Prizes will be given to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners. Please remember that we are unable to put any holes in the doors to secure items; however, we are able to use tape, door hangers or putty. If you have any questions about hanging items, please see Maintenance or Activities.

# Our Deepest Sympathy

While there are no deaths to report for the month of November; we would like to remember all of the special friends and Residents we lost over the past year.

*I still hear the songs,  
I still see the lights,  
I still feel your love,  
on cold wintery nights*

*I still share your hopes,  
and all of your cares,  
I'll even remind you,  
to still say your prayers*

*I want to tell you,  
you still make me proud,  
You stand head and shoulders  
above the crowd.*

*Keep trying each moment  
to stay in His grace,  
I came here before you,  
to help set your place.*

*You don't have to be perfect  
all of the time,  
He forgives you the slip,  
if you continue to climb.*

*To my friends and family,  
please be thankful today,  
I'm still close beside you,  
in a more special way.*

*I love you all dearly,  
now don't shed a tear,  
I'm spending my Christmas  
with Jesus this year.*

*~John Mooney, Jr.*

## Sunshine Way Christmas

We are having a family Christmas Party for the Residents of Sunshine Way. The party is scheduled for Monday, December 15th at 7:00 pm. There will be cookies and punch for everyone to enjoy and Ken Metric will be providing the musical entertainment. Come and enjoy!

## New Residents!

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Mrs. Betty Elder, 11/3  
Mr. Jerry Grossman, 11/10  
Mrs. Patricia Hetzer, 11/13  
Mr. Eugene Jones, 11/24  
Mrs. Gail Bestwick, 11/26

## New Employees

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April Stanley, CNA  
Ashton Hensley, CNA

## Best Wishes

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Best wishes to the following Residents who were discharged from Orchard Manor.

Mr. Frank Sneed, 11/7  
Mrs. Anna Diulus, 11/8  
Mrs. Evelyn Hunter, 11/10  
Mrs. Patricia Hetzer, 11/17

## Christmas Service

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Christmas is a very special time of year for many reasons. A favorite tradition among many families is attending a Christmas Service together. We have planned our Family Christmas Service for Tuesday, December 23rd in the Great Room of Orchard Manor at 7:00 p.m. Our Chaplain, Pastor Stephanie Thompson, coordinates the service. This year's service will include the Grace United Methodist Church Bell Choir and scripture readings by our Residents, Staff, and Family Members. If you need further information, please contact Faith Mong or Pastor Stephanie Thompson.

## Cookies with Santa

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The children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Orchard Manor's Residents and staff are invited to visit on Wednesday, December 10th at 7:00 pm in the Main Dining Room. The children can enjoy making crafts, Christmas cookies and of course, Santa will be visiting. Please sign up all children in advance. The sign up sheet will be located outside of the Hobby Room.

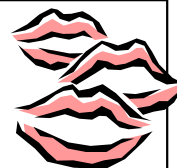
## Residents' Christmas

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Jolly Old St. Nicholas will be visiting Orchard Manor on Saturday, December 20th at 2:00 pm to deliver presents and spread some holiday cheer. Little Joe will be entertaining in the Great Room. We invite you to come and visit with our Residents.

## Senior Snickers

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Three buddies died in a car crash. In Heaven, St. Peter asked each one what he'd like to hear is friends and family say when they passed by his casket at the wake.

"I'd like to hear them say I was a great family man," said the first.

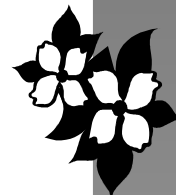
"I'd like to hear them say what a wonderful father and teacher I was," said the second.

The last guy replied, "I'd like to hear

## Attention Families

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When Residents are going out, especially during the Holidays, please give as much notice as possible. In fact, a 24-hour notice would be great so that the Nurses make sure not only that Residents are ready, but also to ensure that medications and any other arrangements are ready for you. The advance notice will not only decrease the time you have to wait to leave, but the notice will help the staff who help pick out outfits, get out winter coats and boots, have medications & instructions in order, etc. Thank you!



# Calendar Highlights

- Dec 1 A-Wing Tree Trimming  
PC Tree Trimming
- Dec 2 B-Wing Tree Trimming
- Dec 3 Carnegie Christmas Concert
- Dec 4 Birthday Celebration with Ed Ceremuga
- Dec 5 Fashion Friday-wear your Holiday shirt
- Dec 10 Cookies with Santa
- Dec 16 Mercer High School Show Choir
- Dec 19 Fashion Friday-wear your Santa hat
- Dec 20 Christmas Party with Little Joe
- Dec 21 Family Christmas Dinner
- Dec 22 AARP Kitchen Band Christmas Program  
Barry Spiker and Friends
- Dec 23 Orchard Manor Christmas Service

*For a more thorough list of activities  
and times, please see the calendar on pages 2 & 9.*



## Happy Birthday!

- 12/2 Frank Telesz
- 12/3 LaVerne Finlay
- 12/5 Harriet Sloan
- 12/6 Bob Bovard
- 12/7 Margaret Shields
- 12/8 Margaret Renick
- 12/9 Eleanor Elliott
- 12/11 Gabrielle Birney
- 12/11 John Graham
- 12/16 Betty McKinney
- 12/18 Isabelle Sweetapple
- 12/26 Mary Dorcy



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# Residents of the Month

Don't forget to look at the pictures of our Residents of the Month! They are on the bulletin boards located on each wing.

## George Hunter—A-Wing

George Hunter was born June 6, 1917 in Pine Township to parents Samuel and Mary Hunter. George attended Grove City Schools with his three brothers and two sisters. Several generations of the Hunter family helped found Tower Presbyterian Church.

On June 6, 1943, George's 26th birthday, he married Evelyn McMichael. The couple have nine children, Samuel, Mary, Audrey, Donald, Glenn, Elizabeth, Robert, Hazel and Frank. They now have 13 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

The family lived On Greenwood Drive Extension and George worked for Arthur Armour for a few years and full time raising sheep and shorthorn beef cattle.

George was very active with the Sheep Association and served as president of the Mercer County Cooperative Wool Growers Association. In 1994 he was inducted into the PA Livestock Association Hall of Fame.

## Charlotte Greib—B-Wing

Charlotte "Char" Greib was born in Indiana County, PA on June 27, 1923. Her parents, James and Theresa Boggie raised their six children on a farm in Blairsville. Along with her three sisters, Stella, Chris, Mamie, and her two brothers, Dom and Vic, Char attended school in a one-room schoolhouse. At the age of 45, Char earned her GED at the Community College.

Char and her first husband, Bob Rudaitis had three children, Linda, David and Gayle. The family lived in West Mifflin. Charlotte worked as a waitress at Paulie's Lookout and loved bowling. When her children were dating, she would flick the lights on and off when she thought it was time for the date to be over. When Char started to date, her children turned the tables on her, flashing the lights on and off! Later, Char married second husband, Bill Greib.

Char enjoyed taking car trips and making her own homemade spaghetti sauce. She also took a few trips to Las Vegas and loved them.

## Darlene Gibson—Personal Care

Darlene Gibson was born February 6, 1956 to parents Sally and Jim Gibson. She has one sister, Debbie.

Darlene grew up in Grove City and later moved to Franklin. Prior to her accident, she worked as a Nurse's Aide at Grandview in Franklin where she was a Resident favorite. She also worked in a bakery and waited tables at the Franklin Pizza Hut.

In her spare time, Darlene likes to clean house and work on latch hook rugs. She also has a fondness for Corvettes and loves to sing and dance.

Darlene's pride and joy is her daughter, Nicole, who is married and lives in Portland, Oregon.

One of Darlene's favorite memories is a trip she took to Hawaii with her long-time friend, Holly Cardy.

## Margaret Renick—Sunshine Way

Margaret "Peg" Renick was born on December 8th, 1915 in a stone house located between Barkeyville and Harrisville to James Leroy Riddle and Carrie B. Linch. She had 13 siblings, Lucille Mary, Cecil Leroy, Ruth Lillian, Vance Edward, June Katherine, David George, Gaylord, Charlotte Eileen, Jack Lewis, Richard Dean, Marian Joanne, Leonard and Wilbur.

Peg married William Glenn Renick and they had one son, William S. Renick, who lives in Slippery Rock with his wife Bonnie. Peg has three grandchildren, Michael Glenn, Jacqueline Faye and Brenda Lee; three great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren!

Peg loved playing basketball and was the high scorer on her team at Harrisville High. She led her team on to the State Championship in 1934.

Peg was an avid golfer, bowler and card-player. She was a member of Center Presbyterian Church for over 60 years, volunteered for the Butler County Blood Bank, Meals on Wheels and Grove City Hospital. She was a member of the Republican Women, American Legion and the town chauffer for many years.

Peg continues to inspire those close to her with her quick-witted one-line responses and her vibrant personality.