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A Note from the Administrator

Getting to Know the Therapy Department

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One of the very important services Orchard Manor offers is through our Therapy Department, which includes Speech, Occupational and Physical Therapies. The Therapies coordinate with the Nursing Department to help Residents regain and maintain various abilities.

Gretchen McGowan is a Speech-Language Pathologist, who also serves as our Rehabilitation Manager. While Gretchen's company has provided Speech Therapy, as well as the Physical and Occupational Therapies, since 2006, Gretchen has been with Orchard Manor since 1990. Gretchen, who is originally from Lewiston, New York, earned her BS Degree in Speech/Hearing Therapy from Edinboro University, and a MA Degree in Speech-Language Pathology from Western Illinois University. Gretchen's husband is a potato farmer and they have four children and three grandchildren. While Gretchen is active in her Church, loves to read and holds monthly Book Clubs in her home, and she and her husband have traveled to Australia, New Zealand and Mexico, to name a few, you may be surprised to know that she is a Certified Scuba Diver!

Stacy Saeler is also a Speech Therapist who has been with Orchard Manor almost six years. Stacy is from Stoneboro, but recently moved to Grove City. She received her BS Degree and her MS Degree in Speech-Language Pathology from Clarion University. Stacy has a sister, Lauren, and a brother, Jonathan. Jonathan is currently serving in Afghanistan with the Army National Guard. Stacy loves the beach and traveling to warmer places, with Ocho Rios, Jamaica being her favorite place (so

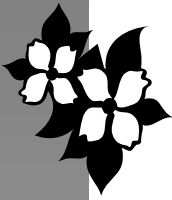
far!). She loves taking walks with her dog, Cooper, and Stacy has a quarter horse named Sara.

Julie Simpson is our Occupational Therapist. Julie was born in St. Cloud, MN, and earned her BS Degree in Occupational Therapy at the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks. Julie has two brothers, and she and her husband, Fred, have a daughter, Rachel, and a son, Cole, in addition to their five cats and four dogs! Fred is also an Occupational Therapist at Grove City Medical Center. Julie and her family enjoy camping and the outdoors, and they are planning a trip out west to explore America's Awesome National Parks!

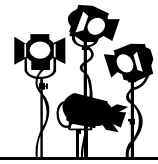
Lisa Mars has been our Occupational Therapy Assistant for three and a half years. Lisa is from New Castle, and has one younger sister and one younger brother. She graduated from Union High School, and continued on to Kaplan University for Occupational Therapy and Specialized Technology. She had worked as a phlebotomist for three years at the Allegheny County Jail before going to school for Occupational Therapy. Lisa enjoys camping, shopping and fixing up her new house. Her future plans including working towards her Masters Degree in Occupational Therapy.

DeAnna McGee has been our Physical Therapist Assistant for three years. DeAnna is from Volant. She earned her Applied Science Degree as a Physical Therapy Assistant from Butler County Community College. She has three older brothers, two sons, Marcus and Trevor, and two stepsons, Austin and Cody.

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Employee Spotlight



Kathy Gills, Housekeeper



Kathy Gills has been with Orchard Manor for 18 years. Currently, she works in the Housekeeping Department, buffing our floors to a high shine! Kathy has also

worked in the Dietary Department, Maintenance Department and as a CNA. Kathy used to be shy, but now enjoys teasing the Residents and having them tease her back.

Kathy is from Leesburg and attended Grove City Schools She has three older brothers.

Kathy has one daughter, Jennie, and two step-children, Tom and Michelle and one grandchild, Paige.

Among her numerous hobbies are reading, sewing, camping, panning for gold and mining for diamonds. She also enjoys working on sewing machines.

Kathy's plans for the future include travelling more.



Our Dedicated Staff

Service Anniversaries for April

Pat Graham, Seamstress—37 years
Barb Studebaker, CNA—22 years
Elaine Evans, Housekeeper—20 years
Arlene Morganstern, RN—20 years
Kathy Gills, Housekeeper—18 years
Debbie Johnson, CNA—17 years
Anna Kaufman, RN—16 years
Lucy Weckerly, Cook—12 years
Theresa Fernandez, LPN—8 years

Melissa Surrena, Dietary Aide—4 years
Sheryall Frasl, Dietary Aide—3 years
Monica Gilson, LPN—3 years
Crystal Friedl, LPN—3 years
Cindy Shuffstall, CNA—2 years
Denise Armstrong, Social Worker—1 year
Patrick Cannon, CNA—1 year
Brian Robinson, Dietary Aide—1 year
Katie Whitmire, Housekeeper—1 year

Corrected Service Anniversaries from March

Barb Blackson, Laundry Aide—32 years
Pat Acheson, Dietary Aide—18 years
Gerri Hodge, Dietary Aide—6 years
Jade Hilliard, Dietary Aide—3 years

Barb Riddle, LPN—3 years
Ray Rodemoyer, LPN—3 years

Thank You

Thank you to all staff for their help with the new name tags. The switch to photo I.D.s went very smoothly. We know that it was difficult for some of you who work off-shifts and we appreciate everyone that took the time to come in. Thank you. Keep up the good work by making sure you wear your name tag!

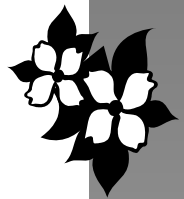
New Employees

Amy Bradley, LPN
Alisha Scott, CNA



Chaplain's Chatter

Pastor Stephanie Thompson



Living Like Resurrection Christians

It is always such a wonderful thing for me to celebrate Palm Sunday! I love to wave my palm and join together in that chant from the actual event of Jesus' riding into Jerusalem on that donkey, "Hosanna in the Highest! Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord!"

Can you imagine the joy in the hearts of the people gathered together on that day so long ago? They were so expectant of what lay in the future with Jesus as their King, their eagerness overflowed and it was hard for them to contain their joy, they took off their jackets and laid them in the road for Him to ride on -- you might say they rolled out the red carpet -- they cut palm branches and waved them, chanting as they did so. They were jubilant and happy; they *wanted* Jesus as their King.

I used to be surprised at how fickle they seemed, for how could a person go from the joy of that day to the events of Good Friday? How did they go from complete trust and loyalty on Sunday, to "Crucify Him" on Friday? How painful that must have been for our Lord! For a fresh perspective, though, perhaps we need to honestly ask ourselves if we would have done any different. Some of us think we would have. We think we would have stuck with Jesus, waited to see how it all played out, believed in Him even when we didn't always understand all things.

It is sometimes seems easy this side of the Resurrection to think we would have done different. And yet, so many times we don't. We don't understand the ways of God and we live out our lives like Good Friday Christians instead of Resurrection ones. Our joy is *not* evident, and we think our prayers are not being answered. Too many times when difficulty or tragedy come -- when a loved one dies, when we or someone we love faces a debilitating disease, or when our freedom to be and to do what we want has

been taken away -- our joy is turned to mourning, our trust in God is shaken. How painful that must be for our Lord!

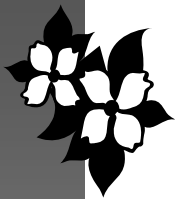
But Resurrection Christians are different. They know how the plan of God in Jesus Christ played out, and with that knowledge they are joyfully expectant of what lay in the future with Jesus as their King. It is hard for them to contain their joy, they are jubilant and happy for they know that better days are ahead as Jesus is coming again! I want to be a Resurrection Christian all the time, don't you? I want faith enough to stick with God, to see how things play out, to believe in Him even when I don't understand His ways!

The old adage, "if you don't use it, you lose it" is true of the Godly as well as the secular. When it comes to faith, the more we exercise it, the easier it will be to have it at the ready when we really need it! That involves some effort on our part, for we must choose to believe in the goodness of God even when we don't see it, we must claim the promises of the Bible for ourselves and wait for them to be, and we must trust that all things really DO "work together for good to those who love the Lord and are called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28). May the joy of Resurrection be ours today and every day!

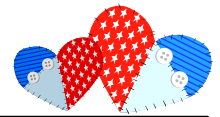
Pastor Stephanie

Support Group

The monthly CAREgiver's Support group will be held on Wednesday, April 21st at 10:30 in the Front Solarium. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Jo Palmer at 724-458-4456.



Patchwork of Memories Quilt



Since last month, Dorothy Royer's patch, which is a picture of a painting that had been made of her house, has been added to our quilt. Shirley Tinkey's patch shows that she is an avid Pirates Baseball Fan, while Tom Forrest's patch portrays that he is an avid Steelers Football Fan! Ruth Dietrich's square, with the piano and musical notes, was made because Ruth started playing the piano at the age of three, and taught piano until she was eighty-seven years old! Mary Weitzel's leprechaun patch was made to honor her Mother's birthday, which was on St. Patrick's Day. Zora Evakich's square is filled with her favorite flowers...roses! Betty Campbell's patch is quite interesting. It is a picture of a project Betty's daughter made for a sewing machine company's competition that was held

all over the United States. The company supplied the random materials, with instructions to design something with them, and Betty's daughter won 1st Place! As promised, the employees are invited to make a patch, for a minimum donation of \$1.00 to the Activity Department. Diane Robinson got the ball rolling with a patch that includes her three children, her love of gardening, and her life-long collection of Raggedy Ann and Andy. Anna Kaufman's square is made of her love for and collection of butterflies. Amy Lukavich's patch has a picture of her baby, Emma Snow, and the recognition of her hard work and fun in showing horses throughout Butler and Mercer Counties. Residents, Staff and Visitors are looking forward to seeing more patches and getting to know Residents and Staff Members!

Salute to Our Military

Orchard Manor would like to acknowledge family members of Residents and Staff who are currently serving in the Military.

- ☆ SSG. Jarett Buchanan,* brother-in-law of Stacy Saeler, Speech Therapist
- ☆ Spc. Steve Fox, Army National Guard, son of Wanda Fox, CNA
- ☆ Pfc. Jeremy Fry,* Army, cousin of Amy Bailey, CNA
- ☆ Pfc. Jonathan Hogue,* brother of Stacy Saeler, Speech Therapist
- ☆ E5 Sgt. Adam Reddinger,* Army Infantry, cousin of Amy Bailey, CNA.
- ☆ Sgt. Justin Robinson (Maintenance), Army National Guard, son of Diane Robinson, Administrator, brother of Emily Robinson, Activity Director

- ☆ Spc. Jacob Sydlik and
- ☆ Spc. Matthew Sydlik, Army National Guard, grandsons of Resident Norie Young
- ☆ Senior Airman Josh Winder and
- ☆ Senior Airman Matt Winder (Maintenance), Air Force Reserves, grandsons of Gloria Kaufman, Housekeeper.
- ☆ LCpl. Nathaniel Yarian,* U.S. Marines, husband of Kayla Yarian, RN.

*Currently serving overseas

If you have a family member you would like to recognize in the Apple Blossom, please call Laura Cook at 724-458-7760.

Our Deepest Sympathy

Everyone at Orchard Manor extends our heartfelt thoughts and prayers to the family and friends of the following Residents who recently passed away.



- Mrs. Sandra King, 3/6
- Mrs. Laurene McClelland, 3/12
- Mrs. Alfreda McCracken, 3/14
- Mrs. Hazel Campbell, 3/16
- Mrs. Audrey "Pat" Friedel, 3/19

Life's Books

Life is a book in volumes three-
The past, the present, and the yet-to-be.
The past is written and laid away,
The present we're writing every day,
And the last and best of volumes three
Is locked from sight - God keeps the key.

—Author Unknown

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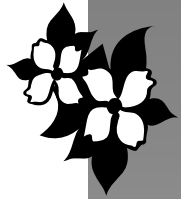
DeAnna enjoys repelling off cliffs, camping, hiking, biking, skiing, and gold prospecting! She is also a Certified Massage Therapist, and plays the Piano, Guitar and Alto Saxophone!

Steve Beck is our Physical Therapist and has been at Orchard Manor a little over a year. Steve is from Ellwood City and earned his degrees from Slippery Rock University. His undergraduate focus was on Sports and Exercise with a double major in Athletic Training and Exercise Science, with a minor in Biology. Steve also earned his Doctorate in Physical Therapy from SRU. Steve has a sister and two nephews, as well as a beautiful, happy twenty-two month old daughter named Alexis or "Lexie". In his spare time Steve enjoys mountain and road biking, weight lifting and spending time with his family. Steve is also a Certified Personal Trainer, and he is probably one of the few Physical Therapists who also has his CDL, as he used to be a Truck Driver!

Everyone in our Therapy Department agrees that Orchard Manor is the best Home to work in, and it is better than other Homes because of the friendly, relaxed environment, cleanliness and the focus on our Residents, their care and their happiness. Because they have experience with other Nursing Homes, providers and

different facilities, their opinions are felt to be credible. Each of the Therapists noted that the favorite part of their job was working with the Residents and feeling that they are part of the Orchard Manor Family.

Diane Robinson, NHA
Administrator



New Residents!

Mrs. Rogena Smith, 3/5
Mr. John "Chuck" Dickey, 3/5
Mrs. Betty Milner, 3/19
Mrs. Helen Lipinski, 3/25
Mrs. Edith Lightner, 3/29

Best Wishes

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

Mrs. Helga Hassel, 3/19
Mrs. Diana Travis, 3/20
Mrs. Rogena Smith, 3/23
Mr. Joseph Humphrey, 3/25
Mr. Thomas Barnes, 3/26

Senior Snickers



A guy is driving around the back woods of Montana and he sees a sign in front of a broken down shanty-style house: 'Talking Dog For Sale' He rings the bell and the owner appears and tells him the dog is in the backyard.

The guy goes into the backyard and sees a nice looking Labrador Retriever sitting there.

'You talk?' he asks.

'Yep,' the Lab replies.

After the guy recovers from the shock of hearing a dog talk, he says 'So, what's your story?'

The Lab looks up and says, 'Well, I discovered that I could talk when I was pretty young. I wanted to help the government, so I told the CIA.'

In no time at all they had me jetting from country to country, sitting in rooms with spies and world leaders, because no one figured a dog would be eavesdropping.'

'I was one of their most valuable spies for eight years running. But the jetting around really tired me out, and I knew I wasn't getting any younger so I decided to settle down.'

I signed up for a job at the airport to do some undercover security, wandering near suspicious characters and listening in.

I uncovered some incredible dealings and was awarded a batch of medals. I got married, had a mess of puppies, and now I'm just retired.'

The guy is amazed. He goes back in and asks the owner what he wants for the dog.

'Ten dollars,' the guy says.

'Ten dollars? This dog is amazing! Why on earth are you selling him so cheap?'

'Because he's a liar. He never did any of that stuff!'

Calendar Highlights

- Apr 1 Maundy Thursday Worship
- Apr 2 Dyeing Easter Eggs
Fashion Friday—Wear Easter colors
- Apr 4 Easter Sunday Sunrise Service
- Apr 8 Music with George Castlebury
- Apr 12 Birthday Celebration with Tim Amerson
- Apr 13 Music with Rick Bruening
- Apr 16 Music with Denny Gaillo
Fashion Friday—Wear baseball attire
- Apr 19 Puppet Show with Chuck Zerger
- Apr 29 Barry Spiker & Friends
- Apr 30 Fashion Friday—Wear a vacation shirt

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



- 4/14 Ethel Thompson
- 4/17 Wilma "Joyce" Thornbury
- 4/22 Dot McNeish
- 4/22 Lorraine Brocklehurst
- 4/23 Mary McGowan
- 4/28 Gus Fabry
- 4/28 Edna Lilley
- 4/28 Lynette Dallas

Correction: Last month's newsletter, which stated that Tom Forrest's birthday was March 26, was actually Tom Barnes' birthday. We apologize to Tom Forrest and Tom Barnes and their families for the error.



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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.

John "Chuck" Dickey—SSW

Chuck Dickey was born on July 19, 1919 on the family farm in Slippery Rock Township to Robert Newton Dickey and Minnie Belle Carr Dickey. He was one of 4 children. He celebrated his 90th birthday this past summer.

He was raised on the farm and has many memories of his childhood, especially of his father's Model T car and life during the depression. He is a graduate of Slippery Rock High School, Class of 1937. He is one of four members of the class still surviving, one of whom is Betty Drennen, who is also a Resident of Orchard Manor.

In 1945, Chuck married Marie McCurdy. They started married life on the family farm and later built a home along Route 108. They had eight children: Ruth, Jim, Evelyn, Fred, Dave, Dennis, Mark and Robert. There are eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Most of Chuck's family still lives in the Slippery Rock area.

Chuck worked on the family farm and then Cooper-Bessemer in the early fifties. He bought a truck in partnership with a co-worker, Lloyd Yelland, and started hauling coal. Yelland and Dickey Trucking Co. grew to a small fleet of trucks leased to companies in the area. Later, he hauled cement from in Wampum all over Western Pennsylvania and Eastern Ohio. He delivered much cement to batch plants for the construction of I-80.

Chuck became interested in aviation as a young man and has a pilot's license. Over the years he has owned a Piper Cub and a Cessna. He bought a farm just north of Slippery Rock, where he established a private airport, Flying Acres. He is also a past president of Pennsylvania Flying Farmers.

Chuck is collector of antique tractors and farm equipment. As a member of Portersville Steam Association, Chuck has shared his hobby by displaying his equipment at shows, giving educational talks, and serving as grand stand announcer.

Chuck is a member of the Slippery Rock Salvation Army. For many years he was the coordinator of the Christmas Kettle Campaign. He enjoyed ringing the bells and getting volunteers for the kettle.

Chuck loves animals, especially dogs. He has had three beagles over the years, all named Doggie. His current dog is Doggie Dickey III.

Chuck is a life-long member of the Wolf Creek Presbyterian Church in Worth Township. Over the years, he has faithfully served his church and God as an elder, youth leader and Sunday School Teacher.

John Fitzgerald—A-Wing

John Woodrow Fitzgerald was born February 18, 1917 at home on the Grove City-Mercer Road. His parents, Nettie and Harry Fitzgerald, had ten other children.

John attended Cribbs School and later Mercer High School where he graduated in 1934. In 1937, at the age of 20, John married Virginia Sanderson at the Methodist Church in Mercer. The couple have a daughter, Caroline, who lives in Virginia.

The family continued to live on the Grove City-Mercer Road. John worked as salesman and was in business for himself. He was very successful at his job despite having hearing problems all of his life. In his spare time, John enjoyed hunting. John continues to enjoy playing cards and checkers.

Shirley Tinkey—B-Wing

Shirley Tinkey was born Ruth Louise Adams on March 6, 1928 in Grove City. She was one of six children born to parents Clyde and Lucille Adams. Her grandmother always called her Shirley and the name stuck. Shirley and her brother, Tom and sisters, Lilly, Peggy (now deceased), Margie and Barb grew up across from the High School on Main Street. They attended Grove City Schools. Shirley was a varsity cheerleader all four years and was on the *Pine Knot* and *Grover Star* staff. She graduated in 1946.

On March 1, 1948, Shirley married Roger Tinkey. The two lived on East Pine Street in Grove City. She worked at United Community Hospital in Admissions. The couple had three children, Larry, Karen (Nelson) and Mike. The family used to vacation at Geneva on the Lake for over 60 years. In her spare time, Shirley liked to bowl and play bingo. She and Roger played in a card club for 40 years. Shirley was a marathon shopper and used to go to all the blue-light specials at K-mart. She is also a big fan of the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Shirley has six grandchildren, Wendy, Jody, Penny, Tommy, Courtney and Jaret. In addition, she has six great-grandchildren, Gabriella, Kelsey, Samantha, Rylee, Jace, Emma and another girl due to be born in June.