



THE VILLAGE

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Pictured left to right: Earl Fritts, Margie Snetman, Harry Baird, and Jean Fessenden

A Century Shared

Our activity staff had the privilege of sitting down with each of these remarkable individuals to hear their stories. Though they grew up in different cities, with different families and unique perspectives, they all share a love of life and a commitment to healthy habits. Meet these inspiring centenarians on the following pages.

January 2026



It is hard to believe 2025 is behind us and we're now embarking on a new year!

As we transition from one year to the next, I find myself reflecting on the year we've just completed. 2025 gave us generous portions of joy, health and happiness. Some of us also experienced moments which were not necessarily joyful – but such is the way of life. We move on, however, and look ahead to the good times yet to come.

One – actually four – joyful experiences we were blessed with in 2025 were the celebrations of four of our residents becoming centenarians. This is the most 100th birthdays we have ever celebrated in one year at The Village at Germantown. Even more remarkable is the fact that three of the four residents still reside in Independent Living and, in fact, truly do live independently! These residents would be the first to tell you that living in a loving, caring community has enhanced their quality of life and contributed to their longevity. You will learn more about these residents on the inside pages of this newsletter, and I believe you'll find their stories both inspiring and heartwarming. I know I do.

As we venture into 2026, I look forward to the joy we will continue to share here at The Village. We are blessed in so many ways, and I know we have much to anticipate in the coming year.

Thank you for being part of The Village at Germantown family. I wish you all the best year and look forward to sharing it with you, every step of the way. *Mike*

A Jewish Perspective

The Hebrew word *Tzedakah* (Tsee-dah?-kah) means "righteousness" but it is commonly used to signify charity. The Jewish concept of charity differs from the modern Western understanding of charity, which is considered a spontaneous act of goodwill and generosity. In Judaism, *tzedakah* refers to the religious obligation to do what is right and just, an important part of living a spiritual life. Unlike voluntary philanthropy, *tzedakah* is seen as an obligation that must be performed regardless of one's financial standing. It is mandatory even for those of limited financial means. *Tzedakah* can also be a gift of goods or services.

Moses Maimonides, the most celebrated Jewish philosopher of the Middle Ages, defined eight levels in giving *tzedakah*. (1) The highest form of charity is giving to help a person become independent of others.

(2) Giving when donor and recipient are unknown to each other. (3) Giving when donor knows recipient but recipient does not know donor.

(4) Giving when recipient knows donor but donor does not know recipient. (5) Giving without being asked. (6) Giving upon being asked. (7) Giving cheerfully but less than one should. (8) The lowest form of charity is giving grudgingly.

Marcia Levy

Jean Fessenden



Reaching 100 years old may seem impossible, but Jean Fessenden proves otherwise. She credits her long life to staying happy and finding humor in everyday moments. Jean speaks with pride about her family, especially her husband, Jack, who served 32 years in the U.S. Army during World War II, Korea, and Vietnam, retiring as a full colonel. After his passing, she moved to Memphis to be closer to family and now enjoys life at The Village at Germantown. Jean's advice is simple: take care of yourself, enjoy life, and find humor along the way. You'll recognize her in the halls—not by her age, but by her constant smile.

Harry Baird



Harry Baird was born in Dyer, Tennessee, and attended Dyer High School before continuing his education at the University of Tennessee. He has shared 65 wonderful years of marriage with his lovely wife, Sue, and together they are blessed with two children. Their son lives nearby, while their daughter resides in Florida.

Harry proudly served in the U.S. Air Force before beginning a long career with Ingalls Automobile, where he was responsible for overseeing all materials in the shipyard. Reflecting on his remarkable milestone of reaching 100 years, Harry credits his longevity to good genes from both parents, a healthy diet, plenty of walking, and, most importantly, a strong and loving marriage.

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Margie Snetman



Margie Snetman was born in Chattanooga and grew up in Houston, Texas, with a younger sister. She fondly remembers family trips to Florida's undeveloped beaches. Margie didn't have a TV until marriage, and later, her parents sent her family their first color TV to watch the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. She and her husband opened a ladies' dress shop, Galleria, and embraced new technology along the way. Blessed with good health, Margie has never let age define her and hopes for a world where people accept one another.

Earl Fritts



Earl Fritts grew up in Binghamton, New York, before moving to Pennsylvania, where he spent his school years playing basketball, football, and summer baseball. He enjoyed a 70-year marriage, raised a daughter, and welcomed two grandsons. After graduating from Wittenberg College in 1949, Earl ran his own motorcycle parts business. He credits his longevity to staying active—especially playing tennis four times a week—and encourages younger generations to travel and prioritize their health.

Chaplain's Corner

2026. Can you believe it?! I remember the Bicentennial Celebration in 1976. And who can forget the mystery surrounding Y2K? I guess the world did not implode after all! So here we are another 26 years since those days. How time flies!

Each new year gives us a sense of a fresh start. Forget those easily broken resolutions you've always made. Forget the effort to "do better" than you did last year.

But remember to echo the psalmist when he says, "Teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom" (Psalm 90:12). And what is the source of wisdom? "The fear of the lord is the beginning of knowledge" (Proverbs 1:7).

The truth is that you and I live under the watchful eye of our God. It is through him alone that we may know peace, joy, and hope.

May 2026 be a year in which we realize that we do not walk this journey alone. He is there when we don't see Him; He is able when we feel weary; He is forgiving when we feel guilty. Look to Him and live!





January 2026

TH	Theatre	AE	Aerobics Room	AR	Activity Room
CR	Card Room	VP	Village Pool	WC	Wellness Clinic
PL	Polo Lounge	LI	Library	GL	Grand Lobby
AU	Auditorium	CA	Cafe	MP	Multipurpose Room
MD	Monarch	BR	Billiards Room		

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday



New Year's Day	1
11:00 MD New Year's Brunch	
1:00 PL Hand & Foot Canasta	
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2:00 TH Movie "Wake Up Dead Man: A Knives Out Mystery" (New!)	

9:30 AE Tai Chi Video	2
10:00 CR Holy Catholic Communion led by Holy Spirit Church	
11:00 TH Curiosity University	
1:00 CR Rummikub	
2:00 AE Mobility Plus	
3:00 BR Pool & Billiards	
4:00 PL TGIF	

1:00 PL Rummikub	3
2:00 AU Open Dance Class	
7:00 AU Community Worship Service led by Greg Thompson	
7:00 TH Movie "News of the World"	

4	11:30 MD Sunday Brunch
	1:30 TH Movie "Mission Impossible: Fallout"
	7:00 TH Movie "Kramer vs Kramer"
	9:30 AE Tai Chi Video
	10:30 AU The Village Choir
	11:00 AE Light Aerobics
	12:00 AE Gentle Yoga
	1:00 CR Rummikub
	1:00 VP Water Aerobics
	2:00 AE Balance Class
	4:00 PL Margarita Monday!
	7:00 AU BINGO!

5	8:30 WC Podiatry Services
	9:00 CR Man2Man Coffee & Devotional with Chaplain Spink
	9:30 AE Tai Chi Video
	10:00 AE Water Aerobics
	10:00 AE Zumba Gold
	11:00 CR Heart2Heart Women's Devotional
	1:00 CR Poker
	2:00 AE Balance Class
	2:00 PL Samba Card Game
	3:00 AU Golden Oldies
	4:00 Village Putt-Putt
	5:00 AU Monthly Birthday Party

6	9:15 GL Bus Departs for Civil Rights Museum & Lunch at Gus's Fried Chicken
	9:30 AE Tai Chi Video
	10:45 AE Line Dancing
	12:00 PL Dominoes
	1:00 CR Rummikub
	2:00 LI Loops of Love
	2:00 AE Strength Class
	3:00 CR BUNCO
	7:00 TH Movie "Jay Kelley" (New!)

7	9:30 VP Water Aerobics
	10:00 AE Zumba Gold
	11:00 AU Bible Study with Chaplain Spink
	12:00 AE Gentle Yoga
	1:00 PL Hand & Foot Canasta
	2:00 AE Mobility Class
	4:15 PL Trivia with Bud Demetriou
	7:00 AU Great Courses

8	8:30 CA The Village Breakfast
	9:30 AE Tai Chi Video
	10:00 CR Holy Catholic Communion led by Holy Spirit Church
	11:00 TH Curiosity University
	1:00 CR Rummikub
	2:00 AE Mobility Plus
	3:00 BR Pool & Billiards
	4:00 PL TGIF
	7:00 AU Movie "Jurassic Park" (1993) with themed snacks

9	1:00 PL Rummikub
	2:00 AU Open Dance Class
	7:00 TH Movie "A Thousand Heroes"
	7:00 AU Movie "With Honors"

11	11:30 MD Sunday Brunch
	1:30 TH Movie "Steel Magnolias"
	6:00 CR Vespers Service Led by Billy Lamb
	9:30 AE Tai Chi Video
	10:30 AU The Village Choir
	11:00 AE Light Aerobics
	12:00 AE Gentle Yoga
	1:00 MP New Paint Class with Joe Umphress
	1:00 CR Rummikub
	1:00 VP Water Aerobics
	2:00 AE Balance Class
	7:00 AU Trivia Night

12	9:00 CR Man2Man Coffee & Devotional with Chaplain Spink
	9:30 VP Water Aerobics
	10:00 AE Zumba Gold
	10:15 GL Depart for Old Dominic Distillery & Lunch at the Arcade
	11:00 CR Heart2Heart Women's Devotional
	1:00 CR Poker
	1:00 CR Rummikub
	2:00 AE Balance Class
	2:00 PL Samba Card Game
	3:00 AU Golden Oldies
	4:00 Village Putt-Putt
	7:00 TH Movie "Midnight Cowboy"

13	9:30 AE Tai Chi Video
	10:45 AE Line Dancing
	12:00 PL Dominoes
	12:00 AU Lunch & Learn
	1:00 CR Rummikub
	2:00 LI Loops of Love
	2:00 AE Strength Class
	3:00 CR BUNCO
	7:00 TH Movie "Nuremburg" (New!)

14	9:30 VP Water Aerobics
	10:00 AE Zumba Gold
	11:00 AU Bible Study with Chaplain Spink
	12:00 AE Gentle Yoga
	1:00 AR "Crafternoon"
	1:00 PL Hand & Foot Canasta
	2:00 AE Mobility Class
	3:00 AU Drama Club Meeting
	4:15 PL Trivia with Bud Demetriou
	7:00 TH Movie "The Music Man"

15	9:30 AE Tai Chi Video
	10:00 LI Book Club
	10:00 CR Holy Catholic Communion led by Holy Spirit Church
	11:00 TH Curiosity University
	1:00 CR Rummikub
	2:00 AE Mobility Plus
	3:00 BR Pool & Billiards
	4:00 PL TGIF
	7:00 AU Friday Night Entertainment "The Miracles"

18	11:30 MD Sunday Brunch
	1:30 TH Movie "When a Man Loves a Woman"
	7:00 TH Movie "Die Hard"
	9:30 AE Tai Chi Video
	10:30 AU The Village Choir
	11:00 AE Light Aerobics
	12:00 AE Gentle Yoga
	1:00 MP New Paint Class with Joe Umphress
	1:00 CR Rummikub
	1:00 VP Water Aerobics
	2:00 AE Balance Class
	7:00 AU BINGO!

Holiday Carousel of Shoppes



The Village's Jim Moore Wood Shop participated this year with a booth presenting a collection of unique handcrafted pieces. Pictured left to right: Walter Schrimper, Lanny Oakes, Ken Plunk, & Linda Parker



Diane Sluder pictured with returning vendor Nancy Marciniak



Betsy Enoch enjoying some of the spiced cider

January Birthdays

Jan 1	Margaret Sousoulas
Jan 2	Larry Palmer
Jan 4	Janne Niemoeller
Jan 5	Ellen Appel
Jan 9	Dory Heideman
Jan 12	Kay Hartung
Jan 13	Helen Palmer
Jan 13	Karen Probst
Jan 13	Charlotte Van Baren
Jan 14	Marlene Deal
Jan 14	Sue O Williams
Jan 15	Carolyn Cochran
Jan 16	Fran Lewis
Jan 17	Karen Henry
Jan 17	Betty Hewitt
Jan 18	Cecile Acker
Jan 20	Margaret Read
Jan 24	Anne Buchacek
Jan 27	James Briske
Jan 28	Charles Dickinson

Jan 29	Nancy Crais
Jan 29	Vickey Diestelhorst
Jan 31	Marian Marion



January Upcoming Events

12	New Art Class Starts! (Sign up in the Mail Room)
14	Lunch & Learn
16	"The Miracles" Vocal Group From the Baddour Center
19	Martin Luther King Jr. Talk with Mark Brown
23	Robert Burns Dinner (Sign up in the Mail Room)
29	Philosophy of Language with Professor Sherron Knopp, resident
30	Friday Night Entertainment "Driving Sideways"

join us for a

ROBERT BURNS DINNER

FRIDAY, JAN. 23RD
AUDITORIUM
4:30-6:30PM

A TRADITIONAL HIGHLAND WELCOME

5 COURSES WITH WHISKEY & WINE PAIRINGS

BAGPIPES & OTHER SPECIAL MUSIC

sign up required

Assisted Living & Long-Term Care Christmas Dinner



Bill Thomas with his daughters



Michael Labonia



Most of the Stuart family came to the party!



Merna Keeney and her daughter



Janne Niemoller



Meet Your New Neighbors!



Meet Doris Ann & Jack Liles! Jack was born and raised in Memphis and is an avid golfer. He proudly served in the Air Force for five years. Doris Ann is from Gibson County, Tennessee, and enjoys playing bridge. They are both members of First Evangelical Church. Say hello when you see them around!



Meet Dr. Jim & Carol Boals! Jim is a retired radiologist, lifelong Memphian, and Navy veteran, while Carol, originally from England, is a former nurse with a love for adventure and travel. Married for 60 years, they have three children, eight grandchildren, and are longtime members of Germantown Presbyterian Church. Welcome them to the community when you see them.



Meet Joan Lindow! Joan visits her husband daily in long-term care and they have been married 63 years, with four sons, 16 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren. She is moving in with her cat, Nellie, enjoys cross-stitching, gardening, and reading, and is excited to join the community.

Word Search

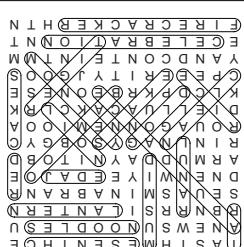
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1. Abundance	8. Firecracker	15. Noodles
2. Bamboo	9. Gold	16. Rat
3. Cakes	10. Jade	17. Red
4. Celebration	11. Lantern	18. Rice
5. Chinese	12. Lion	19. Snake
6. Clean	13. Lunar	20. Tiger
7. Dim Sum	14. Monkay	

Word Search Solution:



"Our Little Choir," featuring Kaylee Jackson and other local Memphis moms, came to sing in December.