



THE VILLAGE

— at Germantown —

A METHODIST HEALTHCARE AFFILIATE

THE VILLAGE VIEW

Monthly Newsletter

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Michael Donahue playing the piano for our Valentine's concert.

How It All Started

I picked out my first song on the family's old upright piano when I was three years old. My brother, three years older than me, was taking piano lessons. He played one of the songs he had to learn, "Papa Haydn," which sounded like "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star," over and over and over again. So, one day I just played it by ear.

And I continued to play by ear even though I took piano lessons for a couple of years or so. I remember one of my exasperated teachers saying, "You just want to play the 'Michael' way!" Which I did. And I still do.

As I got older, I began playing parties. I was offered a job at the old Top of the Hundred restaurant on top of the 100 North Main building when I was around 18, but I turned it down because I thought working at Seessel's grocery store was more fun. My main job now, of course, is journalism. I've been working at newspapers since 1975. I'm currently at the Memphis Flyer. But I still play piano gigs whenever I can. I've got hundreds and hundreds of songs floating around in my head. And, I can assure you, I play the "Michael" way.

Michael Donahue



March Birthdays

March 2	Julie Klein
March 3	Sue Dewald
March 6	Katie Burrow
March 7	Jayne Berube
March 7	Jane Paskowitz
March 9	Muriel Turner
March 12	Tom Dayton
March 14	George Browder
March 15	Donna Poort
March 18	Peggy Hugg
March 19	David Olinger
March 22	Spencer Fullen
March 23	Martha Holt
March 25	Margaret Owens
March 25	Jane Sharpe-Carl
March 26	Ken Plunk
March 26	Beth Blodgett
March 27	Peggy Hughes
March 28	Nancy Engelberg
March 28	Margaret Kirkpatrick



Rick Paskowitz giving another "musical" report at Resident Council Meeting!

A Letter From Our CEO



I have always liked seniors. I suppose that's a good thing since I spend my life surrounded by them!

One of the things I like best about seniors is the rich history they bring. My life is made better by the knowledge, wisdom and experience of those I am around here at The Village. There is nothing I enjoy more than talking with our residents and getting to know them, learning about their past and perspectives on life.

Our residents come from all walks of life. They come from diverse backgrounds and careers. Many served in wars and have endured all sorts of hardships. Many have experienced adventures most of us only dream about. Some have lived simple, seemingly uneventful lives but have been such a blessing to others.

A couple of weeks ago, we observed Valentine's Day. During that season, our residents often share the stories of how they and their spouse met and became married. These stories are so fun and heartwarming! There are stories of how they met in spite of coming from such different socio-economic backgrounds. Or how they waited for each other for long periods of time even though they hardly knew each other at the time.

Stories of how they ended up together in spite of great odds and then lived a long life as a couple.

Any time you have a chance to better get to know someone older than you, I would encourage you to take that opportunity. They will enjoy talking with you and telling their life stories, but you are the one whose life will be enriched beyond imagination.

A huge thank you to our residents for sharing your lives with us here at The Village at Germantown.

Mike



Carol Geller and Brenda Levie putting arrangements together for the Petal Pushers!



Event Photos



Stephen Len White came to sing a classical concert for us!



Staff Focus-TK Franklin



Tell me about yourself. "I have worked at The Village for four years. I have two beautiful daughters, Trinade and Tori. Trinade is a sophomore at MTSU and Tori is six years old. Tori loves to come to visit all of her friends here at The Village (she even has her own name tag). I love shopping, traveling, and being a great mom. My favorite place I have been is Disney World and I would love to go to Italy one day. Pasta and desserts are my favorite foods."

What brought you to The Village? "My mom was working here as a caregiver. Maria Wyatt interviewed me and took a chance on me. She hired me as a server and then as the Dining Manager. I would like to give her a special thanks!"

Favorite part about working here? "The friendships I have gained with the residents and I truly feel like working in the Dining Department is where I belong."

March Upcoming Events

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| Mar 1 | Bus Trip to see "The Little Mermaid Jr." at Riverdale School | Mar 10 | Friday Night Entertainment with Violinist Donna Wolf |
| Mar 2 | Himebook Jazz Student Concert | Mar 14 | Drive-In Movie Night & March Madness Begins |
| Mar 3 | Lenten Preaching Series Bus Trip & Frank Sinatra Concert with Adam Levin | Mar 17 | "Try Your Luck" St. Patrick's Day Casino Night |
| Mar 4 | Steinway Series with Tim Stanek & Ukulele Lessons Begin | Mar 21 | Bus Trip to Just Divine Tea Room & The Veterans' Museum |
| Mar 7 | Monthly Birthday Party | Mar 23 | Resident Council, & St. Patrick's History Night with Mark Brown |
| Mar 8 | Bus Trip to Bass Pro at the Pyramid | Mar 25 | Coffee & Muffins |
| Mar 9 | Guest Speaker, Scott Morris, Church Health Center | Mar 31 | Friday Night Entertainment with Pianist Steve McGregory |

A Jewish Perspective

Purim, also called **Feast of Lots**, is a joyous Jewish festival commemorating the survival of the Jews who, in the 5th century BCE, were marked for death by their Persian rulers. The story is related in the biblical Book of Esther. Haman, chief minister of King Ahasuerus, was incensed that Mordecai, a Jew, refused to bow down to him. He convinced the king that the Jews were rebellious and should be slaughtered. With the king's consent, Haman set a date for the execution (the 13th day of the Hebrew month of Adar) by casting lots.

Purim is celebrated among Jews by the reading of the *Megillah*, the Book of Esther, in the synagogue. Jews are also enjoined to exchange gifts and make donations to the poor. Other customs include wearing masks and costumes, public celebrations and parades, and eating three-cornered pastries called *hamantaschen*, literally "Haman's pockets." This year Purim begins at sunset on March 6 and ends at sunset on March 7.

Marcia Levy



Resident Spotlight: Bud Demetriou

If you have ever met Bud Demetriou, you know he is a character and there's a reason why! (Hint: he may have done some acting in his day.)

Where are you from?

"I was born at St. Joseph's hospital in Memphis. Grew up here and then was enlisted in the Navy. I attended 3 colleges—University of Utah, University of TN at Martin, and Central Michigan University for my master's."

What did you do for work?

"Besides 24 years with the Navy and the Navy Reserves, I worked as a freight salesman and I was awful at it. I then went back to Memphis and taught in a tech program teaching prisoners a warehouse training class."

"I finally ended up at FedEx in their courier department before retiring from it all in 2004. Fun fact: I sang in a country western band in bars during my Navy days and later acted in a few parts at Theatre Memphis."

Family?

"I have a daughter and grandson in California and a granddaughter in New Mexico. I met Pat in '86. We married in '87 and joined families. I adopted her 2 daughters and she has 3 grandsons and a granddaughter. I also have 3 brothers and a sister still living and they all live around here."

"We love pizza and sometimes all eat at the Memphis Pizza Cafe."

Hobbies?

"I love to do oil paintings. Most of my family have those now. Currently I enjoy drawing with pencils. I am also in the Village drama club and Village choir."



Grizzlies vs. Utah Jazz



First Stop: Penny's Nitty Gritty (Penny Hardaway's restaurant) Left to Right: Carolyn Tyler, Jack Henton, Ellie Appling, Alice Funderburk, Jerry Francisco, Ruth Riggs, Donna Poort, Bill Sossaman, John Adamson, & Red Rodenmeyer.



Carolyn Tyler & Ruth Riggs pose outside the FedEx Forum



The "chaperones" Kaylee Jackson and Henry Musgraves



Left to Right: John Adamson, Carolyn Tyler, Ellie Appling, & Jack Henton.



Bill Sossaman and Donna Poort



Grizzlies won!!

Chaplain's Corner

Marching into March!

The Month of March always offers the hope of warmer weather and the blooming of some beautiful flowers! The daylight hours are increasing, and walks can be enjoyed in the early morning or the late afternoon. The colder temps of winter finally start to step aside, and we welcome the refreshing spring air and the birds that return to color the skies.

The beauty of God's creation can almost "take our breath away." Azaleas burst out of their slumber and shout, "The heavens declare the glory of God!"

As we celebrate another spring season, may we echo the words of the psalmist: Let all the earth fear the Lord; Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him for He spoke and it came to be; He commanded and it stood firm. (Ps 33:8,9)

Chaplain Spink



Arrangements put together by the Petal Pushers are ready for Healthcare.

Bus Trips



Martha Ann Corlew, Jerry Francisco, Jane Paskowitz, Bill Sossaman, Jack Henton, Rick Paskowitz, Anne Buchacek, Bette Tilly, Karen Probst, Diane Sluder, Margie Snetman, Carol Geller, and Ellie Appling at the Belz Museum on last month's Mystery Trip.



Bill Sossaman enjoying a wonderful lunch at Alcenia's Restaurant (pictured with one of their employees).



Around Campus



Pictured: Laura Lee Apperson raising money selling Valentine's Day cards for a new peony flower garden for The Village.



These are your Employees of the Month for 2022. From Left to Right: Amber McAlister, Robby Nisby, Judith Dodd, Ricky Bates, Donna Schrimsher, Toni Wilson, & Ashley Sunderland.



The Great Courses

The Great Courses have been a very popular virtual lecture series here at The Village! On March 16th, we will show "Soft Bodied Life in the Dark, Open Depths" & "Swimming—The Many Fish in the Sea" from "Oceanography: Exploring Earth's Final Wilderness."

We hope you find these lectures to be fascinating! Look forward to seeing more Great Courses in the coming months.



UKULELE LESSONS!

start March 1st!!

THERE WILL BE AN
INFORMATIONAL
MEETING MARCH
2ND @ 3:30PM

details: Every Saturday
3:30pm-4:30pm
Auditorium B



Healthcare Happenings



Betty Pearigen on Tea Party Day in Skilled Nursing.



Jeanette Cooley on Tea Party Day.



Making their hats for the Tea Party!



Memory Care enjoyed a visit from Hawaiian North 40 Ukulele Group complete with a hula dancer.



Assisted Living on a bus trip outing to Corky's BBQ Restaurant.



Betty Pelts (third from left) used to work at Corky's restaurant. The staff made it a very special day for her.

Interesting Facts About St. Patrick's Day

- St. Patrick's Day is on March 17th which is the anniversary of his death.
 - St. Patrick was actually born in Britain and not Ireland.
 - He is attributed with introducing the people of Ireland to Christianity.
 - Legend has it that he explained the Holy Trinity using the 3 leaves of the native Irish clover, the Shamrock.
 - The first St. Patrick's Day parade took place in what is now St. Augustine, Florida, on March 17th, 1601.
 - The New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade is the world's oldest civilian parade and the largest in the United States.
 - Interestingly enough, the color that was first associated with St. Patrick's Day was blue, not green.
 - Every year since 1962, the Chicago River has been dyed green for St. Patrick's Day.
 - Leprechauns became associated with St. Patrick's Day from the Celtic people's belief in fairies.
- All according to History.com*



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6. Jacuzzis
10. Ivan V or Ivan VI
14. Coliseum
15. Long-eared animal
16. Of the atmosphere: pref.
17. Grape bearers
18. Glenn or Shepard
20. Have a bite
21. Wagon
23. Crawling creatures
24. Piece of glass
25. Editor's note
27. Outcome
30. Means of transportation
31. Knock
34. Jewish month
35. Keeps
36. "___ Got a Secret"
37. Mottown
41. Ending for Clement
or Paul
42. Welcome
43. Former European capital
44. WWII agency: abbr.
45. Byron or Tennyson
46. One with straight A's
48. Twin's rafter
49. Lion's abode
50. Catalonia resident's land
53. Dreaded disease

54. House memb.
57. Clock's forerunner
60. Worthless matter
62. Yours and mine
63. Formerly, formerly
64. Avid
65. "Phooey!"
66. Letters
67. Bowling alley button
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1. Wash
2. Opera solo
3. Not straight
4. 3/7 and 4/7
5. Spanky or Alfalfa
6. Portion
7. Of a former time
8. Man's nickname
9. Indian weight
10. Lake boat
11. Blacken
12. Jack-in-the-pulpit
13. Becomes bad
19. Like a hooting bird
22. Colony member
24. Sound of contentment
25. Ship's crane
26. Branch of gov.
27. Nightstand item
28. Perfect spots
29. Fills
30. Made docile

31. Severity
32. ____-garde
33. Price for one's thoughts?
35. Strict
38. Eying
39. Common metal
40. Construction beam
46. Depressed
47. Señor or Herr
48. Preceding all others
49. Shoppers' reminders
50. With hooves protected
51. Rain hard
52. Distinctive atmosphere
53. South African fox
54. Equips
55. Fencer's item
56. Saucy
58. Permit
59. Common verb
61. Woman's name



I'm *thankful* for....