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Isn’t it wonderful that we have been given the amazing opportunity to receive our vaccinations and protect ourselves from a deadly virus that shut down the world for over a year? I finally feel like I can breathe again and am thrilled to be able to get back out and be with family and friends. We are extremely lucky to have the option to protect ourselves and those we love, as well as those we don’t even know. Is there any better example of “Love they neighbor” than that?

I hope you all had an opportunity to join us outside in May for the 1st Annual Wesleyan Village Classic Car Show. We were blessed with a perfect weather day and ended up with more cars than we had parking spaces! There was such an amazing variety of cars to look at including the large selection of Model A’s brought to us from our own Norm Ingold and his Model A Club. Wonderful food trucks, great live music, a visit from Mayor Whitfield and free ice cream treats courtesy of the new Elmer’s Ice Cream topped off a great event!

I am excited to announce that Brian Sheetz, the manager of the Wesleyan Senior Living Foundation Endowment Fund and Annuity Fund has generously donated a day of his time to come out to both Wesleyan Village and Wesleyan Meadows to do an informational event on planned giving options. If you are looking to invest in a gift that pays you back or have been thinking about making a future gift through your life insurance or will, Brian can help explain the benefits of all these options. These type of gifts, made to the Foundation for the Life Care Fund, come with an invitation to join the Mary Lilly Society as well. Brian will be here on July 21st so let me know if we should reserve a seat for you.

After a long break we will be starting up our Mary Lilly Society social events with the return of the Mary Lilly Society Annual Luncheon in October.

This will be a nice opportunity for our long term members to get reacquainted as well as introduce our new ones! We will have a delicious lunch, compliments of our wonderful dining staff, with live music and some special surprises. What a nice way to honor our founder’s memory and carry on her legacy of helping others.

I hope to announce our new board members to all of you very soon. We have put out an invitation to three outstanding candidates with years of experience in Lorain County both professionally and in their community support. These people will join the Wesleyan Senior Living Board in order to promote and build the Foundation funds so that our ability to maintain the Wesleyan Promise remains strong.

Please enjoy the fresh air, warm weather and your friends within our community. How happy it makes me to see people walk by my door everyday on their way to bingo, or to play pool before dinner, or to take advantage of any of the many fun events Activities has planned for you. Feel free to stop in anytime to say hello!

We LOVE our volunteers!

*Thanks to Leadership Lorain County for their amazing volunteer work on the Beacon House gardens! Our memory care residents and their families appreciate their efforts!
This time of year brings back the words of the old song by Nat King Cole, “Roll out those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer, those days of soda and pretzels and (root)beer.” It brings back memories of the past and the anticipation of making memories for the future. As the campuses of Wesleyan Village and Wesleyan Meadows move past the memories of last year’s pandemic, we express thankfulness to God for the staff and resident of Wesleyan. Together we have weathered the storm and have begun to get back to some kind of normal within spiritual life at the Wesleyan. The Meadows recently gathered together for a good old fashion Hymn Sing and Sunday Services in Wesleyan Chapel are now open to all residents and the surrounding community who have been vaccinated. Weekly devotions have now resumed on all the healthcare floors and our two memory units, Beacon House and Light House. This fall we will begin offering in-person Bible Study and other opportunities to nurture faith and spiritual life at Wesleyan. We will come together to remember all that we have been through during this last year and a half and remember the lives who have passed on. God tells us that throughout all the ups and downs in our lives, and beyond, we are not alone. God is with us, not just in the spirit, but through the eyes, hands and feet of those around us. There is no where we can go, that God is not present in our lives. Psalm 139 describes it so well. “Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.” God is with us all.
Once Upon A Time

Jan and Truus van Galen were Dutch immigrants who came to America after World War II. They came here with just about nothing, except the will to work hard, study hard and become citizens. Mr. van Galen taught a variety of languages while Mrs. van Galen shared her artistic talents as art teacher.

The van Galen’s were some of the first residents to call Wesleyan Meadows home in the late 1990’s. During their many years here they made lasting impressions on all who knew them. Mr. van Galen had a marvelous personality, warm smile and a love of music. All things he shared with those he encountered. Mrs. van Galen found joy in her gardens and teaching residents of The Meadows how to paint beautiful pictures. You’ll find her painting of pink rhododendrons prominently displayed in the arts and crafts room where she spent so much of her time.

Upon their passing, the van Galen Trust bequeathed a generous gift that was to be used to modernize, redecorate and refurbish the Wesleyan Meadows Community Center. The refurbishment is now complete.

A Dedication Ceremony and Open House will be held on Thursday, August 5th 4pm-6:30pm at the Wesleyan Meadows Community Center.

Please join us in celebrating and remembering Jan and Truus van Galen. Kindly RSVP to Tracey Murphy 440-934-9400 x4712 or tmurphy@villageliving.org

Wesleyan Village is a wonderful community with wonderful residents living wonderful lives.

Contact Anne Murphy (440) 284-9025 or amurphy@villageliving.org for information on vibrant, purposeful Independent or Assisted Living.

Once Upon A Time

“Once Upon A Time” there lived an elderly lady whose home was on E. Second Street in Elyria. She saw other elderly women living alone and struggling financially and physically. Mary thought something could and should be done to improve the lives of those elderly ladies. So Mary found and rented a rambling old building on E. Second Street with just that in mind.

She invited those “old ladies” living on her street to pool their resources and live together in a much more comfortable and secure environment than they had lived in for many years. Mary Lilly became the supervisor, cook, janitor and matron, drawing upon her own resources to cover any deficits in running expenses.

Mary was determined to show the need for such an institution in Elyria. Now 125 years later, that tradition continues as Wesleyan Village has grown into the largest continuing care retirement community in Lorain County, with 400 residents and staff, over 17 acres—right alongside the Black River. From Independent Living to Long Term Care and everything in-between, Wesleyan Village remains a Beacon as a Faith-Based, Non-Profit Organization—continuing Mary’s Promise to provide shelter and care for its’ residents, even if they outlive their funds.

How do you know when it is time to downsize or to start searching for senior housing for your next chapter? Here are some questions to ask yourself:

* You spend too much time on home maintenance and/or some of the tasks may become too difficult or even pose a threat to your overall health due to chronic conditions or mobility issues you’re facing.
* You haven’t used some of the rooms in years or are connected by stairs that are too difficult to use properly.
* You would like to save some money. Upkeep, taxes, and big-ticket repairs can quickly add up and deplete your savings account.
* You need to reduce your stress and enjoy more free time & travel.
* You would like a peace of mind for your future needs.

Tracey Murphy
Senior Sales Director

Anne Murphy, CDP Director of Marketing & Sales

A Gift to Be Remembered

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Mary Lilly and the 1st Residents of Wesleyan Village, Elyria

Mary Lilly

Supervisor, Cook, Janitor and Matron

Tracey Murphy
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Our Mission:
The mission at Wesleyan is to provide an environment for older adults to experience the fullness of life, encouraging them to age successfully by growing socially, intellectually, physically, and spiritually with the care and support of an ecumenical, multi-faith, and multi-cultural community.
The weather put a damper on our convertible parade outdoors but we moved the fun inside and had a great party! This party centered around Walt’s 107th birthday so we celebrated him and the six other Centenarians we have the honor of living here at Wesleyan Village! Mayor Whitfield came by to deliver a few words of wisdom and present all our 100 year old residents with a Proclamation from the City of Elyria. An honor guard presentation by the American Legion, in honor of Walt’s military service in the US Air Force, which raised Walt from his scooter to put his hand over his heart. We all enjoyed lots of games, food and music that rounded out this wonderful celebration.

Congratulations to our honorees:
Walt Westermann, Marian Van Valkenberg, Marie Archer, Vera Hughes, Maxine Linn, Dorothy Seiler, Marthe Guercy
THANK YOU to Our Donors!

The Wesleyan Senior Living Foundation reaches out annually to the children of our wonderful residents in honor of Mother’s Day and Father’s Day. These Honor and Memory gifts go directly to the Life Care Fund to support our residents in the event of financial need. We are so proud to be able to continue to fulfill the Wesleyan Promise – even if you outlive your life savings you will always have a home here with us!

We are so grateful to this year’s generous donors who gifted over $7,600 to this fund. Each parent received a handwritten note on the holiday acknowledging their child’s gift made in their honor. We have some truly amazing parents living here who now have stories to tell to grandchildren, great grandchildren and even great-great grandchildren. How blessed we are to have them!

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– Correction for mistake in last Messenger –
Winter issue inadvertently left Bob Hiltabiddle off the list of donators for the Christmas Appeal. We regret the error.
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• If you would like to add someone to our
  mailing list

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“Save the Dates”
July 21  Planned Giving Seminar with Brian Sheetz – Village & Meadows
July 29  Presentation on Cleveland Indians by
        Author Marty Gitlin
Aug 5    Meadows Dedication Ceremony
Aug 7    Saturday Night Out with Golden Crescent Chorus
Aug 26, 27, 28  Vintage Estate Sale in Cascade Room
Sept 18  Walk to End ALZ at Crushers Stadium
Oct 22   Mary Lilly Society Annual Luncheon in
        Cascade Hall

The East Ohio United Methodist Foundation is happy to provide our
Wesleyan Village and Meadows residents a
PLANNED GIVING EDUCATIONAL EVENT on

Wednesday, July 21st 2021
1:00 pm at Cascade Hall in the Village
4:00 pm at the Community Center in the Meadows

Whether you are looking to invest in a gift that pays you back, making a gift through your will or considering a life
insurance change, all your questions will be answered by
Brian Sheetz, Executive Director of the Methodist Foundation of Ohio
and Manager of the Wesleyan Senior Living Foundation Endowment Fund.

You don’t need to be named Rockefeller or Gates to be interested in planned giving!

Please RSVP by 7/16/21
to Tammy Bertrand at 440-284-9755 or
TBertrand@villageliving.org

Please join us for refreshments and lots of information.
Feel free to invite your children or bring a guest!

Brian Sheetz is the Executive Director of the Methodist Foundation of Ohio, a position he has held for 14 years. Prior
to his work at the Foundation, he worked at several United Methodist agencies, including Copeland Oaks Retirement Community. He taught fundraising as an adjunct faculty member at Lorain County Community College for nearly 20 years.