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We are always saddened by the passing of a beloved resident but we will take a moment to remember and reflect on Marge Marshall and the gifts she left us.

Marjorie grew up in Huron, Ohio and served our nation by enlisting in the Navy during WWII. She became one of the first WAVES - Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service and also met her future husband of 47 years, Warren.

Marjorie moved to the Wesleyan Village in Elyria in 2015 after raising her family in Amherst and remained active in serving her many fellow residents. She was awarded the David H. Jones Humanitarian Award for Volunteerism in 2019. She was one of the longest living World War II Veterans and routinely led the Memorial Day Parade in Amherst. Prior to COVID-19 there was hardly a day that she did not visit the Health Floor or join her fellow Wesleyan residents for activities. Most recently, she was one of the founders and the oldest teacher of the Ely Room Stretch Class program set up to help residents stay active during the lockdown.

She was an incredibly generous woman with a strong faith in God and will truly be missed by all who knew her.

Marjorie Henes Marshall • 7/12/1920 – 3/2/2021

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Those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. ~ Isaiah 41:31

Webster’s 1913 Dictionary v.t. 1. To alter, to make different; to cause to pass from one state to another; as, to change the position, character, or appearance of a thing; to change the countenance.

To say that Wesleyan Village has gone through CHANGE since the last edition of the messenger in 2018 is the understatement of a lifetime. Both positive and negative change are expected in any organization. It is how that organization reacts to those changes that tell a story. Ownership of Wesleyan Village has changed since 2018. Wesleyan Village has seen two Executive Directors come and go since 2018. The leadership team of Wesleyan Village has changed too many times to count since 2018.

We have experienced one of the world’s most tragic pandemics that changed the way our daily lives are lived this past year. Change, negative change has definitely affected Wesleyan Village since the last edition of the messenger in 2018. Yet I believe the current Ownership and Leadership Team at Wesleyan Village have learned from these negatively perceived changes and turned them into positives. Our current ownership stepped into a campus that was on the verge of bankruptcy and stabilized the operation. Ninety percent of the current Leadership Team at Wesleyan Village has been in place since 2019. The other ten percent were added in the year 2020 and ended an era of contracting for services. Today, in house staff provide one hundred percent of our daily services. Covid 19 brought unexpected change for every organization, but I truly believe it helped make Wesleyan Village a stronger more competent healthcare provider in our community. Through this pandemic, the one thing we realized was that change was inevitable and occurring every day. The entire team at Wesleyan worked as one to adapt and meet the new changes that affected us. Change is no longer a negative or scary word at Wesleyan Village. Change is a word that is embraced and looked upon as a new beginning to a better way. Change, POSITIVE CHANGE is here to stay at Wesleyan Village.

Wesleyan Village and Meadows has a long history as a faith-based community, beginning in 1896 with the faith of one woman, Mrs. Mary Lilly. Within a few years of its founding, the needs of senior citizens in the area was clear. The “Old Ladies” Home Association that Mrs. Lilly began looked for support for its growing mission of service to the elderly and found it through a relationship with the Methodist Church. This relationship and covenant has changed over time, but what has not is the commitment that Wesleyan Village and Meadows has to nurture and support the spiritual life of its residence. As the Chaplain, I am constantly coming along side both residence and staff associates providing pastoral care and support. Spiritual Life at Wesleyan is dedicated to encouraging the celebration of faith traditions ecumenically as well as through multi-faith beliefs. During the spring season, we remember not only the 40 days of Lent and Easter of Christianity, but the week of Passover of Judaism and the month of Ramadan in the Islamic faith. Regardless of one’s beliefs and faith, spring is seen as a time of rebirth, new life and new beginnings. As we all take a collective fresh breath after this last year of the pandemic, may we all seek the blessings of renewal in our lives and feel the spirit of God lift us up on eagle’s wings.

~ Chaplain Kurt Walker
“This is not your “Little Old Ladies’ Home”

A place to belong!” smiles Anne Murphy, accompanied by one of her shelties, Dorty. “A sense of belonging is a basic human need—just like food and shelter. Being a part of Wesleyan is belonging to our family.” What began, literally, as the “Little Old Ladies Home” established by Elyria resident Mary Lilly in 1896 has become a trusted non-profit organization, embracing the aging process for over 120 years. Today, Wesleyan Village and Wesleyan Meadows are a community of 500 residents supported by 400 staff. It’s a proud, faith-based Life Plan Community, enriching its history of care and comfort with a vibrant sense of diversity, inclusion and acceptance for all.

Anyone entering their retirement years has many thoughtful decisions and transitions to make. Finding a maintenance-free, comfortable, safe home in a vibrant, fun, caring atmosphere is top priority. Catering to wants and needs with a forever home and care for life—even if you outlive your resources.

Wesleyan’s Continuing Care Retirement Community (Independent, Assisted Living, Memory Care and Healthcare) fulfills its mission of inspiring joyful aging in beautiful, safe surroundings. “We provide a welcoming home at any stage in your retirement, fulfilling your spiritual, physical, and social needs. You can bring your dog, too!” exclaims Anne.

Contact Anne for a complimentary tour of the Village or refer a family or friend for special gift.
Here is a sneak peek at the renovation of the Fireside Room at Wesleyan Meadows. A ribbon cutting ceremony in June will allow a full tour of the entire building...

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 multicultural community.
Count Our Blessings Associate Christmas Fund
Made The Holiday So Special For All!

With the amazing generosity of our residents, donating over $25,000 in recognition and gratitude for the people who provide quality care all year, our associates enjoyed a very special Christmas. Since we were not able to give the staff the regular Christmas party due to COVID restrictions we were able to make it special in our own way. Cash bonuses, raffle prizes and an Ugly Sweater contest allowed us to disperse your gifts in the holiday spirit! On behalf of our grateful staff, THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

CONGRATULATIONS to Ophelia Amerson who won the 65 inch color TV!

Judy Dostall shows off her entry into the Ugly Sweater contest.

“NO ONE IS USELESS IN THIS WORLD WHO LIGHTENS BURDENS OF ANOTHER.”

– Charles Dickens
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“Save the Dates”
5/12 - Wesleyan Village Classic Car Show
6/3 - Wesleyan Meadows Ribbon Cutting
6/18 - Wesleyan Day Parade

New Year’s Eve, Valentine’s Day, Fat Tuesday, National Wine Day, Chinese New Year, Happy Hours and vaccine days – 2021 has not had a dull moment! Barb and her crew in Activities keep things exciting and fun for all the residents!

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