

HAPPENINGS AT THE SQUARE



December 2025

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Walking in a Winter Neverland

This month, we're inviting you to slow down, embrace the magic of the season, and step into a world of sparkle, wonder, and warmth. From decorating and caroling to creating special gifts and enjoying the simple joys of being together, Winter Neverland is all about celebrating the moments that make this time of year feel magical.

Throughout the month, you'll find plenty of opportunities to laugh, connect, and soak in the holiday spirit—whether we're gathering for festive fun, welcoming cheerful visitors, or heading out to enjoy the lights and sights of the season. We'll share cozy afternoons, lively celebrations, and a few delightful surprises along the way.

Join us as we make memories, share the magic, and walk through a Winter Neverland—together.



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A Season of Grace and Blessings

As the holiday season settles gently over our campus, I'm reminded of the blessings that surround us. They're not loud or dramatic. They don't arrive wrapped in ribbons or tucked beneath a sparkling tree. Instead, they shine quietly through the twinkling eyes of every resident who calls this place home, every family member who walks through our doors, and every team member who shows up with heart and purpose. In those eyes, we see stories—of triumph, of loss, of love, of hope. We see generations of wisdom. We see the courage it takes to keep showing up for one another. And we see the grace that binds us together as a community. This season has a way of reminding us that grace is not something we have to search for. It's right here with us—in laughter shared over a warm meal, in a gentle hand offered during a difficult moment, in the smiles exchanged in our hallways, in the moments when we pause long enough to feel the weight of gratitude.

We are blessed to serve. We are blessed to care.

We are blessed to walk alongside one another in both the ordinary and the extraordinary. My hope is that each of us finds a moment—just one—to stop and fully recognize the beauty of what we are building together. May this holiday season bring peace to your heart, warmth to your home, and renewed grace to your days. And may you feel, as I do, immense gratitude for the lives intertwined with ours. *With appreciation and blessings. Kerri Felix*

The Christmas Times

2002 W SUNNYSIDE AVE, PHOENIX, AZ FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19TH

SANTA SPOTTED LEAVING THE NORTH POLE

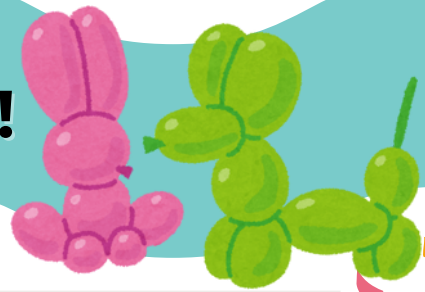


SANTA IS OFFICIALLY ON HIS WAY!

Santa's making a list and checking it twice! It's crunch time. Have you been naughty or nice?

Friday, December 19th
In the Prayer Garden
2:30pm-4:30pm

This is Where the **FUN** Happens!



TINSEL-TASTIC TREE TRIMMING

*Tuesday, December 2nd
11:00AM in the Activity Room*

- Christmas Music
- Decorating
- Cocoa, Coffee, & Croissants

****Sign Up in the Activity Book****

FOOD & FRIENDS: COOKIES & CAROLS

*Friday, December 5th
3:00PM in the Garden Cafe*

- Hot Chocolate & Cookies
- Sing Christmas Carols
- Enjoy Festive Company

****Sign Up in the Activity Book****

THE LIBRARIAN IS IN!

*Thursday, December 11th
1:30PM in the Garden Cafe*

- A Librarian from the Cholla Library is coming to YOU!
- Sign Up for a Library Card
- Check Out & Return Books
- Ask Questions
- Get Help with Checking Out Audiobooks

SANTA'S HELPERS GIFT WRAPPING

*Tuesday, December 16th
10:00AM in the Activity Room*

- Sarah & Katy will wrap your gifts!
- Drop Off & Pick up by 12:00PM
- Or Stay & Wait

****Sign Up in the Activity Book****

WINNING WEDNESDAY: REINDEER GAMES

*Wednesday, December 24th
1:30PM in the Activity Room*

- Play in Teams
- Compete in 5 Different Games
- Winning Team Wins a Prize

****Sign Up in the Activity Book****

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY: MIDNIGHT IN NEVERLAND

*Wednesday, December 31st
6:00PM in the Dining Room*

- Dancing with April Yeager
- Appetizers & Champagne
- Countdown the New Year

****Sign Up in the Activity Book****

Campus Outings

Adventure is Out There!



BOTANICAL GARDEN

Friday, December 5th
9:00AM-1:00PM

- \$40 + Money for Lunch
- We will eat lunch there
- Sign up with Sarah

PHOENIX ZOO

Friday, December 12th
9:00AM-1:00PM

- \$40 + Lunch is Included
- We will eat lunch there
- Sign up with Sarah

PETER PIPER PIZZA

Monday, December 8th
11:00AM

- Buffet Costs \$10
- Sign Up in the
Transportation Book

OUTBACK STEAKHOUSE

Monday, December 22nd
3:30PM

- About \$20-\$30
- Sign Up in the
Transportation Book

CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS SHOW

Wednesday, December 10th
5:45PM-9:00PM

- FREE
- Dream City Church Phoenix
- Sign Up in the
Transportation Book

CHRISTMAS LIGHT VIEWING

Thursday, December 5th
5:30PM

- FREE
- Sign Up in the
Transportation Book

****Minimum of 5 needed to go on trips****

Return times are approximate.

Your Weekly Ride Guide

Driven to Serve!



Monday

9:00 am Fry's

11:30 am Dollar Tree (12/1)

1:30 pm Fry's

Wednesday

11:30 am Fry's 10% Off (12/3)

1:30 pm Bank Run

1:30 pm Fry's 10% Off (12/3)

1:30 pm Walmart (12/10, 12/24)

Friday

9:00 am Post Office (12/5, 12/19)

10:00 am Safeway, Walgreens or CVS

Tuesday & Thursday

Medical Run

8:00 am to 2:00 pm | Doctor & Dentist Appointments



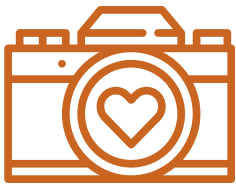
Got an appointment coming up?

Be sure to let Transportation know **at least 48 hours** in advance if you need a ride.

Fill out an appointment slip and leave it on the Transportation door.



Your pick-up time will depend on your appointment time. You will get a **Blue Slip** in your box to let you know when to be outside for pick-up!



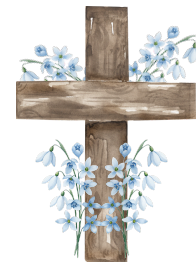
Amazing



Memories



Chaplain's Happenings



Walking in a Winter Neverland

Here in the Phoenix Metro area, winter often means sunshine and the desert cold. Even so, December still carries a special sense of wonder. I like to call it our Winter Neverland. We may not see snowdrifts or frozen ponds, but our hearts can still be filled with the warmth and beauty of the season.

This is one of my favorite months because of Christmas. It's when we remember the greatest gift ever given—Jesus Christ, God's Son, who came into the world to bring hope and salvation. The lights, songs, and joy of the season remind us of that holy night when Heaven touched earth in Bethlehem.

“For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.” — Luke 2:11

December is also a time for gathering with family and friends. Sharing meals, laughter, and memories is truly a blessing. Of course, family gatherings aren't always perfect, but love has a way of softening hearts. Let's be thankful for every moment together, because relationships matter more than perfection.

At the same time, we know that not everyone feels cheerful during this season. Some carry grief, loneliness, or memories that make the holidays hard. As a community, we can be the hands and feet of Christ by reaching out. A kind word, a shared cookie, an invitation to dinner, or a simple “I'm thinking of you” can bring light to someone's winter season.

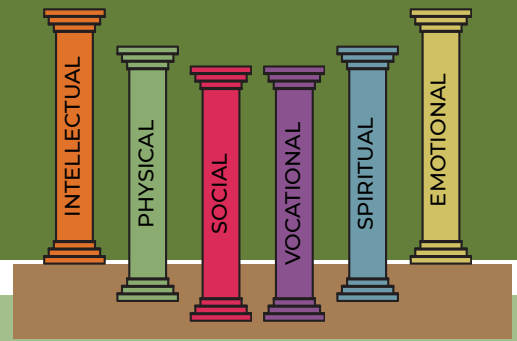
Let's walk through this Winter Neverland with open eyes and open hearts, looking for ways to bring warmth, joy, and hope wherever we go. After all, that's what Christmas is really about—God's love coming down to us so that we might share it with others.

**Happy Holidays & Merry Christmas, from my family to yours.
— Chaplain Joey**

Prayer Groups

Group	Day of The Week	Time	Location
Northridge 1 st Floor	Tuesdays	3:00PM	Northridge 1 st Floor Lounge
Northridge 2 nd Floor	Wednesdays	1:00PM	Northridge 2 nd Floor Lounge
Northridge 3 rd Floor	Tuesdays	10:00AM	Northridge 3 rd Floor Lounge
Centerview 1 st Floor & Garden Homes	Tuesdays	2:45PM	Neighborhood Nook
Centerview 2 nd Floor	Mondays	10:30AM	Centerview 2 nd Floor Lounge
Centerview 3 rd Floor	Mondays	10:00AM	Centerview 3 rd Floor Lounge
Southgate 1 st Floor	Mondays	10:30AM	Southgate 1 st Floor Lounge
Southgate 2 nd Floor	Thursdays	2:00PM	Southgate 2 nd Floor Lounge
Southgate 3 rd Floor	Thursdays	2:00PM	Southgate 3 rd Floor Lounge

Health & Wealth



Wellness That Matters Most

At this stage of life, wellness is not about gym machines or chasing fitness records. It is about living freely, comfortably, and confidently every single day. Real strength is not measured by how much you can lift but by how easily you can rise from a chair, steady yourself without fear, or walk to dinner without stopping to rest.

The movements that matter most are not glamorous. They are simple, familiar, and deeply human. They are the reach for a light switch, the bend to tie a shoe, the walk with a friend, or the laughter shared over coffee. These are the small victories that keep life meaningful and full of connection.

As we age, the goal shifts from building muscle to maintaining motion. Every small act of movement, whether stretching, walking, balancing, or standing tall, is an investment in freedom. You are not just keeping your body moving; you are keeping your spirit alive.

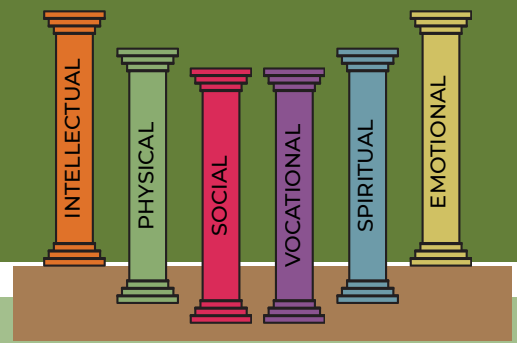
Wellness is about showing up for yourself every day. It is about honoring the life you have lived by continuing to move through it with grace and purpose. You do not need a membership or heavy weights for that. You need curiosity, consistency, and the willingness to keep going.

So take the walk. Join the class. Stretch a little longer. Celebrate every step, every breath, every motion. Because that is what real wellness looks like: the ability to keep living the life you love, one intentional movement at a time.

By- Ben Evans



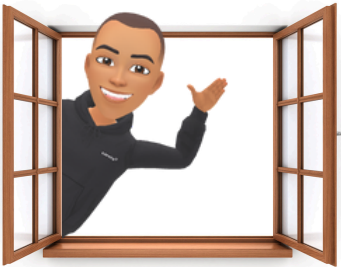
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A Word From... The Man in the Window

The year-end countdown is on—act now to make your generosity count in 2025. Give appreciated stock to avoid capital gains and claim a deduction.

- Donate from your IRA to meet your RMD tax-free.
- Fund a donor-advised fund for flexible giving.
- Create a charitable gift annuity for income today and impact tomorrow.



Choose the strategy that fits you best—and make every dollar work harder before December 31.

For questions please contact, Gene Sanders at 602-682-2986 or e-mail Eugene.Sanders@christiancare.org

You're Never Alone This Holiday Season

The holidays can be a wonderful time filled with joy and togetherness—but for some, especially older adults, they can also bring feelings of loneliness. Remember, you're not alone—everyone feels this way sometimes.

SOME EVERYDAY CONNECTION TIPS TO TRY

- Greet someone new.
- Call or video chat loved ones.
- Share hobbies & interests.
- Invite someone for coffee or a walk.
- Volunteer or help plan activities.
- Attend group outings or events.
- Join community activities.

Before participating in any physical activity, please consult your healthcare provider

Need support this holiday season?
We're just a call away: 602-613-5917.



Fellowship Friends

Welcome Home!



Jackie W.



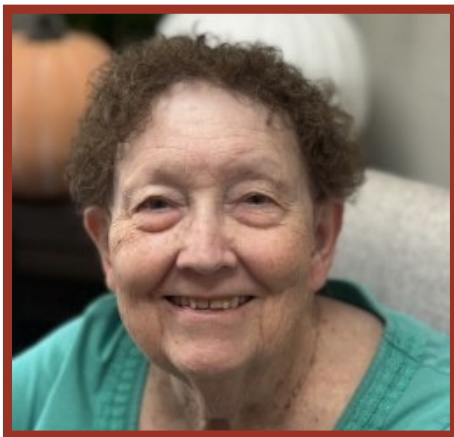
Eunice E.



Linda C.



Coey F.



Kate T.



Tom T.

December Birthdays

Elma G.	12.01
Samuel I.	12.01
Kaaron P.	12.01
Judy S.	12.01
Bea L.	12.05
Gary M.	12.06
Sandi B.	12.09
Audrie M.	12.11
Ewell B.	12.17
Eugenie W.	12.18

Joe E.	12.19
Joy G.	12.20
Lou K.	12.21
Kathryn S.	12.21
Linda S.	12.22
Dawn P.	12.24
Sandy R.	12.25
Danna G.	12.26
Margaret H.	12.26
Judy G.	12.28
Dawood M.	12.31

Resident-Led Activity Groups

Group Name	Day of The Week	Time	Location
Farkle	Mondays	1:00PM	Centerview 2 nd Floor Lounge
Book Club	Every 3 rd Monday	3:00PM	Library
Bingo	Mondays	6:00PM	Activity Room
Lap Quilts	Tuesdays	9:30AM	Activity Room
Hand & Foot	Tuesdays	5:30PM	Activity Room
Pinochle	Wednesdays	1:00PM	Centerview 2 nd Floor Lounge
Bunco	Wednesdays	6:00PM	Activity Room
Cornhole	Thursdays Saturdays	8:00AM 3:00PM	Activity Room Fitness Center
Music & Melodies	Thursdays	10:00AM	Library
Bridge	Fridays	11:30AM 6:00PM	Centerview 2 nd Floor Lounge Activity Room
LCR	Fridays	12:30PM	Garden Cafe
Rummikub	Saturdays	12:00PM	Activity Room
Game Night	Saturdays	6:00PM	Garden Cafe