

Staff Directory

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Our Mission

Through Christian love and excellence we are dedicated to providing a fulfilling lifestyle and promoting independence to those we serve.

Our Vision

A world where all people thrive and live with purpose.

Our Values

We believe in the immeasurable value of every person. Empowered by Christ's love, we joyfully serve with humility, integrity, compassion, and respect.



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**A Note From Jennifer Esquivel,
Director of Resident Experience**

Happy New Year, residents! The end of 2025 was truly magical, and it was heartwarming to celebrate with you all. I cherish every special moment we shared during the holidays. Looking forward to what 2026 has in store. Let's plan to meet up for coffee. I've had great meetings with residents in my office, but there are more to sit down with and discuss ideas for activities, volunteer opportunities, and or health questions. Your input is invaluable. Thank you for making our community the best in Surprise. You are all amazing, and I appreciate each one of you. This is home, and I am grateful for your presence. Here's to another year of love, laughter, and endless possibilities.

Love you always, Jenni.



**Winter wishes and
snowflake kisses
Drift softly through
the air,
Sprinkling magic on
silent nights
With a sparkle
everywhere.**

**Warm hopes glow
like lantern light
In the hush of frosty
skies,
And every
snowflake's gentle
touch
Feels like a dream
that never dies.**

**So gather close and
let the season
Wrap you up in
cheer—
With winter wishes,
snowflake kisses,
And peace that lasts
all year.**

New Residents Welcome Home ~ We're So Glad You're Here!



Karen Shiffer

Betty McElhaney

Sherry Hermann

Betty Hill

Henry Genovani

Special Events in January

- 1/5, 1/19 ~ Morning Stroll with Diane
- 1/5 ~ Activity Chat with Barb
- 1/5, 1/19 ~ Fireside Fellowship
- 1/6 ~ Wellness Awards with Diane
- 1/6 ~ Dr. Jensen—"Pelvic Floor & Incontinence"
- 1/7, 1/14, 1/21, 1/28 ~ GriefShare
- 1/7 ~ January Birthday Celebration
- 1/7 ~ Entertainment Hour with Pianist, Nicole Pesce
- 1/8, 1/22 ~ Art in Action with Liz Bercovich
- 1/8 ~ Fellowship Square Apparel with Ron
- 1/8 ~ 1st Floor Block Party
- 1/8 ~ New Resident Mixer
- 1/9 ~ JULIET Lunch Outing—P.F. Chang's
- 1/9 ~ Resident Artisan Craft Sale
- 1/9, 1/16, 1/23, 1/30 ~ Intro to Writing Your Autobiography with Dave
- 1/9 ~ Ladderball
- 1/12, 1/26 ~ Kinetisense Assessments
- 1/12 ~ The Cozy Cocoa Corner
- 1/13 ~ Earrings for You
- 1/13 ~ Polar Pony Races
- 1/14 ~ Mary Kay Cosmetics
- 1/14 ~ Entertainment Hour with Contemporary Band, Double Take
- 1/15 ~ Snap Jewelry with Maria
- 1/15 ~ 2nd Floor Block Party
- 1/15 ~ Resident Town Hall Meeting
- 1/16 ~ Line Dancing with Friends
- 1/19 ~ Reminiscing Today About Back in the Day
- 1/20 ~ Neighborhood Navigators Meeting
- 1/20 ~ The Great Closet Cleanout Rummage Sale
- 1/21 ~ Winter Wishes & Heartfelt Hugs Happy Hour
- 1/21 ~ Entertainment Hour with Vocalist, Julius Aguilar
- 1/22 ~ 3rd Floor Block Party
- 1/22 ~ Covenant Home Health Blood Pressure Clinic
- 1/22 ~ Volunteer Meeting with Jenni
- 1/23 ~ ROMEO Lunch Outing—Yard House
- 1/23 ~ Abe Lincoln Live Performers
- 1/26 ~ Tabletop Game Time
- 1/27 ~ Deblis Precious Metals
- 1/27 ~ Wellness Bits with Diane "Brain Health"
- 1/28 ~ Entertainment Hour with Flamenco Guitarist, Gal Drimmer
- 1/29 ~ Library Committee Meeting
- 1/30 ~ Entertainment Hour with Flautists, Desert Rose Quartet

Chaplain Chats ~ Campus Chaplain, Dan Brookey

As we enter a new year, we contemplate all the hustle and bustle of Christmas and the New Year celebrations. This time of year, it might seem dark since the Christmas lights and decorations are packaged for next year's Christmas Celebration. We are determined to re-explore the memories created during the holiday. But wait, on the first Christmas the Magi had not even realized Christ had been born. And they certainly didn't know where. So, technically, Christmas is not over. And for the first Christmas it wouldn't be over for another two years. The Three Magi (maybe more) had been instructed to follow a star. In doing so, they realized that this star would guide them along a long arduous path. With complete satisfaction finding a baby, they set out from the East. Scripture tells us these Magi arrived in Bethlehem and were ready to meet such a special "gift". Matthew 2:1-2 reveals their arrival: ***After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."***

This entourage of people left all they had to pursue the one who came to pursue them. Without God's light and His glory, the Magi would have, more than likely, either gotten lost, misdirected or given up looking for the Son of God. But they didn't give up because God didn't give up on them. They were directed by that star until it settled over the place where Jesus was born. Like the Magi, King Herod wanted to find out when and where the Messiah was to be born so he summoned the Magi to partner with them to find Jesus. Herod wanted nothing more than to destroy Jesus as he was afraid, Jesus would become supreme ruler. Matthew 2:7-11a ***Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him." After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.***

To worship means to ascribe worth to something. The Magi worshipped Jesus by presenting him with three items of earthly worth, gold, frankincense and myrrh representing Jesus' royalty, his divinity and his humanity.

As we begin the New Year whom do you seek? How far would you go and how much time, energy and possessions would you present to worship your God? God bless you as you continue to seek Him in this new year, Chaplain Dan

Look Who's Having a Birthday!



Tom Joy	1/4
Jeannine Verhoeks	1/4
Bernie Bruchhauser	1/5
Norma Boggs	1/7
Nancy Lee	1/7
Leo Pooley	1/8
Dee Kispert	1/9
Eva Ellis	1/12
Judy Schroeder	1/12
Berta Robinson	1/12
Nancy Trice	1/14
Jim Rich	1/15
Ken Stelflug	1/16
Garry Kispert	1/17
Monika Hannibal	1/18
Elizabeth Frazier	1/19
Edith Yoder	1/20
Mary Wulitich	1/23
Shirley Terpack	1/24
Dave Farrand	1/25
Nancy Massey	1/26
Lee Gainey	1/27
Ruth Steigenga	1/28
Dorothy Prange	1/29
Sallie Illingsworth	1/30
Mel Yoder	1/30

Life Around Our House

