...God did good and gave you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons," Acts 14:17

# Chapel Pointe SEASONS A Loving Way of Life

## A HEART OF THANKSGIVING AT CHAPEL POINTE

This time of year, many people focus on giving thanks, but have you ever stopped to think about the power of gratitude?

In the Bible, giving thanks set the scene for some pretty incredible stories, such as:

- In the midst of a two-week storm at sea, Paul broke bread and gave thanks. Later that day, the ship was broken to pieces, but everyone aboard survived. (Acts 27)
- In the belly of a great fish, Jonah repented and gave thanks, then God made the fish spit him out on dry land. (Jonah 2)
- Daniel continued to give thanks to God when the law forbid it. Though he was thrown into the lion's den, God protected him. (Daniel 6)

Whether we're experiencing challenges, successes, fear, or joy, giving thanks to God opens our hearts and minds to the work that God desires to do around us and in our lives.

In that vein, you'll notice that this issue of "Seasons" is all about giving thanks!

During the past six months, we've experienced many blessings, but a few that stand out to me may surprise you.

On Monday, Aug. 7, several staff were leaving work and noticing a



storm brewing in the distance when an isolated lightning bolt struck the chimney of our Colonial apartments.

The strike damaged the chimney and roof, caused significant television outages, and impacted a myriad of electrical systems throughout our campus; however, the building did not catch on fire. We're grateful that not a single person was injured and praise God for his protection of the Chapel Pointe family!

In the wake of this scary ordeal, staff from multiple departments came together to make repairs as soon as possible. (Chimney repairs are pictured above.)

I'm thankful to be a part of a community that treats each other like family. This spring and summer, Chapel Pointe experienced two major changes simultaneously. First, our COVID regulations relaxed enough to allow us to return to many of our pre-COVID operations. Secondly, our former CEO, Debbie Sprague,



retired. (Christian and Missionary Alliance leaders are pictured above at Debbie's celebration.)

Throughout these major transitions, our Chapel Pointe family had patience, shared ideas, served well, and worked together rather than letting change cause division.

I'm thankful that, together, we've been able to restart hospital visitations, invite independent living residents back to eat in the café and dining room, welcome guests for dining, relaunch Friday Treats, reemphasize activities, offer in-person devotions, maintain a high census, recruit and keep great staff, provide benevolence support for our residents with a need, and so much more.

Our list of blessings is limitless. Thank YOU for the role you play in our Chapel Pointe family. We simply wouldn't be the same without you.

# I CHOOSE TO BE THANKFUL

There once was a devoted monk who desired a deeper spirituality. So he entered a monastery and took a vow of silence for a period of four years. After his first year of silence he was allowed to speak two words to his superiors. He said, "Bad food." After his second year, he came before the leadership and declared, "Hard bed." At the end of his third year, he yelled, "I quit." The superiors told him, "You may as well quit, all you have done since you have been here is complain." Maybe that is how you feel with your current situation in life.

Two people can be looking at the same exact situation, but have two completely different perspectives. One can be thankful and the other one completely ungrateful for what they may be experiencing in life. I choose to be thankful. I want to be looking for God's point of blessing. I want to, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name." (Psalm 103:1) Surely you have noticed that we usually find what we are looking for. For example, if you are looking for trouble, you will find it. If you are looking for something to grumble about, you will probably find it. I would rather look for an opportunity to thank and bless the Lord.

The Holy Scriptures give us many examples of people who are experiencing similar situations, but respond in totally different Old ways. The Testament patriarch, Job, and his wife are two such people. They are certainly going through deep waters and extreme loss. Amidst the loss of his possessions, the death of his 10 children, and even the loss of his health, Job continued to bless the Lord. He declared, "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away, blessed be the name of the Lord." (Job 1:21) Truly that is an amazing response in light of his personal desperation. However, Job's wife must have been very embittered by all these events. Her response



Music, scripture, objects, and images can all spark memories and help residents to engage spiritually. On Independence Day, Pastor Steve used his unique patriotic attire to capture the attention of residents and engage them in Biblical truth.

was, "Curse God and die." (Job 2:9) Job reminded her, "You talk like a godless woman. Should we accept only good things from the hand of God and never anything bad?" (Job 2:10) Job chose to be thankful, even when he didn't fully understand the extreme turn of events in his life journey.

So I challenge you, as I challenge myself, look for something to be thankful for and bless the Lord, in the good times, as well as the difficult ones.



## **GRATEFUL FOR BRIGHT DAYS AT CHAPEL POINTE**

I am filled with gratitude and excitement as I reflect on the past few months. Chapel Pointe has experienced incredible blessings!

With the COVID pandemic behind us, we finally bid farewell to face

masks and embraced a sense of normalcy once again.

We've been able to prioritize activities for the first time in several years. Pictured from left to right above, the Celebrate Seniors Week luau, summer baseball game, and bridal show were resounding successes, enhancing joy and friendships within our community. These events are a testament to the relationships built between staff and residents in the households.

"We can't just hope for a brighter day, we have to work for a brighter day." - Dolly Parton Speaking of which, I cannot express enough gratitude for our incredible team. Our surveys with the PA Department of Health yielded excellent results, showcasing the exceptional care and services our staff provide.

Our team's unwavering commitment to creating a loving environment is truly commendable.

We are grateful to have a strong Chapel Pointe family and a faithful God who equips us to thrive and make a positive impact on the lives of those we serve. Here's to more bright days ahead!



by Tawnya Walter, Administrator



### **VISIBLE SMILES**

With so much of everyday life back to "normal," it's hard to remember that April was the first time the whole Chapel Pointe community could remove our face masks. We celebrated by whacking a virusshaped pinata. Long term care communities still have many COVID regulations to track, but it's nice to move forward while seeing so many smiles.



God loves a cheerful giver (2 Corinthians 9:7). When we realize that we do not own our resources but are stewards of what is entrusted to us by our Father, our hearts and minds learn to hold onto earthly things more loosely. We recognize how much we have been blessed and grow in our desire to be a blessing. This attitude exemplifies a heart of generosity.

Kingdom generosity is where personal faith meets finances, and my role begins.

I began serving as a gift and estate design consultant in 2008, supporting the planned giving ministries of The Christian and Missionary Alliance. Currently, I work for Orchard Alliance, a supporting ministry of The Alliance, and help Alliance families

## **MEET MINISTRY PARTNER, CLEM HOOBER**

and the residents of Chapel Pointe with all aspects of gift and estate design.

My background includes holding a current CPA license. I previously served as executive vice president and chief financial officer for a \$500 million public financial institution a position I held for 19 years. I believe God gave me a unique set of professional experiences to fit me for this role in the Kingdom. Additionally, background my includes serving in leadership in local Alliance churches, being Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Center of Parent and Youth Understanding, and as a member of Gideons International.

I have been married to Mary Ann for 47 years, and we have four adult children and six grandchildren. Our story encompasses trust in God and His faithfulness as we faced Mary Ann's chronic illness, lupus, leg amputation, and many complications. Although Mary Ann was medically diagnosed as terminal some 30 years ago, she is enjoying life in anticipation of God's direction at a new level. We've been involved in a bridal gown ministry/retail business for the past 15 years as we continue to grow in our stewardship faith journey. We praise the Lord for these many experiences and what they have taught us about the Lord's love and grace. Ultimately, we are learning that God is, beyond doubt, trustworthy!

As part of the Orchard Alliance team, I support the mission to "Equip God's stewards to do immeasurably more" through prayerfully-crafted estate designs. I address estate planning issues and tax concerns and apply approaches or tools that meet your desires. The resulting estate plans will align with your heart's desire for your loved ones and beloved ministries. Truly, your legacy gift gives others hope.

My role is to assist you in whatever God calls you to do as you faithfully steward your life and resources to impact Kingdom eternity. You can contact me at (717) 917-5309 or hooberc@orchardalliance.org. May God bless you in your faith journey!

by Clem Hoober, CPA, Gift and Estate Design Consultant, serving The Alliance Family

### WHAT IS ORCHARD ALLIANCE?

When faith and finance meet in the way God intended, the results are powerful, and we can do immeasurably more with the resources entrusted to us. Orchard Alliance, a stewardship and generosity ministry of The Christian and Missionary Alliance family for over 60 years, is a financial services partner to individuals, families, and church and ministry leaders. Through loans, investments and charitable giving tools, Orchard Alliance helps Alliance members (including all Chapel Pointe residents) and churches do immeasurably more for Christ with their stewardship.

# ALL FOR ONE AND ONE FOR ALL

Even those who've never read the book can probably envision raised swords as the three musketeers shout, "All for one and one for all!" While I've never seen swords at Chapel Pointe, the musketeers' motto rings true: the members of the Chapel Pointe family enthusiastically support one another.

In February 2023, we asked the independent living residents if they would consider contributing to the cause of benevolence "in honor of Debbie Sprague, CEO" as a retirement gift. By Debbie's retirement celebration on June 22, residents had raised \$9,020! With the help of some constituents and employees, a grand total of \$11,000 was donated by June 30 in honor of Debbie.

Equally significant, two thirds of our independent living residents participated! This is a blessing that speaks highly of our Chapel Pointe community.

I am grateful for the faithful and generous support of our partners who view our benevolence ministry as a priority. **Thank you!** I feel so blessed to be a part of a mission-driven organization and to know the donors who come alongside us.

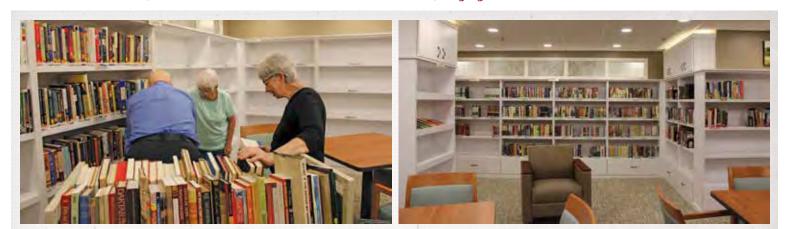
Whether you are a long-time supporter or have

never considered giving, I hope you agree that providing care for our residents who have depleted their resources is a God-honoring ministry. Please consider Chapel Pointe in your charitable giving. If you cannot contribute on a regular basis, consider an occasional memorial gift, honoring someone who has been significant in your life.

If you would like to be a part of God's hand of provision to those in need, write a check payable to "Chapel Pointe," enclose it in the envelope provided, and send it to: Attn.: Jonathan L. Doty, Chapel Pointe, 770 S. Hanover St., Carlisle, PA 17013. You also may donate online at www.ChapelPointe.org/Donate.



"You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you," - John Bunyan



Though the COVID pandemic slowed the return to our beautifully renovated library, we're thrilled to now be using this space. Thank you to everyone who made the library renovation possible by contributing to the 75th Anniversary Campaign!

# Generous Contributions

#### Memorial and Honorarium Contributions from March 1, 2023 - September 7, 2023

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#### **Debbie Sprague**

By Independent Living Residents (see page 5) Anonymous Employees Pastor Steve and Pam Motter Karen Jones Maria Reisinger–Metz Kent and Debra Peachey Amy Marks Anonymous Constituents Thomas and Elaine Shughart

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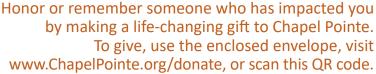
**Robert O. Widener** By Bill and Phyllis Spengler

**All Chapel Pointe Staff** By Deb and Chris Ball

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#### Wilson Hurley

By Pastor Steve and Pam Motter James P. Evans, Kelly Klacik Katherine Sliger Clair and Donna Murphy Alan and Sherry Kreitzer Clarence R. Raudabaugh Sheila Cornman Sandy Guido





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**Chapel Pointe at Carlisle is a** continuing care retirement community of The Christian and Missionary Alliance. Our mission is to provide comfortable retirement living and quality care and services for each resident within a secure, Christian, family-like environment.

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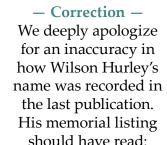
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or jdoty@chapelpointe.org

Chapel Pointe has a great team of staff who use their talents, passions, and resources to make each day meaningful for our residents. These pictures highlight just a few recent events when staff stepped out of their "typical" roles to make the extrodinary possible.



**Bridal Show in the Households** 





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