# SEASONS

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

**SPRING 2024** 

Chapel Pointe



### NEW PLANNED GIVING WEBSITE LAUNCHED!

For years, you've been able to make cash donations through our website, but people sometimes have questions about other types of gifts.

Thanks to our partnership with Orchard Alliance, we launched a new section of our website where you can learn about creating a biblical Will, giving appreciated assets, and tools to help you meet your goals. Plus, you can connect to free help from Chapel Pointe and Orchard Alliance.

EXPLORE THESE RESOURCES: www.ChapelPointe.org/ Planned-Giving



# **EMBRACING CHRIST-LIKE FRIENDSHIP**

In the heart of our Christian senior living community, the warmth of friendship flourishes. Here, we find bonds that transcend age, circumstances, and even life itself. Even after residents pass away, their memories tug at our hearts, and the lessons they've taught impact us for the rest of our lives.

As we model the timeless wisdom of Proverbs 17:17, "A friend loves at all times," we get a glimpse into what a friendship with Christ looks like.

Christ stands as the ultimate friend: ever-present, full of truth, steadfast in love, and humble servant. Through His example, we learn to emulate His love in our interactions with one another.

We recognize the hands and feet of Christ in our dedicated employees. They embody His compassion and kindness, serving as tangible expressions of His love on earth.

Moreover, we witness the transformative power of Christ-like friendship, as our residents nurture the spirits of our employees through encouragement, wisdom, prayers, and the sharing of life together. At the same time, residents' family members and our generous donors foster a sense of support and belonging within our community.

As you read this issue of "Seasons," may you catch a glimpse of divine friendship and reflect on the relationships that enrich your soul.

Pictured above at Valentine's Day parties: (Left) Family Place staff and (Right) residents in the Main Dining Room.



# NURTURING FRIENDSHIPS PAST, PRESENT, & DIVINE

### **Past Connections**

We all have connection points with people because of common life experiences. Many people are blessed with a close connection with their former high school classmates. They have sweet memories of teachers and athletic events from yesteryear. They bond over a particular graduation year and find great camaraderie in being a part of the Class of '51.

Connections at Chapel Pointe often take on a different flavor because we are building new friendships from ground zero. I became very close to one of our residents just because we shared the same birthday in August, even though she was 36 years older than me. We would often joke and laugh about our common birth date.

### **New Connections**

To develop a true friendship, one is required to sit, listen, observe, and care about someone else's life experiences.

I have been cultivating a friendship with Ralph Lashley, who came to Chapel Pointe from Wilmington, Del. I didn't know anything about Wilmington, so our first conversations didn't seem to ring any bells. Then I discovered that Ralph was a faithful volunteer at Summit Grove Camp in New Freedom, Pa., for many years. This opened up lots of pleasant conversations of his past servant ministries for the kingdom of God.

Still later on, I found out that Ralph was an experienced HVAC repairman by trade. He literally has a lifetime of experience working on furnaces. When I shared that I was having trouble with my furnace, he wanted to know all the details so he could give me some wise counsel. He was especially intrigued with the old induction blower and

motor that I removed. I was so fascinated with this bonding of friendship over a gas furnace. Looking back, I now realize it has happened over a period of months of listening and caring about each other.

### **Soulmate Connections**

I have often heard people talk about a special relationship with their proverbial "soulmate." They have much in common, are compatible in many areas, and feel comfortable sharing everything and anything. Each person seems to know how the other person thinks and responds. The depth of this relationship has intrigued many.

### **Connected to Jesus**

When I first met Ralph, I didn't realize we had potential to develop a close friendship. In a similar way, at first glance, we may fail to understand fully how we can connect to Jesus in an intimate way.

As I get to know Jesus more and more, I appreciate His friendship. "He is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother." (Proverbs 18:24) Jesus is truly a soulmate friend whom I can know more deeply by listening to Him and observing who He is. He knows all about me and loves me anyway.

In the coming days, may we each be looking for ways to connect to Christ in a deeper relationship.

*Pictured: Ralph with Pastor Steve's broken induction blower and motor from his furnace.* 

No one understands like Jesus He's a friend beyond compare Meet Him at the throne of mercy He is waiting for you there No one understands like Jesus When the days are dark and grim No one is so near so dear as Jesus Cast your every care on Him

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During my eight years at Chapel Pointe, I've been amazed by how many lives we impact. Although impossible to name them all, the friendships that bloom at Chapel Pointe are one of the highlights of my job. One friendship, that was already well-rooted when I arrived and continues to grow is the striking bond between Household Coordinator, Julie, and resident, Shirley.

The duo is often found chatting over a cup of coffee, shopping, or planting flowers. Julie even went along with Shirley to her grandson's wedding. "Julie is not just a good friend; she really is family," Shirley shared. Julie credits her and Shirley's connection to the fact that Julie is close in age to Shirley's daughter and they both have a great grandchild in Kindergarten. Their relationship rests on a foundation of banter and trust. "Shirley confides in me and tells me things she won't tell anybody else, plus I'm the only one she lets do her nails!" said Julie.

Choosing three words to describe Julie, Shirley settles on generous, loving, and caring. Julie describes Shirley as kindhearted and a big blessing. Shirley has taught Julie patience. "I give her time to say everything she wants to say and treat her like my mother, not a stranger," Julie said.

Through lots of laughter and moments of understanding, Julie and Shirley's relationship exemplifies the beauty of friendships nurtured at Chapel Pointe.

Pictured (left) Julie and Shirley this year, and (above) Julie with three generations of Shirley's family in 2018.

# FRIENDSHIPS: MAKING US YOUNG AT HEART

Friendships hold an invaluable place in shaping our experiences and well-being. Studies show that friendships have profound impacts on health and longevity.

# Friendships provide significant benefits:

- **Improve mental health** by reducing depression and adding satisfaction and purpose.
- Strengthen immune systems by reducing stress and promoting production of infection-fighting white blood cells.
- **Promote heart health** by lowering blood pressure and reducing stress-related strain on the heart.
- Sharpen memory and cognition by stimulating the brain through conversations, reminiscing, and activities.
- Enhance longevity and wellbeing by adding fulfillment to our years. In fact, people lacking friendships are twice as likely to die prematurely!

Learn more about this topic and many others by visiting our blog: www.chapelpointe.org/news-events



by Tawnya Walter, Administrator



# FRIENDSHIPS SHED LIGHT ON RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

I respect and admire the folks at Chapel Pointe for the friendships I see. The employees are God's hands and feet to residents. Genuine relationships grow as staff strive to know residents well, to listen well, and to build them up with words of affirmation and activities that give purpose and hope.

In many ways, these friendships mirror how believers can grow their relationship with God.

Knowing God is a quest for all Christians. And the beauty of a relationship with God is that He never goes home at the end of a shift; He is with us in everything.

Many verses call us to know God, pray continually, and love God. Growing this divine friendship can look like the circle illustrated on this page.

As we talk or commune with God in each moment, we get to know Him more deeply, and



intimacy grows, increasing our adoration of Him. As love is birthed in us, it drives us back into conversation with Him. The circle starts over again.

You can begin anywhere in the circle and allow each step to lead to the next step.

God does not want a short devotional time to be the only time we acknowledge Him throughout the day.

Because He is ever-present, we can continually love, pray, and know God at all times, even when we're talking about everyday things like what to eat or how to invest our money.

As part of Chapel Pointe's Orchard Alliance team, I support the mission to "Equip God's Stewards to do Immeasurably More" through prayerfully crafted estate designs that bless your family and/or beloved organizations. Your legacy gifts should be reflections of the passions God has laid on your heart through your friendship with Him.

If you need a review of your plan and documents, please get in touch with me for help. You can contact me at (717) 917-5309 or hooberc@orchardalliance.org.

Pictured above at Christmas parties: (Left) Jonathan Doty, Director of Development and Outreach, shares a smile with Jean Blake. (Right) Brad Weiser, Executive Director, gives cards to Jim and Grace Smyth.

# **FRIENDS FOR DECADES**

In some of the senior living companies I've worked for, the high turnover rate among key leaders left little opportunity for families and leaders to build trusting relationships. The philosophy seemed to be "easy come, easy go."

Here at Chapel Pointe, we have the privilege of getting to know one another well. Our community culture includes building trust understanding. and common I have thoroughly enjoyed the and relationships friendships among residents, staff, and families. We really have something special going on here.

Through the years, friends of Chapel Pointe have supported the work we do. Some of these friends were residents who understood how special Chapel Pointe is, and they left a gift to Chapel Pointe in their Will. Even after they were "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world: indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." - Margaret Mead

no longer with us, the impact of their friendship continued when Chapel Pointe became a beneficiary of their legacy gift.

Would you consider a legacy gift to benefit the important mission of Chapel Pointe? We stand on the shoulders of generous friends, like you.

Even before our foundation in 1944, Chapel Pointe (originally The Alliance Home) benefited from a person's Will when we purchased our main building for a fraction of the value since it was bequeathed for a purpose such as ours.

We are grateful to all those who have helped us. The work of Chapel Pointe has been richly enhanced through the generosity of friends throughout many decades.

If you would like to do something special for Chapel Pointe through a planned gift, please contact Jonathan Doty (717-713-2204, jdoty@chapelpointe.org) or Clem Hoober (717-917-5309, hooberc@orchardalliance.org).

To make a cash donation to help with our ministry of benevolence, write a check payable to "Chapel Pointe" and enclose it in the envelope provided, visit www.chapelpointe.org/donate,

or scan this QR code.



by Jonathan L. Doty, Director of Development & Outreach

# PARTNERING WITH ORCHARD ALLIANCE

At Chapel Pointe, we're honored to have a reputation for providing excellent care and services, but we recognize that we cannot be the expert at everything. That is why we have a relationship - a partnership - with Orchard Alliance. When it comes to the intricacies of Planned Giving choices, we appreciate that Orchard Alliance is part of our team.

Orchard Alliance helps people to steward their resources wisely and to bless the people and ministries that are near and dear to their hearts. As part of our development team, Orchard Alliance can assist you in making the best choices in leaving legacy gifts that benefit the work and ministries that take place at Chapel Pointe. Serving with excellence is important to us, and our partnership with Orchard Alliance allows us to provide expert services that benefit both you and Chapel Pointe.

Pictured (left - right) Clem Hoober, CPA, Gift and Estate Design Consultant with Orchard Alliance, and Jonathan Doty, Director of Development and Outreach with Chapel Pointe.

# **GENEROUS FRIENDS OF CHAPEL POINTE**

Memorial and Honorarium Contributions from September 8, 2023 - February 29, 2024

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### **MISSION STATEMENT:**

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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We apologize for any errors and would like to make it right. Please send corrected information to:

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As a friend of Chapel Pointe, your gifts make a difference today and for generations to



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Chapel Pointe and Orchard Alliance are blending biblical principles and financial expertise to bring you this series. You're invited to attend one or both of these FREE seminars. Look for more opportunities in the fall.

### Finding Security with Charitable Gift Annuities

Wednesday, April 10 | 2 pm | Chapel Pointe's Henry Chapel Learn about this tool that can help people over age 65 to receive a tax deduction today, an additional steady income for life, and support your favorite charities.

### Create a Strong Will to Further Your Stewardship

**Thursday, May 30 | 2 pm | Chapel Pointe's Henry Chapel** You may think of your will as just a legal document, but when you consider that God is the owner of all and we are His stewards, a will takes on spiritual significance. Designing a will that is both legal and biblical is key.

PLEASE REGISTER: 717-249-1363 or online at www.chapelpointe.org/News-Events



In January, residents attended the first seminar in this series, where Scott Kubie, CFA, President of Orchard Alliance, spoke via Zoom about the factors currently impacting our economic climate. You can watch a recording of this presentation online.

Visit www.chapelpointe.org/News-Events and click on "2024 State of the Economy."