



SEASONS

UNITED THROUGH A LOVING WAY OF LIFE

Being “together” has taken on new meaning during the pandemic. Through seasons of isolation, virtual visits, jubilant reunions, heartbreaking returns to seclusion, and tentative returns to “normal,” we’ve experienced a roller coaster of emotions and various degrees of physical togetherness.

To complicate matters, nationwide opinions regarding nearly every topic vary. Even bringing up the weather can spur debate these days! Our relational and spiritual togetherness is tested on a daily basis.

At Chapel Pointe, we describe our culture as A Loving Way of Life.

This phrase carries significant meaning and is rooted in our faith in our God who promises that he will never leave us nor forsake us (Deuteronomy 31:8).

At Chapel Pointe, we strive to hold God’s love at the center of all we do because it draws us to a higher standard of living, unites us together, and reaps a harvest of blessings.



Working together is essential.

Colossians 3:12-15 (NIV) reminds us that A Loving Way of Life is much more than a feeling:

“Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another ... And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.”

We don’t do this perfectly at Chapel Pointe - in fact, no one can. However, as the pandemic wears on and chips away at our endurance, I encourage each of you to step forward in love.

Love with kindness and humility. Love with patience to walk beside those who disagree with you and, when needed, to forgive as Christ forgave you.

Remember that love binds us together no matter how many miles (or screens) separate us. Love brings peace and unity where the world tells us that division should reign.

I have to admit that thankfulness isn’t top of mind every day. This passage

ends with a simple command to be grateful. In obedience and out of love, let me start a list of things for which I’m thankful at Chapel Pointe. Hopefully, you can add to it:

- We have a dedicated core of servant-hearted staff.
- Unlike early in the pandemic, COVID testing supplies and personal protective equipment are easily accessible.
- The construction supply chain is beginning to catch up. In spite of delays, we were able to open a new apartment at Cambridge Court and renovate more than a dozen other apartments.
- Our census has recovered significantly, and we continue to welcome new residents.
- 95% of our residents are vaccinated against COVID.
- Technology, like our new maintenance software and online employment application, streamline our workflow.
- Loving, patient, and kind residents live here.
- Churches and our donors consistently partner with us and demonstrate their love through gifts of time, prayer, and finances.



Impacting Lives at Chapel Pointe



Independent Living residents gather for prayer and devotions.

TOGETHER

When you think of the word “together” what comes to your mind? Do you think of family, teams, prayer groups, fellowship, playing games, etc...? Maybe you think of three intertwined cords being stronger than one cord.

Sometimes I might observe someone who is totally engaged with his or her device (smart phone). They do not even realize that I am physically passing by them from the other direction. I see them, but they do not see me. They are communicating with someone, but I don't see the other party.

At a local gym, many of the people working out have little hearing devices through which they listen to programming. I observed one man who was so into the music of his device that he would heartily sing out. It actually was a little annoying and yet amusing at the same time.

Years ago in a local park when

I was running with my Golden Retriever, I remember that I thought someone was trying to engage in a conversation with me, only to find out that he was quite vocal with someone who was talking through his earpiece. It was a little embarrassing at first when I realized he was talking with someone else who was invisible to me.

Even when a smart phone or music device is not involved, we experience obstacles to truly being together. Wearing a face mask has been somewhat of a barrier to effective communication with those who are hard of hearing. The advantage of reading lips has been taken away.

My “ideal” world would look more like what Nat King Cole sang about in “It’s a Wonderful World:”

*The colors of the rainbow, so pretty in the sky
Are also on the faces, of people going by*

*I see friends shaking hands,
sayin’ “How do you do?”
They’re really sayin’ “I love you”*

Instead, in our world, it seems that we are often apart even when “present.”

On the other hand, I’m grateful that God offers me glimpses of true unity and togetherness this side of Heaven.

I was so encouraged recently that even though “apart,” a group of ladies here at Chapel Pointe prayed diligently for a family member of mine who was going through a challenging medical situation. They did not know each other, and yet they were together as part of a spiritual family in the Lord. I am thankful that these ladies purposely came together and lifted up my family member in prayer.

Even though we continue to have challenges through various forms



of the pandemic, I am so grateful that I can be part of the Chapel Pointe community, many of whom genuinely care for each other. I thank the Lord that we are together.

I am truly grateful that our friends who give toward the benevolence ministry of Chapel Pointe are part of our Chapel Pointe family. Even though many of you reside outside of our local geographic area, you give generously – without hesitation. We work together for a common purpose. Thank you to each of you who care enough to sacrificially contribute – to benefit

those in need here at Chapel Pointe.

If you want to be a partner in the ministry of benevolence, please consider writing a check payable to “Chapel Pointe” and send it to: Attn: Jonathan L. Doty, Chapel Pointe, 770 S. Hanover St., Carlisle, PA 17013. You may also donate online by clicking on the “Make a Gift Today” button at www.chapelpointe.org/Donate.

by Jonathan L. Doty,
Director of Development
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*“Complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind..”
- Philippians 2:2*



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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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TOGETHERNESS, A LIFELONG GIFT

Emma Neights and Nelly Petersen are sisters by blood, but even more importantly, they share an immense bond and lasting friendship.

Born in the country now known as Moldova only years before World War II, Emma and Nelly were forced to grow up quickly and to take care of each other.

“I remember holding hands, my mother carrying a baby, walking across the ice-covered river fleeing,” Nelly said.

The sisters can share countless childhood stories from leaving their home to pouring kerosene on their heads in order to remove lice, and teaching themselves English from a dictionary after moving to the United States.

After living over 3,000 miles away from one another for years, Emma and Nelly now both live at Chapel Pointe. Both sisters lost their husbands within the past three years, so they’ve found company and comfort in each other and fellow residents at Chapel Pointe.



Now that they live so close, Emma and Nelly enjoy taking walks, shopping, visiting with friends, playing games, and gardening together. “The new garden plots are beautiful, and a lot of what we eat comes from them,” Emma said.

For Emma and Nelly, the gift of “togetherness” lasts a lifetime!



Personal Care residents gather for devotions.



Staff host a luau for Family Place residents.

TOGETHER IN TOUGH TIMES

Difficult times can pull us together or push us apart. No one would ever ask for trials or tribulations, but when they come, they have a way of teaching us to come together for the greater good.

James 1: 2-4 (NLT) says it this way, "Dear brothers and sisters, whenever trouble comes your way, let it be an opportunity for joy. For when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be strong in character and ready for anything."

We have certainly had numerous opportunities to grow in our perseverance together. Shoulder to shoulder, we have been walking through uncharted waters. I have no idea what you might be going through in your personal life journey. However, I do know that this is a great time to be in harmony with the Lord, and with others who have placed their faith and trust in Jesus Christ. When I think about being together, I am reminded of this song entitled, "Bind Us Together:"

Bind us together Lord
Bind us together with cords
That cannot be broken
Bind us together Lord
Bind us together Lord

Bind us together with love
There is only one God
There is only one King
There is only one body
That is why we can sing

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by Pastor Steve Motter



THANKFULNESS IN THE FACE OF CHALLENGE

In the face of challenges and adversity, I thank God for his provisions. In this season, I am particularly appreciative of our dedicated and hardworking staff, some of whom have worked at Chapel Pointe for decades while others have just joined the team.

As a community, we have endured great challenges from COVID, inspections, the changing of team members and neighbors, evolving regulations, and so on. In the midst of a pandemic, we had an annual survey which scrutinized the finest details of our performance; the staff exhibited grace, knowledge, and professionalism that resulted in a fruitful review. This just reaffirmed that we have a lot to be grateful for.

The staff have been the glue holding our goals of success together. As the Chapel Pointe community, we support one another with each passing hurdle, and for that I could not be more appreciative. Despite the pandemic striking fear in all of us, we found a place of solace and support in each other. We find ways to overcome whatever challenges arise.

Although we have had many transitions in the past few seasons and anticipate more in the future, I remain humble in our good works. "Thank you" never seems to be enough, but I appreciate all of our staff who come together to serve our residents and each other every day.

by Tawnya Walter, Administrator



FOLLOW PAUL'S FOOTSTEPS AND HONOR EACH OTHER

Is it important that we have each other? Paul seems to think so.

In Romans 16, Paul takes time to greet warmly 26 people in 16 verses. Apparently recognizing people was something to be recorded for all of us for all time. Paul valued each person as he purposely named these friends, co-laborers, and special people God put in his path.

Relationships are significant. It is how God designed us. It seems Paul did not miss anyone who was important to him. In his greetings, he says something specific about each one to honor them.

Take time to read Romans 16 and consider each name Paul acknowledges. Then consider the people in your life, including those

you bless and those who bless you. Give thanks to God for them individually and acknowledge or even honor them in some way. Give value to them personally. Take time to honor the memory of those who've gone before you.

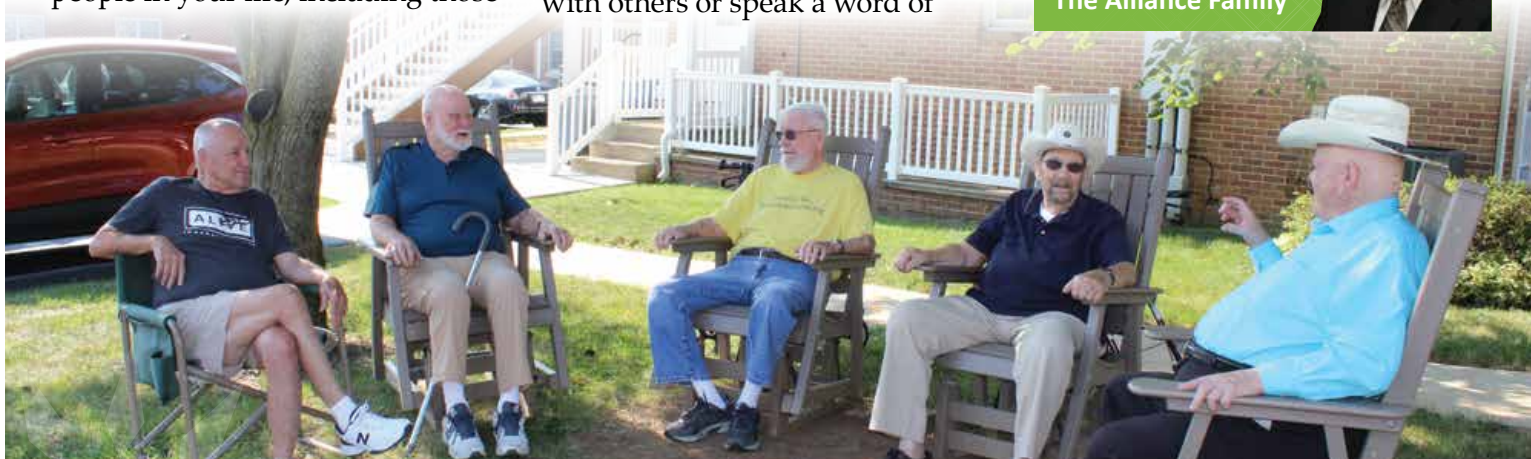
Our understanding may only come clear when we get to Heaven and hear of all the people we touched. As I visit the Chapel Pointe family, I hear the stories of how a dear sister or brother in the Lord blessed others, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. I've heard words like, "she was a godsend that lifted me at the moment I needed."

We don't always know when someone is at wit's end and needs a word of encouragement. However, we can give of our time to pray with others or speak a word of

encouragement or blessing over them to brighten their day and lift their spirits. You see, sometimes taking the time to honor others is the most valuable gift we can give.

If you need any assistance in designing your estate/legacy plan or devising a gift to Chapel Pointe, your church, or another ministry you love, please reach out to me for help. My role is to assist you in whatever God is calling you to do in these important areas of stewardship. You can contact me at (717) 917-5309 or email me at hooberc@orchardalliance.org. May you be a blessing and be blessed by someone today!

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



A group of men honor one another by regularly spending time together in the shade of the trees.

**GRAND
OPENING**



Introducing our largest home ever: THE CHAPEL POINTE APARTMENT AT CAMBRIDGE COURT!

At 1,686 square feet, this completely renovated home next door to Pointe Place provides an open-concept floor plan, two bedrooms, a sunroom, garage, and lots of closet space.

This home opened for tours in August. Residents of the Chapel Pointe Apartment at Cambridge Court will join Chapel Pointe's full continuum of care and gain access to maintenance-free living, amenities, health care services, and security for the future.

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— **Correction** —
In the spring "Seasons,"
we incorrectly included
some names under
"In Memory of."

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Paul and Donna Yearsley
Mark Yearsley

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made living at this time far less
stressful than having to face it alone.
Residents have been cared for by
staff and employees ... Chapel Pointe
is like one large family."

Walt
Chapel Pointe resident



"At Chapel Pointe, I feel part of a loving
family of friends. All of my needs are
well met. We work together for the good
of all, and the staff do their utmost to
keep us well and happy."

Kitty
Chapel Pointe resident



"The Christian atmosphere, caring
and compassionate administration
and caregivers, and promise of
continuing care all are what drew us
to Chapel Pointe."

Don & Esther
Chapel Pointe
residents



"You can bike or walk to any activity
you can think of. The location for what I
want is perfect! ... I tell everyone I meet
that I proudly live here."

Richard
Chapel Pointe resident



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YARD SALE

Saturday, Oct. 9 | 7:30 am - 1 pm

Chapel Pointe Warehouse, 101 Noble Blvd., Carlisle, PA 17013

We're hosting a socially-distanced fundraising yard sale in place of our annual Concert on the Lawn fundraiser.

The Carlisle Alliance Church Youth Group once again is partnering with Chapel Pointe to increase donations and share the workload. The sale will benefit youth trips to Life Conference and provide for seniors at Chapel Pointe who cannot afford the care they need.

Over the past year, the Chapel Pointe family has rallied with courage, endurance, and determination to care for our residents while facing the greatest

storm our industry has ever seen. The pandemic simultaneously rose up heroes and brought heartache. Through it all, we knew we had a community of supporters – like you – standing behind us. Thank you for your support!

Would you help our Chapel Pointe family as we continue to navigate the tremendous losses of COVID?

Come shop at our yard sale or make a donation directly to our benevolent fund by returning the enclosed envelope.