



Neighborhood Home to Manor Living

Moving into the Manor was a hard decision. Larry and I had increasingly been recognizing that physical limitations were making it harder to live in our Neighborhood Home on Willow Way. Ann’s need for a walker and Larry’s energy level for caring for our place made it difficult to attend activities in the manor.

We were able to find an apartment that suited us well. Our supportive family moved us in. They didn’t push us at all to make the move but they seemed to recognize that it was appropriate. Moving to the manor meant that services would be closer and we would be able to do activities more individually with less effort. Larry enjoys the Contemporary Book Club. We both attend the Serendipity Bible Study and we both enjoy the Chapel services.

Both residents and staff are very friendly, and it’s good to have Physical Therapy close when needed. It feels like home. It feels like we have an extended family here, for which we are grateful.

~ Larry & Ann Fourman

Secret Santa

Join us in spreading some Christmas magic and joy in a Secret Santa exchange. Participants will fill out a short questionnaire; once all the names have been collected, each person will be assigned a name. Don’t tell anyone whose name you got! **If you are interested in participating, see Carol Gebert by Friday, December 1.**

My Move to the Manor

An incident at the driver’s license bureau in January made me aware that I’ve become an “older woman.” Although I loved my time at 212 Willow Way, with its beautiful view, I began to explore moving into the manor. This would be a preemptive move, a move preparing for whatever the future held, even though at present I was healthy and strong.

When I saw the apartment at L3, I recognized it as my new home. I appreciated its unique features, a pantry big enough for my freezer and a storage room next to the bathroom. Maintenance did everything possible to prepare the apartment as I wanted it. I’ve appreciated the help of staff as I did have a medical emergency late one night. And I’ve appreciated the space, the privacy, and the ready access to activities I once enjoyed from a less convenient distance. This has been a good move.

~ JoAnn Schall

Manchester Civic Band Civic Band

The North Manchester Civic Band returns to Timbercrest **Assembly Room on Wednesday, December 3 at 6:45 p.m.** Their performance will consist of Christmas classics and sounds of the season.

Summit City Chorus

The Summit City Chorus, Fort Wayne’s premier a’cappella chorus, will bless us with their Christmas program on **Wednesday, December 10 at 6:45 p.m. in the Assembly Room.**

Coming Soon: Reclaim the Rhythm

We've had requests for an exercise class specifically targeted for those with limited mobility challenges associated with Parkinson's disease. Sabine and Adrienne have been collaborating with faculty members at Manchester University and we think we are onto something groundbreaking here!

Reclaim the Rhythm exercise classes will be offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning on **Tuesday, January 6 at 11:15 a.m. in the Assembly Room**. Classes will last approximately 30 – 45 minutes.

Merry, Merry, Manchester!

Music at Manchester presents Merry, Merry Manchester on **Thursday, December 4 at 7:30 p.m. in Cordier Auditorium**. An enchanting evening filled with holiday cheer. Featuring the Manchester University Jazz Ensemble, Oak Leaf Brass Quintet, A Cappella Choir, Chamber Singers Handbell Ensemble, and the Theatre Society.

There is no cost to attend. Timbercrest transportation will not be provided.

Timbercrest Holiday Bazaar

Spread the word to your friends and family! Timbercrest Senior Living Community is hosting our first Holiday Bazaar since the pre-covid era on **Saturday, December 6. Festivities will begin at 11:00 a.m. and last until 3:00 p.m.**

Friends, family and community members will have the opportunity to shop vendors selling crafts, baked goods, clothing boutiques, jewelry, fine arts, holiday gifts, and much more. Java Coop Coffee Truck will be set up in the Hub parking lot and Tri-Kappa will be selling their famous seasonal cheese balls! JoJo's Olfactory will be set up in the Resident Activity Room where you can pay to make your own candles, body scrubs, and hand soaps.

Live music will be available in the Chapel throughout the day. Watch for a schedule of the musicians to come. Santa Claus will be available to hear all your holiday wishes in the Rose Garden. We can't wait to showcase the beauty of Timbercrest during the Holidays!

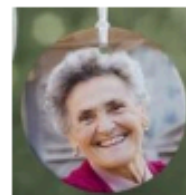


Memorial Tree Ornaments



Join us in remembrance and celebration of those we have loved and lost by making an ornament to hang on our Memorial Tree **Friday, December 5 from 12:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. in the Resident Activity Room**. Ornaments will be hung on our Memorial Tree through January and then returned to you.

There are 2 styles available: Bring a photo of your loved one to be glued onto a flat disc ornament or cut strips of fabric from an article of clothing to place inside a plastic bulb.



VIA Lecture Series Manchester University

VIA Lecture Series continues at Manchester University every **Monday at 11:00 a.m.** Timbercrest transportation is dependent on how many interested resident's sign-up. When available, **the bus leaves from the Hub at 10:45 a.m. Sign up in the notebooks at Rose Garden or Courtyard.**

- **Monday, Dec 1 – Imagination at Work: Fusing Art & Innovation in the Library**
- **Monday, Dec 8 – The Human Element: Tales of Intrigue, Woe, & Skullduggery from the Periodic Table with Chemistry Faculty**

Art Factory

Eileen Flory will instruct this month's art class in *Folded 3-D Paper Ornaments* on **Monday, December 8 at 2:00 p.m. held in the Resident Activity Room**. To ensure that we have enough supplies, **please sign up in the notebooks outside the Rose Garden or the Courtyard Dining Room.**

Timbercrest Book Club:

The Timbercrest Book Club meets on the **second Monday (December 8) of every month in the Conference Room at 2:00 p.m.**

If you are interested in joining, books can be picked up from Jennifer Gearhart's office in the Hub. We love new members!

Roanoke Road Trip

Spend **Tuesday, December 9** shopping the vintage shops and boutiques of historic downtown Roanoke. Shops such as Magnolia + Moss Mercantile, Lavender Valley Farms, or Paper Moon.

The bus will leave from the Hub at 12:30 p.m. Sign up in the notebook outside the Courtyard Dining Room.

Memoir Writing Group

The memoir group extends an invitation to all Timbercrest people to join us on the **2nd Tuesday of the month at 2:00 p.m. in the Guest Dining Room located in the West Basement.** This is our topic to write about and then read aloud for upcoming meeting:

Dec 9: A chance encounter

Questions? Contact Eileen Flory, 982-0088, eflory@peak.org.

Friends of Manchester University

Dr. Tim Reed



Many regret the loss of the Music Major at Manchester University. But there is still music at Manchester. The Chair of the Music Department at Manchester University, Dr. Tim Reed, will tell us about it on **Tuesday,**

December 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel.

Following Dr. Reed's presentation, we will be entertained by the Oak Leaf Brass, a lively group of student musicians. Mark your calendar! The Friends of Manchester programs are open to everyone.

Deck the Halls with Harmony

Bells are ringing, choirs singing! The Timbercrest Choir will present its annual Christmas program on **Friday, December 12 at 2:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room.** Christmas songs, new and old, by the choir will be on the program plus time for audience participation. Join us for a time of Christmas celebration through song and fellowship!

Game Night with Mike and Lucy

Join Mike and Lucy McKinley for an evening of cards, Rummikub, dominoes, board games and refreshments **Wednesday, December 17 at 6:00 p.m. in the West Side of the Rose Garden.**

God's All Community Choir

God's All Community Choir will return to Timbercrest on **Saturday, December 13 at 1:30 p.m. in the Assembly Room.** Led by Kent Harting, the group will present their Christmas selections for your enjoyment.

Gingerbread Contest

Timbercrest employees had so much fun decorating pumpkins in October they've requested another friendly competition for December. The Employee Connections team is sanctioning a Gingerbread Decorating Contest and would like to invite you to participate as well!

Entries should be delivered to the Hub by Monday, December 15th. Kits may be purchased or homemade. Voting will be available throughout the week with a winner announced on Monday, December 22. Questions can be directed to Hilary Wagoner or Adrienne Kamphues. Let's have some fun!

Crafting with Molly

Molly returns with our December craft on **Monday, December 15 at 2:00 p.m. in the Resident Activity Room.**

To ensure that we have enough supplies, please **sign up in the notebooks at Rose Garden or Courtyard.**

Tuesday Matinee

"The Magic of Christmas"

Tuesday, December 16 at 2:00 p.m. in the Chapel travel back in time to Bethlehem as the original Christmas story unfolds. Journey alongside Mary and Joseph, a flock of surprised shepherds, and three wisemen – along with their camels. Sight & Sound Theatres presents "The Magic of Christmas" live on stage.

Narrow Path Gospel Concert

Make your way to the **Assembly Room Wednesday, December 17 at 10:00 a.m.** for a special holiday performance by Narrow Path Gospel.

Richard and Ladonna Hicks have performed at Timbercrest in the past and are excited to be back. Their program features the guitar, piano and vocals.

Timbercrest Technology Users Group (TUG)

The Technology Users Group will meet on **Friday, December 19, 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room** which is in the front basement just down the hall from the Recreation Room. All residents are welcome to attend to ask technology-related questions about your personal technology devices including television service. Or you can come to learn about these things from the discussion. The special topic will be "What is a VPN (Virtual Private Network), what does it do, and do I need one?" facilitated by Zach Erbaugh. See you there!

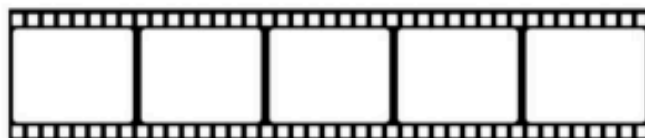
Blue Christmas Service Sunday, December 21 at 4:00 p.m. Timbercrest Chapel

In the, midst of all the wonder, joy, and celebration of Christmas, with its carols, parties, decorating, gift giving, and family time, it's easy for us to forget that within our own community there are likely those for whom the idea of Christmas joy is not a part of the season this year. Events have taken place this year that simply make celebration impossible – illness or the sudden death of a loved one or friend., financial difficulties, strained family relationships, or challenges of our own health. Also, for some people, Christmas may simply bring up memories of a difficult and troubled past. Perhaps we have been confronted with our own mortality, having been told that this may be our last Christmas.

When your life has been turned upside down by these or other circumstances, the last thing you feel is joy. But as we tend to do, we put aside our problems and sufferings, greet people with a smile, sing Christmas carols and pretend that all is well, even though we may be suffering physically, emotionally or spiritually.

The true reality is, of course, that there are many of us who are hurting and in pain, whose lives are in turmoil, and who seek a different type of peace through this season of joy.

Please join Chaplain Karen Eberly for a Blue Christmas Service, where we will offer light in the midst of the darkness of our lives through scripture, singing and prayer.



Friday Night at the Movies Presented by Timbercrest Movie Committee *Come to the Chapel for our films*

Friday, December 5: The Inn of the Sixth Happiness



7:00 p.m. – Chapel
Run Time: 2hrs 38mins
w/subtitles

Gladys Aylward (Ingrid Bergman), a British maid, believes that she is destined to go to China. She is rejected as a missionary, but she eventually finds her way to the town of Yang Chen and happily runs an inn there. Her peaceful existence, however, is interrupted by Japan's invasion of China. Gladys must lead a group of orphans to safety by embarking on a dangerous mountain journey.

Friday, December 19: Christmas Cottage



7:00 p.m. – Chapel
Run Time: 1hr 44min
w/subtitles

Thomas (Jared Padalecki), a young artist returns to his hometown of Placerville, California and anticipates another perfect family holiday. Instead he finds that his mother (Marcia Gay Harden) is about to lose her home to foreclosure, and the entire town is struggling in the wake of a failing tourist industry. With the help of his ailing mentor (Peter O'Toole), Thomas hopes to find his artistic voice and help the town rediscover the holiday spirit.

Craft with Carol

Monday, December 22 at 2:00 p.m. in the Fine Arts Factory (B4) join Carol for a fun Christmas Craft. If you can glue, you can craft! To ensure that we have enough supplies, please **sign up in the notebooks at Rose Garden or Courtyard.**



Oasis

Come for inspiration and reflection every **Wednesday at 4:00 p.m.** in-person in the Chapel.

- December 3 "Organ/Piano Music" Ruth Ann Bever & Carol Lundquist
- December 10 "Holden Christmas Service" Sabine Thomas
- December 17 "What Child is This" Cello Concert Ora Waverly Conlan
- December 24 No Oasis Program
- December 31 "The Real Bethlehem" Carol Gebert

Come to Oasis in person. It is also broadcast live on the Timbercrest Senior Living YouTube Channel and can also be viewed at a later time on the YouTube channel.

String Quartet

Prepare your heart for Christmas celebrations by filling it with the joys of a String Quartet **Tuesday, December 23 at 6:30 p.m. in The Assembly Room.**

Old German Baptist Hymn Sing

Last winter we opened our doors, and **Assembly Room**, to the German Baptist Church to hold their Sunday evening Hymn sings. We are happy to say that they will be joining us again this winter. They began on the last Sunday in November and will continue **every 4th Sunday (Dec. 28) at 6:00 p.m.** Please feel free to join them!

Midweek Breaks

A tasty treat is served each **Wednesday from 2:30-3:30 p.m.** in The Nook. This month features:

- December 3 Treats from *Beth Sollenberger*
- December 10 Sugar Cream Pie
- December 17 Peppermint Ice Cream
- December 24 Popcorn Parlor

December Chapel Schedule

Come to Chapel to hear thoughts from scripture, prayer and other inspiration. Devotions are **Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 9:00 a.m.** **Worship Service at Manchester Church of the Brethren is live streamed in the Chapel at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday morning.**

December Speakers:

- Dec 2 – Bickey Garber, Liberty Mills CoB
- Dec 4 – Aaron Kline, Warsaw Evan. Presb
- Dec 5 – June Stealy, Timbercrest Resident
- Dec 9– Sandy Bendson, MCoB
- Dec 11 – Bruce Dunk, Lower Deer Creek CoB
- Dec 12 – Jeff Copp, Columbia City CoB
- Dec 16 – Laura Stone, SC District Minister
- Dec 18 – Sebrena Cline, Walnut Street Church
- Dec 19 – Guy Studebaker, Living Faith CoB
- Dec 23 – Cliff Kindy, Eel River CoB
- Dec 25 – No Service Christmas Morning
- Dec 26 – Laurie Kieffaber Cornett – Wabash CoB
- Dec 30 – Les Cooper, retired CoB

Thanks to the Chapel Planning Committee for scheduling these dedicated speakers!

Contemporary Book Club

The Contemporary Book Club meets every **Friday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.** They began a new book in late October titled "History Matters" by David McCullough. In this posthumous collection of thought-provoking essays, Pulitzer Prize winning historian and bestselling journalist David McCullough affirms the value of history, how we can be guided by its lessons, and the enduring legacy of American ideals. Questions contact David Doudt at 260-578-4748.

New Year's Eve Party

Ring in the New Year on **Wednesday, December 31 with Dubai at 3:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room.** Staying awake to watch the New Year festivities used to be no problem however these days, I'd much rather catch the highlight reel on tv the following day. Celebrating at midafternoon sounds much more appealing! Join the Program & Service staff for a fun New Year's Eve Party beginning at **2:30 p.m.**

Grand Spartan Schedule

Monday, December 1: Decorate Timbercrest Tree
@ 8pm in the Hub

Wednesday, Dec 3: vs Rose-Hulman bus @ 6:30
Dec. 8 – 12: Finals Week; send a note to your
Spartan

Saturday, Dec 13: vs Hanover bus @ 3:30
Wednesday, Dec 17: v Transylvania bus @ 12:30
Saturday, Jan. 3: v Mount St. Joseph bus @ 3:30
Wednesday, Jan. 14: v Anderson bus @ 1:00
Wednesday, Jan. 28: v Bluffton bus @ 6:30
Saturday, Jan 31: v Berea College bus @ 12:30



All-Resident Christmas Carol

Join us on **Friday,**
December 19 at 2:00 p.m. in
the Assembly Room for an All-
Resident Christmas Carol Sing-
Along led by Timbercrest Staff.
Come be festive, be Merry, be
Bright!

Annual Conference Volunteer Opportunities

As you are well aware the Church of the Brethren Annual Conference is being held at the Grand Wayne Center June 28th through July 2nd 2026. We are very excited to have conference virtually in our backyard!

That said, much help is needed both in Fort Wayne and here at Timbercrest. Fort Wayne opportunities include age-group helpers (infant/preschool through 5th grade), onsite registration, worship service ushers, hospitality, and silent auction volunteers. Most of all – **ushers**, for each of the worship services!

Here, on the home front, volunteers will be needed to assist with live streaming in the chapel when available. We would also like to provide a bus to the conference each day. Volunteers to help offset the driving would be greatly appreciated!

Adrienne has information and sign up sheets available in her office. Please stop by anytime!

WELCOME
Home