



CHURCH OF CHRIST CARE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Rachel (activities staff) does a wonderful job keeping the nursing home garden looking beautiful! Residents love this peaceful place to soak in the sunshine and enjoy God's marvelous nature.



David K. Stewart, CEO

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SPECIAL FOCUS

Our Sales and Marketing Director, Robin Ashworth, has an article on page 5. She is reminding our public of what a marvelous facility and services we provide here at the Church of Christ Care Community. Please go to page 5 to learn about the opportunities we offer.



Ann Bryan speaks with residents and staff in garden celebration

Bryan Christian Foundation provides Gift to make nursing home garden more accessible

This garden has always been a favorite spot for residents of the care center, but until now, they were unable to get into the garden without someone assisting them. Now, even if in a wheelchair, they can push an electronic button to enter or leave at their pleasure. Thank you to Ann Bryan and the Bryan Christian Foundation for this wonderful gesture!



Residents enjoy Ann's message



Keri, admin., joins Doug and Ann



Ann about to cut the ribbon



Doug Edwards
Executive Vice President
Philanthropy

BRUCE AND JUDY FOULK are the recipients of the 2026 Agape Award at the S&CR dinner!

Two very special and deserving people received the 2026 Agape award at the 39th annual Steak and Corn Roast. I have long admired their loving spirit, their humility and dedication. They have been a blessing to serve God's church in southeastern Michigan and mission fields of South America. They have been wonderful friends of the Care Community and other important ministries of this region. (photos on this page and next by James Dennis)



LEFT: Bruce and Judy Foulk receiving the 2026 annual Agape Award from David Stewart, CEO.

As stated in the program of the dinner, this award is given to a person, couple, church, or others who have been strong in support of our Care Community, who exhibit strong Christian values and share their love. They are known for their faithful service. (I Corinthians 13: 4-7)

Bruce and Judy moved to Michigan from Meadville, PA in 1960. Bruce had graduated from Penn State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering. Later, he received a Master of Engineering degree from the University of Detroit in 1970.

Bruce spent 30 years with Ford Motor Company in carline engineering, especially working with Mustangs and later the Taurus. Planning for early retirement, Bruce began a company called Norplex Associates LLC, a very successful residential rental management company. This company made it possible for Bruce and Judy to help several ministries; Rochester Christian University, South American missions, the Care Community and others.

Both Bruce and Judy have been very involved with church. First at the Wayne Church of Christ and later at the Livonia Church of Christ. Judy taught children's Bible classes. Bruce served as an elder.

There is so much more, but Bruce and Judy have dedicated their lives to God's loving service.





Steak & Corn Roast 2026 Rated a Wonderful Event!

Our crowd increased by 10-12% over the previous year to set the stage for good things to happen. The food continued to be outstanding (steak and chicken were both superb) and the fellowship incredible. The messages were also very good. But many said the Allentown Tribute Band ranked as about the best entertainment ever! They were truly excellent as they performed the greatest of the Billy Joel hits. Total income for the evening was \$45,980 and it netted \$31,009 — so very outstanding!

The silent auction was successful and we gave \$2500 to the Troy church of Christ to help with their recent fire tragedy. Manu Florescu, minister, gave us updated information about the fire damage.



ALLENTOWN—Billy Joel tribute band performs



Patti shares story of “Uncle Louis”



Patrick Medlock leads our prayer



ALLENTOWN lead singer/pianist/producer-Mark Calcott



Message by campus minister, Bill Nocita



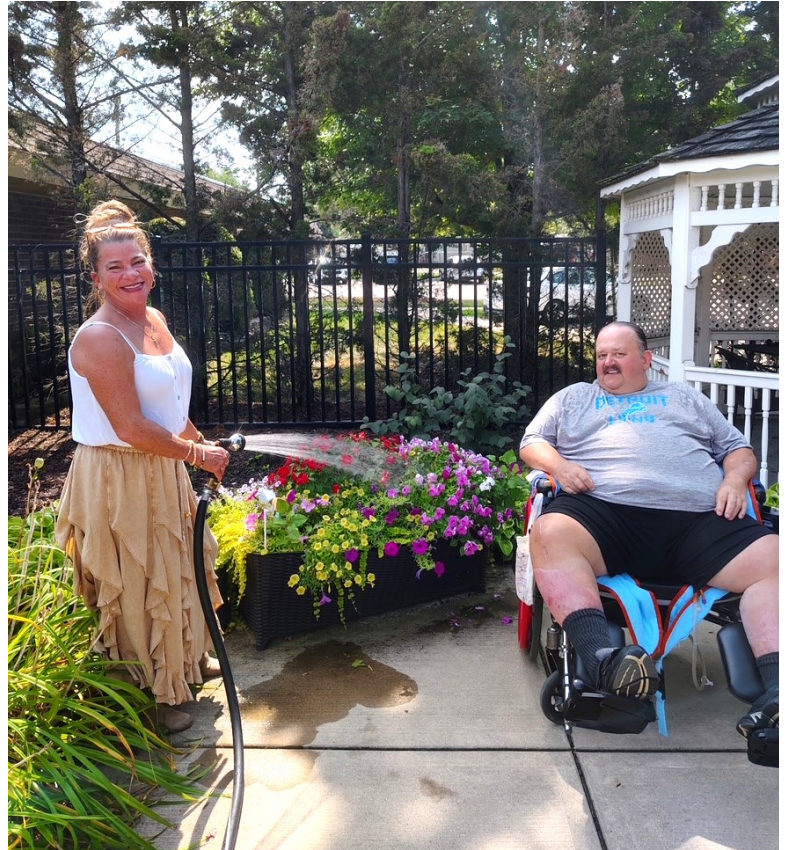
Manu Florescu reports on fire!



Doug Edwards speaks to an estimated crowd of about 270 guests at the annual Steak & Corn Roast



More Photos from the Garden Celebration



Rachel (activities staff) keeps our garden looking beautiful! Here she waters the flowers as Ed, resident who assists her, looks on.

Care Community Shares Neighborly Compassion as Church Suffers Tragedy

Each month the Troy Church of Christ arrives on a Sunday afternoon at the Church of Christ Care Community campus to provide a worship service at the Assisted Living facility. They do a wonderful job of leading the worship and often the Troy minister, Manu Florescu, does the sermon.

Sadly, the tables have turned and they are the ones who need support and encouragement as a fire was recently ignited in the Troy church building in the middle of a Wednesday night at 3:00 a.m. They are now worshipping at a number of different churches in the region. Recently, they joined and led one of the worship services on our campus.



Many are offering help and assistance to the Troy church and they are especially asking for prayers in this time of need.

Dr. Jon Balun, Troy Church of Christ and Spiritual Director for Trinity Health, speaks at the combined worship service.



A Place to Call Home, A Community to Lean On

How faith, teamwork and compassionate care support residents and families through every stage of life.

When families consider senior living, they often have the same questions: Will my loved one be cared for? Will they be safe? Will someone truly get to know them? And what happens if their needs change?

As the Marketing Director of Assisted Living & Memory Care at Church of Christ Care Community, I understand why those questions matter. Choosing a place for someone you love is deeply personal.

For more than 80 years, Church of Christ Care Community has been serving older adults with a foundation built on faith, compassion and dignity. What makes our community special is not simply the services we provide, but the people who work together to care for our residents.

Our Assisted Living & Memory Care and Rehab & Health Center teams collaborate to support residents as their needs change. Because we know their stories, routines and personalities, we can help families navigate those transitions while keeping the person at the center of care.

Our faith reminds us that caring for someone means caring for the whole person. Sometimes that means providing excellent care. Sometimes it means listening, celebrating a birthday, sharing a laugh or simply being present.

As a nonprofit organization, philanthropy helps make this mission possible. Every gift allows us to continue investing in our residents, our programs, our campus and the people who provide care each day. **Our donors are investing in people and in a community where older adults can experience connection, purpose, faith and dignity.**

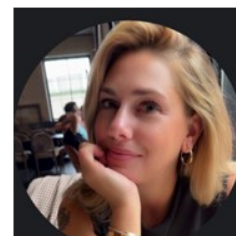
Ultimately, choosing senior living comes down to trust. Families want to feel confident that their loved one will be known, cared for and treated with compassion.

Church of Christ Care Community is more than a place to live. It is a place to call home and a community to lean on.

I am grateful to be part of this mission and hope you will come see firsthand what makes our community so special!

Please Call me 586-285-6205 for information or to schedule a tour. You may e-mail me at rashworth@cofccc.org.

Our website is www.cofccc.org.



Robin Ashworth
Sales and Marketing
Director





Bill Nocita speaks at Steak & Corn Roast

What Makes What We Do Here So Special? It's the Spiritual Direction! — Bill Nocita is Campus Minister

"The Church of Christ Care Community provides for seniors of Southeast Michigan excellent, faith-based care at each stage of their lives – independence, assistance, nursing – and in every facet of their lives – physical, social, mental and spiritual. We meet the special needs of the aged with special care."

Our mission statement at the Church of Christ Care Community is unique when compared to the wide range of senior care facilities, based on our commitment to provide spiritual care to our beloved residents. Our Campus Minister, Bill Nocita, is on site six days per week to visit and pray with residents, conduct group Bible studies and hymn singing/devotionals, and facilitate Sunday worship services at both the assisted living and nursing home buildings. From encouraging and uplifting studies to quiet, introspective time spent with residents and their families as lives draw to a close, spiritual care is one of the most important ways we can minister to those trusted to our care.

Our residents, their families, and our staff represent a wide variety of faith backgrounds, and our residents are at different levels of cognitive functioning, but each person responds to the faithful promises of God's Word, and Bill especially enjoys sharing quiet moments with residents to learn about their lives and their concerns, and also the joyful sessions spent singing favorite old hymns which often seem to overcome issues of memory loss!

What can our supporters and church members do to help with this spiritual ministry? Of course we treasure most of all your prayers for those in our care, and for the strength and compassion of those caring for them; your visits on Sunday to host or participate in our worship services (2:00 p.m. at Assisted Living and 3:00 p.m. at the Nursing and Rehab Center) encourage our residents and show them that they are not forgotten; and your congregation's involvement in other faith-based activities here on campus shines a bright light in what can be a difficult journey at times.

As Jesus Himself said, *"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'* (Matt. 25:40 NIV)

Thank you for helping us to meet the special needs of the aged with special care!

Editor's Note: Bill presented some of this message at our annual Steak & Corn Roast and his words were much appreciated. Bill's dedication to spend time with the residents and encourage them at this delicate time in their lives is a major reason we exist. Bill is an elder at the Northeast Church of Christ .



Bill leading some songs for seniors at a Care Community hymn sing



HONOR/MEMORIAL GIFTS FROM MAY 2, 2026 TO SEPTEMBER 14, 2026

GIFTS IN HONOR OF:

Joan Gardiner
Donna Prince

Sabrina Motzer
Donna Prince

GIFTS IN MEMORY OF:

Frank Agati
Donna Prince

Ethel Arden
Donna Prince

John Belasco
Alex and Gale Litrichin
Terry and Jamesa McCarthy
Royal Oak Church of Christ
Nancy Wallace

John Bizovi
Marge Knapp

Ken Burman
Barbara Theisen

Sandra Burton
Mary Frost
Larry and Diane Stephens
William Wilkinson

Grandma Crum
Donna Prince

Doris Dunn
Don and Nancy Christenberry

Carolyn Elliott
Joe and Lori Mason

Tom Ferris
Donna Prince

Wanda Fields
Donna Prince

Mary Fleth-McCray
Donna Prince

Austin & Dorothy Gilley
Suzanne C. Hunt

Phyllis Haygood
Donna Prince

Keith Ingalls
Marge Knapp

Elizabeth Janutol
Gerald and Carolyn Gianunzio

Kathy Jenema
Dale and Laura Sawyer

**Robert "Pat" Johnson and
Mable Johnson**
Jimmy and Wendy Burcham
Bill Hausman
Gary and Debbie Johnson
Gary and Cindy King
Johnny and Debbie King
Kathy Mackie
Jerry and Karen Warson

Helen "Tootsie" Johnson
Donna Prince

Verna "Boots" Karasinski
Alexander Dick
Allan and Anne Dick
Tom and Linda Dick
Troy and Lori Grogan
Craig and Colleen Karasinski
Judith Kingstrom
Nancy Lounds
Leo and Renee Maillow

LeRoy Ledsworth
Doris Ledsworth

Chris Lewis
Donna Prince

Gary Lewis
Donna Prince

Richard "Dick" Messier
Bob and Sue Wilson

Ms. Monica
Donna Prince

Gene and Mary Monroe
Bob and Sue Wilson

Rodney Morris
Donna Prince

Jennie Morrow
Donna Prince

Bill Phillips
Donna Prince

Oliver and Dorothy Schick
Gary and Debbie Johnson

June Schroo
Donna Prince

Fred Scott
Donna Prince

Nina Sims
Gail Clark

Eliese Snowden
Donna Prince

Fred Stone
Donna Prince

John and Carolyn Swan
Gary and Debbie Johnson

James Thornton
Donna Prince

Paul Turner
George and Joye Girdley

Lynn Upchurch
Gunther and Jane Schlender

Mary Utley
Don and Nancy Christenberry

Margaret Wickware
Donna Prince

Greg Williams
Donna Prince

Bob and Mary Jean Wilson
Bob and Sue Wilson



Geraldine enjoys 100th birthday!



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