

The Manor Highlights

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Celebrating January

Worship with Pastor Henry

January 5

Worship with Pastor Joas

January 12

Music with Wilma

January 14

Music with Rick Reuther

January 16

Worship with Pastor Carson

January 19

Hymns with Tina

January 25

Worship with Pastor Balicki

January 26

Introduction to 2020 Theme

Happy New Year! As I write this, I am still deeply in Christmas mode. Yesterday, the children at our church performed their annual Christmas program—reading through the entire Christmas narrative. The words of the angels declaring the birth of Jesus caught my imagination, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.” The news will cause great joy for all the people.

Despite the joy of Christmas and all of the beauty throughout the world, too often, myself included, I find people focusing on the bad or negatives in life. In fact, when I mention to people I am a chaplain in assisted living homes, I inevitably hear something like, “I could never do that,” or “how do you deal with all the death?” While the death of a resident can be sad and painful, I experience such joy in talking and being with our residents. I know so many of you experience that same joy as well. So, as we enter another year of serving people as they age, we want to celebrate with joy and gladness with our 2020 theme of “Living Joyfully.”

Throughout the year, we will be incorporating our theme throughout all of the Baruch facilities in various ways. However, we welcome and encourage your creativity and ideas!

May the joy of the Lord be with you always!

Chaplain Ryan

New Year Announcements

We will be experiencing some very exciting changes at the Manors! After 15 years with us, Tamara Samuels has accepted a position at Georgetown and Cambridge Manors as the Director of Resident Care. Skye Wiltse has accepted the position as the Food Service Director for us, at Yorkshire and Stonebridge Manors.

Marcus Ribant has accepted a new position as the Administrator at Georgetown and Cambridge Manors, with Epiphany Donat accepting the position of Associate Administrator for us. These internal changes will all take place within the first week of the New Year.

Congratulations to them all for their promotions and dedication to enriching the communities they serve!

Under Construction

Our Stonebridge kitchen remodel begins this month! Once the remodel begins, the food service department will be operating exclusively out of the Yorkshire kitchen. However, the Stonebridge dining rooms will not be effected by the construction, and meals will continue to be served at the same times.

Please be gracious with us, as our kitchen and care staff adjust to the temporary change ahead as well.

We are excited and grateful to be able to update our facilities in order to enhance our food service and dining experience for the residents of our community.

Calling all Volunteers

With all the changes taking place, we are looking for a few volunteers to lead a couple groups in the morning or early afternoon.

By volunteering at Yorkshire & Stonebridge Manors, you will receive tremendous personal satisfaction from the help you provide our senior residents. Everyone has their own gifts to share, and we can match your talents with existing needs.

Volunteering is a great way to respond to the call for service to others. With our flexible scheduling, we can help even those with the busiest schedules fit in a chance to share their gifts!

Please contact Epiphany Donat for a full list of volunteer opportunities & detailed information about getting involved.

epiphany.donat@baruchsls.org

Christmas Benefit Dinner & Tree Lighting

Despite having to reschedule this event due to an influenza outbreak; we lit our trees, as scheduled, and had a tremendous turnout for our Christmas Benefit Dinner!

I would personally like to thank you all for making this one of the most profitable fundraisers for the Manors of 2019! All ticket proceeds contribute to our Resident Benevolence Fund. This fund was set up by Baruch Senior Ministries to financially provide for seniors living in within our communities.

It is always a blessing to share a meal with family and neighbors. Thank you for your generosity in 2019; Happy New Year!

Hi-Yo, Silver!



On January 31, 1933, a Detroit radio station hit broadcasting gold when it aired the first episode of a western series called *The Lone Ranger*. It was an instant hit, and 2,956 radio episodes were produced, followed by a series of books and television shows, a half-dozen movies, and countless games and toys.

The Lone Ranger phenomenon became a cultural touchstone for an American nation hungry to romanticize its Wild West roots.

Perhaps the greatest appeal of the Lone Ranger was in his strict moral code. He may have hidden behind his signature black mask, but he never hid his desire for truth and justice. The Lone Ranger always used perfect grammar and never swore or used slang. He never drank or smoked. Scenes never took place in rough saloons but in restaurants serving food rather than liquor. The Lone Ranger had a pistol, as any western hero should, but he never shot to kill. He instead used his gun to disarm others and bring them to jail. Criminals were never glamorized with wealth or fame, nor did they enjoy positions of power. These decisions were made deliberately by the show's creators, Fran Striker and George W. Trendle. They intended *The Lone Ranger* to be wholesome family entertainment with a hero destined to become an honorable American icon.

The Lone Ranger hit the American public during a particularly fragile time. Many Americans were suffering during the Great Depression and had lost faith in their government and social institutions. The public needed a working-class hero—an ordinary man with extraordinary abilities—who promised to protect those who couldn't help themselves and bring order to a lawless frontier. Such a hero was easily adaptable to any era or medium. As such, *The Lone Ranger* transitioned easily into books, television, and the big screen over the decades. While *The Lone Ranger* has suffered its critics, especially due to its depiction of Native Americans, the Lone Ranger himself has endured as a symbol of justice and truth.

Thank you, Thank you!

We would like to thank all the families who donated to the Employee Christmas Fund. Your generosity from year to year continually blesses all our staff and their families during the holiday season.

We would also like to extend gratitude to everyone who brought in non-perishable food items for our Senior Meals on Wheels Donation Boxes. We were able to donate four large boxes, full of food to their pantry and distribution center!

Cold & Flu Season

As many of you know, The Manors got hit with the flu pretty hard this winter. If



you are feeling under the weather or have any influenza-like symptoms we would appreciate it if you would consider rescheduling a visit to see your loved one at The Manors. We will also post signs at our entry's ways if we come down with a community wide illness.

Older folks with weakened immune systems can't fight the germs quite like they used to. Something as simple as a common cold could have some serious effects on someone.

The best action against sharing illness is hand washing. Be sure to take action, keep yourself healthy during cold and flu season.

January Birthdays

Stephen Cook 1/1

Dave Hatto 1/9

Arlene Klein 1/13

Henrietta VanDyke 1/18

Mary Karp 1/18

Mary Pierce 1/21

Kathryn Karp 1/23

Welcome!

Eric Smith

Mary Pierce

Elizabeth Wert

Patricia Beckon



Roger Anderson

Donald "DJ" Jordan

Your Leadership Team

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Spiritual Care

Chaplain Ryan Hoekstra &
Chaplain Val Wykstra

Mark your 2020 Calendars!

Annual Life Enrichment Events

Mother's Day Luncheon:

May 5

Father's Day Fishing Derby:

June 18

Antique and Classic Car

Show:

July 16

Resident and Family Picnic:

August 20