

Across the Greenfield

October Fun!



Magical and Mischief in October

October was filled with magical and mischievous activities from our special Intergenerational event, Mark the Magician, the Scarecrow Contest (we won

the Most Creative category with our "Love Hoo You Are" Owl and friends) to all the Halloween festivities. Fun was had by all!





Anita



Bonnie S.



Ruth



Doris B.



**Joanne, Christy, Emagene
w/ Mark the Magician**



Patsy & Sassy



Marvin



Rosie

Across Lynn's Desk

We're thrilled to announce the return of our annual Christmas buffet, and this year, it's all about reliving the classics. After challenging years without this cherished tradition, we can't wait to serve up your favorite dishes that have graced our buffets in the past. I have heard so much about this wonderful event since I joined the Greenfield family. I am very excited to be a part of it this year!

Our Christmas buffet has always been a time for residents and their loved ones to come together and enjoy delicious food. This year, we're bringing back the

classic dishes that have become favorites over the years. Get ready to savor those flavors that hold a special place in your hearts.

The Christmas buffet is not just about the food; it's a celebration of tradition and togetherness. We hope this year's event will provide a much-needed opportunity for residents and their families to relish the tastes of the past while creating new memories for the future.

This delightful occasion is set to take place on Wednesday, December 13th at 5:00pm.

We have a limited amount of space so the event is by invitation only. Invitations will be mailed soon.

It's a chance to not only enjoy your favorite buffet dishes but also to enjoy fellowship in a warm and festive setting. As we bring back the classics, we aim to make this Christmas buffet a heartwarming experience filled with the flavors of tradition and the joy of reuniting with loved ones. We can't wait to see you there.

Lynn Olds



Meditation Services

A special thanks goes out to our volunteer ministerial guests who so graciously come to Greenfield and minister the Word of God: Pastor Ryan Sutton from the

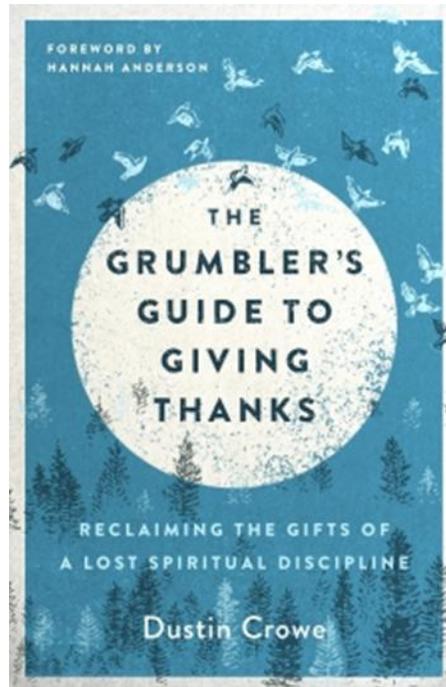
1st United Methodist Church, Pastor Cal Zehr from Willow Springs Mennonite Church, Pastor Colleen Lawrence from the 1st Presbyterian Church and

Monsignor and Friends from St. Louis Catholic Church. Thank you and God Bless you all!

Hope and Happiness

We have finally finished talking and sharing about everyone's favorite childhood books from those residents, tenants, and staff who wished to share. I enjoyed hearing about everyone's doll houses or their stories of running away from home as they related to the children's book we heard that day. We discovered that you can learn a whole new lesson from a children's book as an adult than you did as a child. If anyone thinks of a favorite book and would still like to share you can always come to Show and Share.

Some people have expressed interest in a Bible Study, so starting in November we will look at how Hope and Happiness is



shared with gratitude. November is the time of year when we look at what we are grateful for with Thanksgiving. Some days when things are hard gratitude is hard to find, other days it is easy to feel blessed. We will use the book, "The Grumbler's Guide to Giving Thanks" by Dustin Crowe and join in the conversation. Anyone is welcome to come during Hope and Happiness whether you want to share or just listen.

Kate Webster, SSD

Mark the Magician & Mrs. Thompson's 3rd Graders

In light of our theme for October, we invited a magical magician named Mark, who has been performing his trade for over 50 years. His performance really wowed the audience with his tricks and humor. We enjoyed his performance alongside Mrs. Thompson's 3rd grade class. We captured the

excitement and fun with both children and our seniors on video and through pictures (check out our Facebook page for a video featuring Mark's antics while Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. May join in the fun!).

*Chris Thompson
Activity Director*



Volunteers

We want to welcome a couple of our newest volunteers to Greenfield!

Lilly, who is our youngest volunteer, will visit and play board games with Greenfield's seniors from time-to-time. In October,

Lilly came and demonstrated her cheerleading skills for us which was so fun!

And, Sassy, our pet therapy expert, will also be working in activities delivering warm laps and a lot of tail wags to our seniors.

Thank you to our newest volunteers and to our current volunteers! We so appreciate your time and efforts at making Greenfield a great place to live and work!

Winter Coat Drive

Once again, we at Greenfield are reaching out to the community to help area seniors in our community by dropping off

new or gently used winter coats (adult sizes), hats, gloves/mittens and scarves. Drop off boxes are located at Greenfield, Ace

Distribution Center, & Allegion (LCN). If you have any questions, please contact us at 815-872-2261 or activities@greenfieldhome.org.



Pat P. & Eunice



Emagene, Doris B., Betty



Jeanne & Danny

IAPA Conference

I had the honor of attending the Illinois Activity Professional's Association annual conference in Bloomington, IL at the Parke Regency Hotel and Conference where the theme was "Let's Camp S'More!: Keeping the Fire in Us Burning!", which consisted of a camping theme.

Some of the speakers and

classes included: "The Rhythm of Life," by Lisa Olson, "Let's Talk About S'More Tech Tips" by Rachel Keistler, "Montessori Principle/Programming Ideas" by Traci Pareti, "Fire Up Your Creative Juices – Be Memorable for Less \$" by Kathy Clark, "Keep the Fire Burning for Your Clients Through Safe Movement" by Kim Hayes and "Camp Chat – Share Your Best Activity" by

IAPA President, Deb Greiner.

The two-day conference offered opportunity to recharge, reconnect and reignite those creative brainwaves needed to provide exciting activity programming for seniors, living in all levels of healthcare.

*Chris Thompson,
Activity Director*

Break Bread with Us

Join us for an upcoming sneak peek into life at Greenfield where we offer person-centered activities, professional nursing care, fine dining and so much more. Where Greenfield is

not just like a home but is home! RSVP before Friday, November 10th or walk on over and join us on Monday, Nov. 13th, Tuesday, Nov. 14th and Wednesday, Nov. 15th. Come for one day or all

days! Bring a friend or family member. We will start at 10:30 am and continue with lunch served at noon. FREE FUN guaranteed!

Chris Thompson, A.D.

Trick or Treat

This year was the first year since COVID-19 that we were able to open up Greenfield for the children to trick or treat. We had nearly 140 people come into our home and our seniors LOVED it! It was so

heartwarming to see the community come in and share their enthusiasm with one another. We even had several kind mothers who brought more candy in for our seniors to hand out! It was a Spook-tacular evening!

I want to extend a big thank you to the Bernard's for their generous donation of \$100, which went towards purchasing candy and fruit snacks to hand out.

Chris Thompson, A.D.

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Christy



Shirley



Kate & Bonnie B.



Pat P.



Doris H., Marvin, Glenn, Julie



Twins - Nancy & Sam



Cheerleader Lilly



Chris & daughter Jaime

Covid Booster Update

We completed our Influenza clinic on Halloween. I know everyone has been wondering when and if we would have the Covid booster shot available here at Greenfield.

I have been working with our pharmacy regarding availability as well as payment information for the boosters. I am happy to report that our pharmacy is able to order the vaccine and come out and give the injections. They will verify insurance coverage prior to

vaccinating.

Kate and I will be reaching out to residents and/or their power of attorney for health care over the next couple of weeks to determine which residents would like to receive the booster. I would like to have everything in place in order to have a vaccine clinic here no later than November 28th.

Regarding the new vaccine for RSV, I continue to encourage you to discuss this with your Primary Care Provider and if they feel it is

something you should receive, have it done at their office.

Just a reminder if you have symptoms of any illness please postpone your visit until your symptoms improve. We need to not only be aware of Covid symptoms, but also influenza, RSV, the stomach flu, etc.

Thanks for your help in keeping our residents happy and healthy.

Shelly Davis, DCN



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