

MEADOWLARK

MOVIE NIGHT TITLES

Join us every Friday Night at 6:00 p.m. in the TV Lounge

The Inn of the Sixth Happiness - Gladys Aylward, 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 Cheng and happily runs an inn there. Her peaceful existence, however, is interrupted by Japan's invasion of China. Aided by Lin Nan, a half-Chinese/half-Dutch military officer, Gladys, must lead a group of orphans to safety by embarking on a dangerous mountain journey.

The Buddy System - Joe is a truant officer (and part time inventor) who befriends a student named Tim (Wil Wheaton) and becomes romantically involved with his mother, Emily. Joe then alternates between Emily and an unhealthy relationship with his girlfriend, Carrie. Eventually he must choose between the two women and decides to stick with Carrie, devastating both Tim and his mother; but Joe soon realizes he's made a big mistake, and hopes it isn't too late.

Jesus - This film about Jesus of Nazareth is taken from the New Testament's Gospel of Luke, and follows his life from birth to death. His parents, Mary & Joseph, are a strong presence in his early life. Later, as a young adult, Jesus begins to realize his destiny, and his apostles are gradually assembled, with Simon-Peter among them. Eventually, Jesus must face his crucifixion, which leads to his resurrection.

Hope Springs - Long-married couple Kay and Arnold love each other, but after so many years together, Kay feels the need to spice things up and reconnect with her husband. Hearing of a renowned marriage counselor in the town of Great Hope Springs, Kay manages to persuade her stubborn mate to attend a retreat with her. As they shed their bedroom hang-ups, Kay and Arnold find that the real challenge is reigniting the spark that originally brought them together.

GENERAL REMINDERS

Spring has arrived at last! Here are a few reminders as we enter a new season!

- * If you have any difficulty opening or closing your windows, please ask the staff for assistance. They might stick a bit after a long winter.
- * If you use the air conditioner on a warm day, please make sure that the heat is off (and vice versa on those chilly days). Please ask the staff for assistance.
- * If you venture out for a walk on the grounds, please be alert for leftover winter debris on the sidewalk, as well as any renovation materials/tools that may be laid near the walkways and entry doors at the South Wing. Report these issues to the front desk right away.
- * Our maintenance and housekeeping staff end their normal workdays by 4:00 pm. Please report any maintenance or housekeeping concerns as soon as possible to avoid unnecessary delay.



April Brain Teaser

Q: In British Columbia, you cannot take a picture of a man with a wooden leg. Why not?
Submit your guess at the front desk.

Solution to March Brain Teaser:

Q: What is seen in the middle of March and April that can't be seen at the beginning or end of either month?

A: The letter 'r' *Congratulations to Monty Gallagher for getting the correct answer!*

COMMUNITY HEARTBEATS ~ Pastor Debra Neild



He is Risen! The Easter Season is upon us! I would like to share this poem with you all as we celebrate our Risen Lord!

"A Poem for Easter"
~ by The Rev. R. Preston Price

Like a blade of grass pushing up stubbornly through the sidewalk. Or
Like the butterfly emerging from the tomb-like chrysalis.
But much more.

Like the seed after years of dormant death sending up sprout. Or
Like the brown bulb breaking forth from brown earth into brilliant color.
But much more.

Like brilliant daybreak after stormy, darkened night. Or
Like a rainbow mystically appearing amidst the rain.
But much more.

Like a patient making an unexpected, unpredicted turn for health. Or
Like the pine cone opening to spread seed only after touched by fiery death.
But much more.

Like a beautiful vase emerging from a lump of clay in the potter's hands. Or
Like a hidden spring bubbling forth in the middle of a barren desert.
But much more.

Like the surprise of Spring's buds pushing aside Winter's snow. Or
Like someone finally emerging from the fatality of addiction.
But much more.

So it comes.
Nothing else like it.

No image adequate. No simile. No metaphor.

Unable to talk about it but inadequately.
We celebrate this great, real mystery
that neither language nor imagination can encompass.

Easter!

"He is not here; for he is risen, as he said..." Matthew 28:6



CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

READ ALOUD READER'S GROUP

**Monday, April 1 (15, 29)
2:30 p.m. (TV Lounge)**

Among other things, Gerry will read aloud the Meadowlark to anyone that is interested. Gerry will provide this read aloud session as a group activity every other Monday, so feel free to bring along poems, short stories, articles or other items you think may be of interest/enjoyment to those gathered.



ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

**Tuesday, April 9
6:30 p.m. (Activity Room)**

Your great-grandchildren are invited to join you for a fun evening of games, refreshments and a kids' Easter Egg Hunt! Please let Cheryl at the front desk know by Friday, April 5 how many children will be joining you so that we have enough eggs for all of the little ones!



ASHER'S CHOCOLATE FACTORY

**Wednesday, April 10
1:30 p.m. (bus trip)**

Sign up with Gerry to go along and take care of all of your Easter candy needs ~ eggs, bunnies, jelly beans and more! Asher's is located in nearby Souderton.

Wii BASEBALL

**Friday, April 12
1:15 p.m. (TV Lounge)**

Come out and enjoy a friendly game of virtual baseball – cheer from the stands, throw a fast ball, or hit a home run... all from the comfort of the TV Lounge stuffed chairs. Plus, enjoy ballpark inspired treats!



EASTER CANTATA at DWC

**Tuesday, April 16
1:00 p.m. (shuttle)**

The Dock Woods Choir will perform "The Day He Wore My Crown" under the direction of Bill Kuhfuss. Following the concert, a love offering will be received. Sign up with Gerry to go along.



DINE AROUND RED LOBSTER

**Thursday, April 18
10:45 a.m. (bus trip)**

Cheddar Bay biscuits, shrimp skewers, lobster tacos, key lime pie... you certainly want to sign up to go on this trip with Gerry! You will order from the menu, and receive your own check, so you must bring money to pay for your meal.



VISIT LAOS WITH BONG

**Thursday, April 25
2:30 p.m. (Activity Room)**

Come and join Bong as he shares with us about holidays and festivals in Laos.



BONG AND FRIENDS DAY

**Tuesday, April 30
(Activity Room)**

Bong will be joined by fellow IVEPers Eric, Chattu and Nouka for the whole day here at The Willows. They will begin by joining Bong for exercise and would love to have a rousing game of noodle hockey before offering a presentation where each will share with you their stories; showing pictures of their homes, their families and their countries. Please support Bong and his friends by joining them for an afternoon of fun and culture!



CARA'S CORNER

Cara has fun activities planned for April! Join her as often as you can ~ check your yellow calendar for days and times. All activities with Cara take place in the Activity Room.

- Hand & Foot, Rummy 500, Pinochle, and Bridge games
- Mexican Train Dominos
- Live flower arranging
- Baking and decorating Spring cupcakes
- Create a spring decoration to hang on your door
- Stained Glass Window craft

THE JOURNEY ~ Pastor Deb Neild

Our Lenten Journey continues with the final three weeks of our Lenten Bible Study. We will look at betrayal and how Jesus forgave his betrayers, we will look at the peace and comfort offered by Jesus, and finally, we will consider our response to the Cross and plan a way that we can respond as a community to this incredible gift that we have been given.

Holy Week Schedule

- ✚ We will finish our Lenten Bible Study on Tuesday, April 16.
- ✚ Regina Schlosser will lead From Garden to Glory Bible Study April 17 at 6:15 p.m. in the TVL.
- ✚ Pastor Deb will lead a Maundy Thursday Service at 2:30 p.m. in the Chapel on April 18.
- ✚ Pastor Jim Derstine will be here on Friday, April 19 to lead our Good Friday service at 10 a.m.
- ✚ There will be no Devotions with Al on Good Friday. The Stations of the Cross will be set up in the TV Lounge throughout the day for you to walk through at your own pace.
- ✚ Our Easter Worship Service will be at our regular worship time on Sunday, April 21 at 9:30 a.m.

Everyone is welcome to attend our Holy Week services here at The Willows!

The Dish on Dining Services ~ Tom Madara



If you are planning to be out for meals on Easter Sunday, please inform both the Nursing staff and the Dining Services staff.



I am pleased to introduce some new faces in Dining Services! Steven Myers is a new cook, and Jessica Schatz, Patrick Mehlbaum and Rutger Newman are new dietary aides. Please join me in welcoming these new team members to our Community.

FUND DEVELOPMENT

Planned Giving ~

Income and tax savings for you now, and support for Living Branches now and later

Your gifts can make a difference, and giving can still benefit you! Here are 5 ways:

- 1) IRA Rollover Gift – If you are 70 ½ or older you can avoid extra income taxes this year by making a charitable gift from your IRA.
- 2) Gift of Securities – Give your old stock (with a low basis) that has appreciated in the rising market and avoid capital gains.
- 3) Life Insurance Gift – Eliminate an old or unneeded life insurance policy by making a gift of the cash balance to support a charity.
- 4) Life Income – Make a gift for a gift annuity or charitable remainder trust and receive lifetime payments. Ask us for a free illustration outlining your benefits.
- 5) Charitable Bequests – Make a gift to support our work that costs you nothing today. Provide for your loved ones first and then the charity of your choice with a bequest made in your will or trust.

While tax laws may be changing, there are still many ways you can make a gift to make a difference. Even with the changes, making a gift can still provide benefits to you. Contact Univest Foundation (877-723-5571), Everence (215-703-0111), or the front desk to learn more about ways you can benefit this year.

