

6:15 p.m. in TV Lounge

** You now have the option to view the Friday night movie in your own room – just tune your TV to channel 1971 at 6:15!

The Parent Trap – July 2 – In this update of a 1961 film, twins Annie and Hallie are strangers until happenstance unites them. The preteen girls' divorced parents are living on opposite sides of the Atlantic, each with one child. After meeting at camp, American Hallie and British-raised Annie engineer an identity swap, giving both the chance to spend time with the parents they've missed. If the scheme works, it might just make the family whole again.

Catch me If You Can – July 9 – A true story about Frank Abagnale Jr. (Leonardo DiCaprio) who, before his 19th birthday, successfully conned millions of dollars' worth of checks as a Pan Am pilot, doctor, and legal prosecutor. FBI agent Carl Hanratty (Tom Hanks) makes it his mission to put him behind bars; but Frank not only eludes capture, he revels in the pursuit.

Night at the Museum 2 – July 16 – Once the night guard at the Museum of natural History, Larry (Ben Stiller) is now a successful businessman. Soon after learning that his museum friends have been shipped to the Smithsonian Institution, Larry receives a distress call – four of history's greatest villains have come to life and are planning to take over the Smithsonian first, then the world. Larry joins forces with friends, old and new, to stop the quartet's nefarious plans.

Casablanca – July 23 – Rick Blaine (Humphrey Bogart), who owns a nightclub in Casablanca, discovers his old flame Ilsa (Ingrid Bergman) is in town with her husband, Victor Laszlo. Laszlo is a famed rebel, and with Germans on his tale, Ilsa knows Rick can help them get out of the country.

Soul Surfer – July 30 – A natural talent in the sport of surfing, teenager Bethany Hamilton loses an arm in a shark attack. Bolstered by the love of her parents, and refusing to give up, she plans to return to competition; although questions about her future continue to trouble her. Upon seeing the devastation in Thailand caused by the 2004 tsunami, Bethany discovers a greater purpose: to make a difference in the lives of others. Based on a true story.

- ➤ Looking for something to do? Check out our new activity corners! Located in the North Wing Game Room, Library or South Wing Lounge, you can find puzzles, games and books available to you in the labeled cabinetry any time of day or night. If borrowing any materials, please be sure to return them when you are finished so others can also enjoy!
- ➤ Need items from the store or a last-minute greeting card? Check out our gift cart! Loaded with candy, cards, basic necessities (soap, tissues, toothpaste, etc.) and various sundry items all available for purchase. The cart is open for business once a month, between 12 -2 p.m. see your calendar for when this on-site store will arrive.
- ➤ Wish you could get your hands on a certain book, movie or audiobook? The Willows now has access to the Indian Valley Public Library and the Bucks County Library System! Becca can reserve, check out and deliver these items right to your door (and remind you when they are due to be returned!)

Tune in to channel 1971 on your TV every day for activities, special events, announcements, photos, reminders, menus, movie trailers and more! Scavenger Hunt coming soon so stay tuned!

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COMMUNITY HEARTBEATS - Pastor Debra Neild



Henry Nouwen writes, "The word community has many connotation, some positive, some negative. Community can make us think of a safe togetherness, shared meals, common goals, and joyful celebrations. However, community is first of all a quality of the heart. It grows from the spiritual knowledge that we are alive not for ourselves but for one another. Community is the fruit of our capacity to make the interest of others more important that our own (see Philippians 2:4). The question, therefore, is not "How can we make community?" but "How can we develop and nurture giving hearts?"

Before the pandemic, the Willows was a community who did all of the "community" things like sharing in meals, celebrating special occasions, greiving losses, and supporting one another through

those losses. It was hard giving up those aspects of community life this past year. Thankfully, we are finally able to return to a life as a community. We no longer have to be isolated and apart. We can return to sharing, laughing, supporting and caring for each other as the Willows Community.

The hymn *Blessed Be the Tie That Binds* contains these beautiful verses that describe community this way:

"...Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear; And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear. When we asunder part, it gives us inward pain; But we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again."

And isn't that what happened? We were apart, isolated in our rooms, and that was painful; but we were still joined in our hearts. Our hopes to meet again, to be in one another's presence is now a reality. We made it to this side of the pandemic together and now have the opportunity to grow and strengthen our conds of community. We are blessed to be the Willows community!

Sunday Evening Worship

Pastor Donna Merow will be here Sunday, July 18 at 6:15 p.m. to lead an evening of worship and prayer. There will be no service that morning. All are welcome to attend! The service will be held in the Activity Room/Chapel.

JULY CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

STATE PLATE GAME SATURDAY, JULY 3 10:30 a.m. (Activity Room)

Test your knowledge of the United States in this fun game! Toss a bean bag to determine your state and see how much you truly know about our nation this Independence Day.

STICKY WICKETS MONDAY, JULY 5 2:00 p.m. (Activity Room)

Enjoy this game of Sticky Wicket. A dice game that's a bit like cricket. Roll the die to score a run. We think this game us loads of fun!

"WE BET YOUR LIFE" SATURDAY, JULY 10 10:30 a.m. (Activity Room)

The original TV show You Bet Your Life, hosted by Groucho Marx, debuted in 1950.
Contestants were "regular people" interspersed with hopeful actors and comedians. Join us to play a revised version of this game show.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION WITH MICHAEL EVANS MONDAY, JULY 12 2:00 p.m. (Activity Room)

This month marks the return of our birthday celebrations! Come and celebrate our July birthdays with Michael Evans as he leads us in an afternoon of music.



SHARE YOUR STORY: PATRIOTISM FRIDAY, JULY 16 (Activity Room)

This month we will be sharing stories about patriotism. We will reminisce about the first president you remember, patriotic tunes, trivia, and much more. If you have a picture or an item, such as an old coin, decoration or collectible that reminds you of our country, bring it along. Share it, and the memories it holds for you, with us. We look forward to an afternoon full of stories!

ARMCHAIR TRAVELS: NATIONAL PARKS ADVENTURE SATURDAY, JULY 17 10:30 a.m. (Activity Room)

Have you ever explored a national park? Join us as we learn fun facts about these beautiful parks from the comfort of our chairs! We will be discussing the history, wildlife, and so much more about these famous areas.

BECCA'S ICE CREAM TRUCK THURSDAY, JULY 22 1:30 p.m. (traveling)

Keep an ear out for that familiar tune again! Becca will be making the rounds, bringing frozen novelties to you! This month, she will start in the North wing at 1:30, making her way down to the South Wing.

NAME 5 SATURDAY, JULY 24 10:30 a.m. (Activity Room)

Name 5 fruits... Ready?...Go! Put your thinking caps on as we race to name categorized items. All are welcome!



SUMMER OLYMPICS OPENING CEREMONIES & CARNIVAL GAMES MONDAY, JULY 26 1:30 p.m. (Activity Room)

As we enter this year's Olympic season, we will be hosting our own Summer Olympics at The Willows! Join us all week for games, competitions, prizes, singing, crafts and much more all week long! Keep an eye out for these events on your calendar – you don't want to miss out!

'THE INSIDE SCOOP' OUTING WEDNESDAY, JULY 28 1:15 p.m. (bus trip)

Ice cream trips are back! Join us for a summer ride to Coopersburg to visit this old school ice cream parlor. You will pay for your own treat at the shop – Becca can assist you with this. If weather is favorable, we will enjoy our treats in their outdoor picnic area. Sign up with Becca or at the front desk. Only 18 seats are available – reserve yours early!

313 WITH LESLIE SUNDAYS, JULY 11 and 25 1:00 p.m. (Activity Room)

Another one of our wonderful volunteers, Leslie, will be returning to the Willows every other Sunday to play 313 with interested residents. Come enjoy a fun afternoon of card playing! No experience necessary!

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Sunday Worship Services –occur in the Activity Room/Chapel at 9:30 a.m.

- July 4 Message by Bob Thompson
- July 11 Message by Pastor Sandy Landes
- July 18 Message by Pastor Donna Merow at 6:15 pm (no morning worship this day)
- July 25 Message by Pastor Deb

Other religious services – occur in TV Lounge

- July 2 Sacred Heart Catholic Communion Service with Father Pawelko –2:00 p.m.
- July 10 Rosary Service with Our Legion of Mary from Sacred Heart 10:00 a.m.
- July 20 Rosary Service with Catherin Naughton 10:00 a.m.
- Every Wednesday Devotions with Al Grecia (non-denominational) 10:00 a.m.

Our current Bible Study will conclude on July 8. Please continue to join me on Tuesday/Thursdays in July as we return to *Harmony* stories – the very popular books series by Phillip Gulley, capturing the essence of small-town life with humor and wisdom.



THE DISH ON DINING SERVICES ~ Tom Madara

- Join me in welcoming two new faces to the dining service team this month: Zahki Guy-Willis and Sam Johnson.
- Our next summer 'picnic in the grove' (weather permitting!) will be on Wednesday, July 14th. Let's cross our fingers for a day just like we had last month... with maybe little less wind. I would love to see you ALL come out to enjoy this cookout!
- Daily menus are now available to view on our in-house TV channel 1971, and watch for announcements about upcoming events and themed meals.
- Remember to stay hydrated. Refills for your beverages are readily available.
- Don't forget to come to my Table Talk with Tom @ 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 23. I'd like to hear what you have thought about some of the new summer menu offerings.

GENERAL REMINDERS

- Mail is now being deposited into your mailbox located in front of the nurses' station. Please try to empty your mailbox at least once per week. If you need assistance, let the nursing staff know and they will be happy to help you.
- Fire drills, although inconvenient, are a mandatory part of community life. The PA Department of Human Services requires that an unannounced fire drill be held at least once per month, and that twice per year that drill has to occur 'during sleeping hours'.
- It is very important that you utilize the sign out sheet every time you leave the facility (unless you are just walking on the campus); especially if the nursing staff is not aware that you are leaving. These sheets are located in the lobbies of both the North and South Wings. Remember to also indicate your return to the facility on this same form.