

# MEADOWLARK

## Moments with Molly      Fridays at 6:00 pm and Sundays at 2:00 pm

- 11/1    **Movie night: Newsies ~ When young newspaper sellers are exploited beyond reason by their bosses, they set out to enact change and are met by the ruthlessness of big business.**
- 11/3    **Paint your own Puzzle with Molly!**
- 11/8    **Feathers and Fur: Make a bird feeder and meet Bullwinkle, Molly's hamster!**
- 11/10   **Kitchen Fun: Sweet Turkey Treats**
- 11/15   **Movie Night: The Hunchback of Notre Dame ~ A deformed bell-ringer must assert his independence from a vicious government minister in order to help his friend, a gypsy dancer.**
- 11/17   **Turkey Time Crafts**
- 11/22   **Fall Floral Arranging**
- 11/24   **Rice Crispy Pumpkin Treats**



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Upcoming activities \* Church Services \* Calendar Updates \* Announcements \* Fun Photos \* More!

### COMMUNITY HEARTBEATS – *Pastor Susan Sciarratta*

As I write this, Hurricane Milton has slammed into the gulf coast of Florida, right on the heels of his twin sister, Helene. Even though we see the photos, the sheer devastation of these storms is so hard to grasp. With this magnitude of loss - homes, pets, loved ones - the storms take a huge emotional and spiritual toll on survivors, responders, and entire communities.

At times like these, I seek the points of light. Who are the helpers? Who have been rescued, and what are their stories of survival and resilience? I watch a video of guys in motorboats rescuing dogs perched on sheds and tree stumps, surrounded by floodwater. I see photos of Red Cross nurses embracing frazzled survivors wrapped in fleece blankets at a makeshift shelter. I see small groups of people with bowed heads, lifting up their anxiety, relief, and petitions for strength. Though I'm many miles away, I pray right there, with them.

I cannot imagine my town center being completely washed away, as was Chimney Rock, North Carolina. Yet I can imagine a peace that passes understanding, washing over me and settling me. I can imagine justice rolling down like waters. I can imagine a well-spring of hope, and I can imagine Living Water quenching our collective thirst for mercy and loving kindness.

I cling to these thoughts and images because they help me function in a world that is too often chaotic, violent, and unpredictable. I see the sunflower smiling at me, just as I see the smiles on your faces offering me proof of God's unending goodness. If you've ever questioned your purpose, surely it is for a moment such as this. Let us give thanks for God's extravagant love that encourages, heals, and inspires. May God's love flow through each one of us, and shine.



#### ANNUAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Each year we prepare a disclosure statement for the Department of Insurance, which regulates life plan communities. This year's disclosure statement is now available. If you are interested in having a copy, please let Cheryl at the front desk know and a copy of the disclosure statement will be delivered to you.



## CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

### KINDNESS OUTREACH Tuesday, November 5 10:00 a.m. (Activity Room)

Join Pastor Susan and Gerry as we assemble special snack bags for the Hilltown Police Department.

### CATHOLIC MASS Thursday, November 7 2:00 p.m. (TV Lounge)

Father Tad had a scheduling conflict this month, so he will be here a day earlier than usual to offer mass.

### MUSIC AND MEMORIES WITH SHEILA MILZ Thursday, November 8 2:00 p.m. (Activity Room)

Enjoy your favorite tunes as Sheila performs with her energetic signature style. With costume props and humor, her repertoire includes pop, Broadway and old-time classics.

### SALON MANICURES Monday, November 11 and Monday, November 25 BY APPOINTMENT

Christine will be here to offer the full manicure package ~ music, water soaks, trim & polish (if desired), and easy conversation in a relaxed setting! Sign up for some pampering! Men welcome, too!

### MUSIC WITH CALEB Monday, November 11 2:00 p.m. (Activity Room)

Enjoy a special afternoon session with Caleb as he includes some patriotic favorites in observance of Veterans Day. Veterans in attendance will be acknowledged.

### GRIEF TALK: SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS Tuesday, November 12 10:00 a.m. (TV Lounge)

Pastor Susan will host this group for those seeking or needing extra support through the holiday season.

### PIANO CONCERT WITH STEPHEN DiJOSEPH Tuesday, November 12 2:00 p.m. (Activity Room)

Talented pianist and Willows' regular Stephen DiJoseph will be joining us to perform an afternoon concert. From classical pieces including Chopin and Debussy, to pop and sing-along favorites, Stephen's skillful tickling of the ivories is guaranteed to entertain.

### TEDDY BEAR TRIVIA Thursday, November 14 3:00 p.m. (Activity Room)

Did you know that November 14<sup>th</sup> is National American Teddy Bear Day? Join us for bear-themed treats, tea and trivia to celebrate everyone's favorite furry friend. If you have a favorite teddy bear of your own, feel free to bring it along!

### MORNING MUSIC: CONCERT WITH DOCK MENNONITE ACADEMY STUDENTS Friday, November 15 9:15 a.m. (Activity Room)

Start your morning with music as this choir group of twenty talented young students as they perform a program of holiday and Christmas classics. Perfect to get you started on your holiday spirit!

\*\* please note that exercise will be moved to 10:15 am, or immediately following this concert.

### LIVING BRANCHES CHEFs' DEMONSTRATION AND TASTING EXHIBITION Friday, November 15 2:00 p.m. (Activity Room)

Bon Appetit! Come and sample the flavors of Fall as our Living Branches dining department prepares seasonal flavors in our pop-up demo kitchen in the Activity Room. Tempt your tastebuds with new and upcoming additions to the winter menu.

### AMAZING YO-YO ENTERTAINMENT Saturday, November 16 10:00 a.m. (Activity Room)

Do you remember learning to yoyo in your childhood days? Revisit the fun with a unique performance of spectacular tricks and demonstrations by Amazing Yo-yo Entertainment. Music, stories and laughter add to the fun!

### AUTUMN WILLOWS' STAFF BAKE-OFF COMPETITION AND TASTING Friday, November 22 2:00 p.m. (Activity Room)

Its competition time again! Our talented staff will once again be showing off their culinary skills with an Autumn bake-off featuring fall flavors. Residents can sample pies, cakes and more, and a panel of judges will announce the Bake-Off Champion!

### LIVING BRANCHES ' THANKSGIVING SERVICE Wednesday, November 27 2:00 p.m. (Activity Room)

Pastor Deb Neild will be here to host the streaming broadcast of the Living Branches Thanksgiving Service, live from the Dock Woods Chapel.

### SOCIAL WORKER SPOTLIGHT

~ Leslie Novak



Open enrollment to make changes in your Medicare prescription drug coverage will take place through early December. Please let me know if you have questions regarding your prescription drug coverage. I am eager to assist with any changes you wish to make in your prescription drug insurance plan, and can do so through December 5, 2024. Let Cheryl at the front desk know if you would like to set an appointment with me, or stop at my office if the door is open.



### VOLUNTEER CORNER

~ Suzanne Zomberg

November is a time for giving thanks. And we have so much to be thankful for on all the beautiful, active Living Branches campuses! THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO as you serve others and bring joy to our community. We appreciate all who swiftly completed the annual volunteer requirements! Well done! If you have not done so already, please send flu, TB survey, and the inservice quiz documentation to the volunteer office ASAP. Any updated COVID documents appreciated too. If you have any questions, contact Suzanne Zomberg [Suzanne.zomberg@livingbranches.org](mailto:Suzanne.zomberg@livingbranches.org) 215-723-9881 ext 42298, or speak with Tina Paul.

