

Easter Chorus Joins Choirs of Young and Old *Cyber Pals Meet*



The Easter choirs from Hinkletown Mennonite School and Landis Homes sing together.

Twenty-four residents of Landis Homes Retirement Community joined with 40 students from Hinkletown Mennonite School in April to present an Easter choral program at Landis Homes.

“Student groups have often presented music programs here, but this was the first time a Landis Homes chorus

has joined with a student chorus to present a shared program,” said Activities Director Tina Mast Burnett. “It was a unique chance for young persons and older persons to each prepare and then come together to present a service of worship for the Easter season.”

The student chorus, 4th and 5th graders, and the retirement community chorus practiced separately, and each sang one number alone at the program. They then joined together on a selection of traditional Easter hymns, including “In the Garden,” “When I Survey” and “What Wondrous Love is This”. Chorus directors were Sonia Straley, Hinkletown chorus director, and Harvey Beiler, who led the chorus at Landis Homes. Anna Mae

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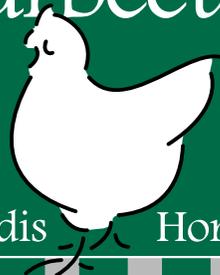
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Through the Eyes of the Chaplain

On a typical day, I arrive on Landis Homes West campus where my office is located. Some days it is my turn to share a short devotional on our Channel 13 closed circuit TV.

Our Pastoral Team works closely with the Social Service staff. In addition to me, two chaplains assist in our ministry to 650 residents. Glenn Metzler ministers in Health Care and Mary Yunginger Rittenhouse in Assisted Living. We also have an administrative assistant, Doris



Don Good

Wenger, who coordinates the programming in our two chapels and the use of our closed circuit TV.

Being a chaplain means that no two days are the same. Like any other ministry it includes both times of sadness and celebration. Losses, such as physical abilities, driving privileges or the loss of one's health call for pastoral ministry. On many occasions the ministry is to those suffering grief because of the death of a loved one.

Additionally, there are celebration times with residents on the occasions of

birthdays, wedding anniversaries, birth of grandchildren, times of healing and even an occasional wedding. We have been fortunate recently to be able to bless five couples in marriage in as many years.

Some facts about my ministry: I have been working at Landis Homes since April 1984, but my first experience here was as a volunteer parking cars for the first open house in 1964. Twenty-six Caring Teams assist the pastoral care team in ministering to those living independently. Each team gives loving care to 10 to 20 persons whom they help to shepherd with prayer and through group activities.

I believe a health care center is a mission field just as clearly as mission fields in other parts of the world. I'm happy persons respond to be missionaries in our health care settings locally. Persons from many congregations are good examples of being missionaries in this way.

Twenty-four different Christian denominations are represented on campus, with more than 70% of our residents being Mennonite. More than 100 persons live at Landis Homes who have reached 90 years of age. Of course, you must reach 90 to be out of the youth group!

I enjoy working with and ministering to our Landis Homes family. Please say hello when you come to visit.

Don Good

Welcome New Residents

Independent Living/ Residential

Kathryn J. Barnhart
Rebecca V. Beiler
Louis H. & Miriam D. Hooper
D. Lester & Mae B. Hoover
Lena Kennel
Minerva Kennel
Anna M. Landis
E. Jean Landis
Wilbur A, & Eleanor R. Lentz
John C. & Jean M. Lichty
Stella M. Newswanger
Anna Mae Schaffer

Omar B. & A. Martha Stahl Assisted Living/Health Care

Loretta S. Boughton
R. Clifford Chestnut
Vieno I. Haggblom
Grace Way Jones
Leroy H. Landis
Harold L. & Elizabeth R. Leber
Lydia P. Lefever
Silas B. Pickel
Alta E. Roudabush
Herman C. Slaski
Glenn H. Stauffer
Vera S. Wechter

Volunteers in Action

An enthusiastic roomful of volunteers came to Yoder's banquet facility on the evening of April 24 to celebrate "Volunteers in Action", the theme of the evening for 2001. Glen Hostetler, Chair of Landis Homes Board of Directors welcomed everyone to enjoy an evening saluting the volunteers. For the many ways volunteers serve Landis Homes, Glen expressed warm words of appreciation.

The Pleasant Singers, a group of seven women from Pleasant View Retirement Community inspired and entertained us with their lively singing, inviting the listeners to join them in some of the songs. Many, but not nearly all of the volunteers, were depicted in action in a slide presentation thanks to Luke Shank's photography. He even caught some at rest!

A banner and tables, decorated with flowers and paper cutouts of action figures, portrayed the theme of the evening. The program ended with comments and prayer by Ed Longenecker.

*Helen Peifer
Director of Volunteers*

P.S. To those who didn't or couldn't come: You were missed. Please accept these words of heartfelt appreciation for who you are and all the many things you do for each other and for Landis Homes. May God bless you!



Harold Mohler spends many volunteer hours making the Landis Homes woods a nice place for everyone to visit.

**Total number of recorded
volunteer hours in 2000 was**

59,355!

**Thank you
Volunteers!!**

Support Groups at Landis Homes

Memory Loss Support Group meets the last Tuesday of each month. The South Central PA Chapter of the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association sponsors the group, organized for support and information. It is free and open to the public. Respite care is available on site with a prior 24-hour request. For more information contact Susan Negrón at 717-569-3271.

Parkinson's Support Group meets the third Monday of each month from March through November at 2:00 p.m. in the Westview Community Room. Persons with Parkinson's disease and their caregivers are welcome to attend for education and support. For more information call Landis Homes, 717-569-3271.

For specific meeting times for either group check out the Event Calendar at www.landishomes.org

Book Signing and Photography Exhibit on 'Farm Life'



Gini Wagner Woy talks with a patron at her photo exhibit and book signing for "Farm Life."

Landis Homes hosted a book signing and an exhibit of the photographs of Gini Wagner Woy in April in the Harvest View lobby and galleries. This was a second reception held because of inclement weather on the night of an earlier reception on February 22.

Wagner Woy was the photographer for the Lancaster Farmland Trust book "Farm Life" published in the fall of 2000. In the book Wagner Woy along with writer Sara Barton encounter seven local families who have permanently preserved their land through the Trust.

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Wagner Woy's fond memories of summers spent on an Amish farm near Strasburg and a passion for black and white photography fueled her efforts through the three-year project. "Farm Life" is her first published book and the event was the first exhibit of her photographs. An active board member of the Trust, Wagner Woy dedicates much of her free time to farmland preservation. She donated all of her time and use of her images in "Farm Life."

Residents Enjoy Art Class



Harvey Beiler, foreground, and Helen Wells participate in a six-week art class.

Quilt Expert Shares

Textile designer and quilt historian Donna Albert visited Landis Homes in March with a wide array of her quilts to use as a backdrop for residents in sharing stories. Her presentation entitled "Seeds of Inspiration, A Legacy," encompassed a wide array of textiles and stories of the lives of persons who created them. She dedicated the program to both her grandmothers whose love of color and flower gardens continue to inspire Donna today.

Donna, a native of Lancaster County, is known worldwide for her work in textiles, particularly quilts.

The centerpiece of her program was reminiscing on her life as a girl in the tutelage of her grandmother who taught and inspired her about textiles, faith and life.

In 2000, five of her signature quilts were part of the "American Quilt Collection" which traveled through many cities in Japan and was attended by 40,000 persons. Also in 2000, she was involved in the musical show at the Fulton Opera House, "Quilters."

Donna's lecture in

Garber to Show Artwork

An art reception in May will feature the works of Lila Hershberger Garber. Lila's background in the



Lila Garber holds a watercolor.

arts includes study in the Fine Arts Department at Millersville University, participation in numerous classes, workshops and self-study. The majority of her painting has been in watercolor. More recently she has included tempera and acrylics.

Lila lives in Akron, PA where she has a framing business, painting studio and gallery. Prior to her framing business she had designed greeting cards, taught art and calligraphy to community classes and was manager of what was formerly the Ephrata Self Help Crafts Store and Tea Room, now known as Ten Thousand Villages.

Painting has been a personal journey for Lila, allowing her to interpret, record and recreate images inspired by her internal and external worlds. These are presented in realistic and abstract forms of design and color. Her special attention to matting and framing brings forth the richness of each individual painting. Lila is married to Daryl Garber and they have three married sons and four grandchildren.

The reception will be held on Thursday, May 17 in the Harvest View lobby and galleries from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. For more information call 717-581-3935. All are welcome.

s Her Work and Life



Quilt volunteers Frank and Wanda Wilson talk with quilt expert Donna Albert following her presentation.

cluded the showing of many quilts from her vast collection. The centerpiece of her program was reminiscing on her life as a girl in the tutelage of her grandmother who taught and inspired her about textiles, faith and life. One of her floral quilts "Who Can Doubt There is a God," was inspired by the life and legacy of her grandmother and is in the permanent collection of the Museum of American Folk Art in New York.

"This was such an inspiration to me and to the many persons here at Landis Homes who quilt on a regular basis," said Director of Development Cathy Yoder, whose office sponsored the program. "Her words were not just for quilters, but are words to live by for all of us."



Sadie Yost and Anna Shelly admire one of Donna Albert's quilts appliqued with a farm scene.

Harvest View Receives Award

Manheim Township Community Development Awards Committee recently announced the selection of Landis Homes as the recipient of the 2000 Community Development Award in the Residential Category for the Harvest View apartment building.



Completed and occupied in January 1995, Harvest View is home to approximately 200 residents in 125 apartments.

The architect for Harvest View was Reese, Lower, Patrick & Scott, who worked closely with builder Horst Construction. Derck and Edson was the land planner. In addition to the apartments the building includes 16 lounges, a large meeting room, a library, a postal pickup and art galleries.

The Board of Commissioners at the February meeting presented a plaque and trophy to Landis Homes President Ed Longenecker. Awards are given “to development projects which the awards committee feels, because of design and consideration to township needs and interests, have developed land in a resourceful fashion while also improving the quality of the living environment.”

In accepting the award Longenecker said, “We are grateful for the team effort of RLPS, Derck & Edson and Horst Construction. The residents really enjoy living in Harvest View.”

Vitality is Ageless

Most weekdays, Jim LeVan can be found stretching and bending his muscles in an effort to keep the good health he enjoys. He has access to a fitness room furnished with some of the latest exercise equipment, which is most beneficial to persons of retirement age. He also leads a morning exercise class for 15 to 20 other retirees on a regular basis using hand weights to

increase the strength and flexibility gained from chair and floor exercises.

Jim says, “I do it because it makes me feel better and I can help others to feel the same.” Jim is one of 650 Landis Homes residents. Like them he enjoys many programs on campus that keep him fit in body and mind.

Another popular activity, a computer club meets monthly to give residents opportunity to stimulate their minds. This is done through sharing pointers, troubleshooting problems and gathering some of the latest information in the technology sector. Some in the club are computer buddies who use e-mail to communicate with students at a local elementary school to share memories of their lives as living histories.

Some additional places for physical activities include a wood shop, a walking trail and a game room with shuffleboard and billiards. A certified fitness trainer staffs the fitness center, which houses many choices of exercise apparatus. The indoor swimming pool offers a variety of classes each weekday. A lawn game called bocce, played outdoors in warm weather, has become a popular activity with many. This spring residents will compete in the Senior Games with persons from other retirement communities.

Pool and Exercise Coordinator Melanie Mascarenas says, “It’s not *which* activity a person chooses, but that a person *chooses* to be active! That’s what makes a difference in someone’s life.”



Jim LeVan using exercise equipment.

Opportunities for Double Blessings

Throughout the year generous donations are made to the Caring Fund in the form of memorial gifts to pay tribute to friends and loved ones. At times it may seem difficult to know the right way to express concern and caring. Remembering someone close to you in this way serves to also bless others. Memorial gifts increase the Caring Fund that financially supports the residents at Landis Homes who may no longer be able to afford full cost of the services.

I recently visited with Martha Charles. Martha is a resident at Landis Homes who faithfully remembers her friends through memorial gifts to the Caring Fund. She says she and her late husband didn't give flowers to remember friends but rather felt they wanted their tribute to go to something they considered to be worthwhile. We appreciate Martha and many other individuals like her for their continued support.

Remembering a special birthday, an anniversary or

graduation through a gift to the Caring Fund is another way to be a blessing to those important people in our lives. It can be a way of saying "thank you" or a way to show them how much you appreciate them. May is the perfect time to pay honor to your mother. With Father's Day in June you may want to do the same for your father.

If you would like more information on making gifts of honor contact the Development Office by calling 509-5490 or stop by the office to pick up more information.

In remembering or in rejoicing—share from your heart.

Cathy Yoder

Director of Development



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Hooper of Landis Homes provided piano accompaniment.

Some of the students and seniors had met earlier, since the 4th and 5th graders are "cyber pals" with Landis Homes residents. In a program started by 4th grade teacher Harriet Double, the students' classwork has included interviewing an older person by email. Following the Easter program, each student had prepared an egg carton project sharing 12 events from Jesus life with their senior pal. Previously, some of the senior cyber pals had attended the HMS History Fair and met the students at other HMS events.

"This was a delightful time creating a precious memory," said Landis Homes chorus member and resident Rachel Fisher who also has a student cyber pal. "We rejoice to know our future leaders are being grounded in the word of God."



Lisa Snader and Elsie Shirk, who are Cyber Pals, share stories of Jesus' life.

In Loving Memory

Muriel Hager	01/26/01	Verna Nolt	03/03/01
Ruth E. Shirk	01/28/01	Moses Snader	03/11/01
Nelson Bergey	01/30/01	Titus Martin	03/11/01
Ross Sachs	02/02/01	Peter Rohrer	03/19/01
Roy Millhouse	02/16/01	Norma Weaver	03/21/01
Martha Myer	02/16/01	Ella Mae Wenger	03/22/01
Helen E. Groff	02/19/01	Frank DeGiamgerdini	03/22/01
B. Elizabeth Zimmerman	02/20/01	Clarence Hauscher	04/02/01
Clarence Esbenshade	02/28/01	Dorothy Hollinger	04/08/01
Erma Spangler	03/02/01	Mabel B. Weaver	04/12/01
Anna Horning	03/03/01		



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Calendar Of Events

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
May 11	Storytelling with Peter Dyck "Getting Home Before Dark" 7:00 p.m. West Bethany Chapel		3	June 12	Strawberry Social Sponsored by the Landis Homes Auxiliary 6:30 p.m. East and West Campus	
May 17	Art Reception Lila Garber, Mixed Media 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Harvest View Galleries		19	June 16	Open House Sponsored by On-Line Publishers & Coldwell Banker 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Campus-wide	
May 21	Parkinson's Support Group "Spirituality" by Don Good, Landis Homes Pastor 2:00 p.m. Westview Community Room		15	Sept. 4	Class on Life Stories, Memoir Books Joanne Hess Siegrist (First of ten classes) 2:00 p.m. West Bethany Chapel For more information: Janice Hess, 717-569-3271	
May 28	Memory Loss Support Group 7:00 p.m. Warwick Room "Taking Care of Caregivers" Discussion Curtis W. Dubble, Caregiver and retired pastor For more information: 717-569-3271		16	Sept. 8	Fellowship Day and Auction Chicken Barbecue 11:30 – 6:00 p.m.	
June 1	Tenth Annual Golf Tournament Foxchase Golf Club Benefits Adult Day Services Morning and Afternoon Rounds Call: 717-509-5490		21	For more calendar items check out Event Calendar at www.landishomes.org		