



ADVENT CHRISTIAN VILLAGE
AT DOWLING PARK

Friendly Neighbor News

Advent Christian Village, Dowling Park, FL 32064

"Where People Enjoy Living"

"The mission of Advent Christian Village, Inc. is to express Christ's love by providing compassionate care and quality comprehensive services for senior adults, families with special needs, and children, in a secure, supportive residential setting and in the surrounding communities."

APRIL 3, 2020

ADMINISTRATOR ON CALL: JAMES SUTTER, 386-658-3333

Friday	4/03	9:30 a.m. 2:00-4:00 p.m.	Exercise—OPR Sit 'N Stitch—CH
Saturday	4/04	2:00 p.m.	Movie Matinee—OPR
Sunday	4/05	PALM SUNDAY All church activities (morning and evening services, Sunday school classes, Bible studies, practices, etc.) have been suspended until further notice. The morning worship service will air on TV2 and online. See the Village Church department news on Page 3 for more information. Worship guides and prayer guides will be available across campus Friday afternoon.	
Monday	4/06	9:30 a.m.	Exercise—OPR
Tuesday	4/07		
Wednesday	4/08	9:30 a.m.	Exercise—OPR
Thursday	4/09	9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Village Artists Guild—CB
Friday	4/10	GOOD FRIDAY 9:30 a.m. 2:00-4:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m.	Exercise—OPR Sit 'N Stitch—CH Good Friday Service on TV2

The shuttle bus only drives its regular route from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. The shuttle is available by request only after 9:00 a.m. and will not be available from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. After 9:00 a.m., call the IC at 658-3333 for shuttle service.

Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved.
—Psalm 55:22

You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.
—Psalm 32:7-8

No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it. —1 Corinthians 10:13

The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing. —Zephaniah 3:17

For the Lord your God is he who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies, to give you the victory.
—Deuteronomy 20:4

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. —Ephesians 6:10

Those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.
—Psalm 34:10b

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong. —2 Corinthians 12:9-10

BA	Butterfield Acres	DH	Dowling House	IC	Information Center	RDR	Rumph Dining Room
BC	Bixler Chapel	DM	Dacier Manor	JKPL	Jo Kennon Public Library	RV	Smith Riverview Apartments
CB	Chriss Building	DMA	Dowling Manor	MS	Member Services	RW	River Woods
CH	Carter House	DR	Depot Room	OPR	Old Pavilion Room	SMR	Sawmill Room
CCC	Copeland Community Center	ET	Edgewood Terrace	PCS	Polk Ceramics Shop	VC	The Village Church
CMC	Copeland Medical Center	GSC	Good Samaritan Center	POP	Park of the Pines	VS	Village Square

Bold: One-time and monthly events — *Italic: Programs for spiritual growth*

IN LOVING MEMORY

- Connie Wood, who was a resident of CH, died on March 31. Her memorial service information will be provided when available.
- Larry Self, who was a resident of GSC, died on March 30. His memorial service information will be provided when available.
- Ruth Sanders, who was a resident of GSC, died on March 26. Her memorial service information will be provided when available.

TRANSFERS WITHIN ACV

Frank and Myrle Sinclair, who were residents of DM, have moved to GSC. Their new mailing address is P.O. Box 4325.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Message from the
President's Office
-Craig Carter*

Suwannee County has asked for our help in making sure our membership completes the census and asked that we submit the following article:

Suwannee County needs your help. Take the Suwannee County census challenge.

For those of you that find yourself with additional time on your hands these days, the Suwannee County Census Committee would like to offer a challenge for you to fill out your census questionnaire.

As you all know, it's census time. The census is mandated by the U.S. Constitution and counts everyone living in the country once every decade. When we know how many people live in our community, organizations and businesses are better equipped to evaluate the service and programs needed such as clinics, schools and roads. It also determines how our seats in Congress are distributed among the 50 states. In March of 2020, the U.S. Census Bureau sent every household an invitation to complete a simple questionnaire about who lives at your address as of April 1. You can respond online, by phone, or by mail, and federal law keeps those responses safe and secure.

Census data as of March 30 is showing the Dowling Park area has the lowest response rate in Suwannee County. Complete the 2020 census online by going to <https://my2020census.gov/> or calling 1-844-330-2020. For telephone display service (TDD) for the hearing impaired, call toll-free 1-844-467-2020.

If you have any questions, you can contact the Suwannee County Economic Development Office at (386) 364-1700. Shaping the future of Suwannee County starts now.

COVID-19 REMINDERS

There are now confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Suwannee County. It is even more imperative that each one of us follows the guidelines from the CDC as well as the executive orders from the Governor. As a reminder, some of these guidelines are:

- Clean your hands often with soap and water or hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Put at least six feet of distance between yourself and other people.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily.
- Anyone over the age of 65 is urged to stay home.
- Do not invite visitors to ACV at this time.
- Avoid all discretionary travel, including shopping and social visits.
- Avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10 people.

Each of us following these recommendations gives us the best chance to stop the virus from entering our community.

If you feel sick, please call the clinic or your health care provider for instructions before leaving your home.

Delivery services are available from the Village Pharmacy, Village Grocer, and Phillips Dining Services.

Please contact your service coordinator for assistance or with any questions or concerns you have.

Stay well,

Keri Hilliard, VP for Health Services

RESPONDING POSITIVELY TO A NEGATIVE SITUATION

Passing along an idea from a member:

"Faith Promise Giving" may be a term you heard years ago. It was simply a means for people to give over and above their tithe when the Lord blessed them in unexpected ways. The result was that ministries received additional help and givers received added blessings of generosity.

Most ACV members are retired, and the government check we'll soon receive will be over and above our normal monthly income. Why not consider giving a portion (or all) of this "unexpected blessing" to help ACV offset the difficult financial year it is facing?

Good News for ACV Donors

On March 27, Congress passed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) in response to the pandemic. Among its many provisions are two that benefit people who give to charitable organizations like ACV.

One provision allows donors to deduct donations up to \$300 on their federal tax return, regardless of whether they itemize their deductions. So, even if you are no longer eligible to itemize, you can take advantage of this.

The other provision for 2020 suspends the prior limit on charitable deductions for donations to 60% of the taxpayer's adjusted gross income. Instead, for 2020, 100% of charitable donations are included with other itemized deductions.

Finally, IRA owners over the age of 70½ can continue to make charitable contributions to qualified charitable organizations like ACV directly from their IRA without being taxed. An individual can contribute up to \$100,000 annually, and the donation counts towards their RMD (Required Minimum Distribution).

Your support of Advent Christian Village and its ministries is always appreciated. Call Jim Davis or Darleen Hinrichs at 658-5110 with any questions.

Darleen Hinrichs, Sr. Dir. for Donor Engagement

MEMBER PHARMACY PICK-UP

Since ACV is attempting to limit your trips into Live Oak and other areas, we are setting up a program to pick up your prescriptions at the Live Oak pharmacies. One day each week, an employee will pick up prescriptions in Live Oak and bring them back to ACV.

The four main pharmacies in Live Oak are Walmart, Walgreens, CVS and Cheek & Scott. While Walmart does not offer any kind of delivery service, the other three do:

- Walgreens customers must pay through their express pay system, and there's an \$8.00 delivery fee.
- CVS will mail prescriptions for free. It takes 1-2 days to receive them, and they cannot mail controlled substances or refrigerated prescriptions.

- Cheek & Scott says they will deliver to anyone in the Village for free.

You are required to pay for your prescription prior to the pick-up date with the pharmacy. If your prescription requires your identification, you must send that with the employee.

If you need prescriptions picked up in Live Oak, call 658-5933 to give your information. We will need your prescription number and pharmacy as well as other information prior to Wednesday.

If you have an emergency situation, please contact your service coordinator first.

We are all in this together, and ACV is here to help you in any way possible, and to keep our community safe and well.

Jim Schenck,
VP for Independent Living Operations

ACV EVENTS

PLEASE NOTE:

All scheduled events are subject to cancelation or other changes to time, location and/or format due to these uncertain and changing times. We apologize for any inconvenience. ACV's goal is the well-being of its members, staff and families.

MOVIE MATINEE

Saturday, April 4, 2:00 p.m. - OPR

This romantic musical update of 'Romeo and Juliet' won 10 Oscars. The tale of a turf war between rival teenage gangs in Manhattan's Hell's Kitchen and the two lovers who cross battle lines has captivated audiences for four decades. The Stephen Sondheim/Leonard Bernstein score is just one of the reasons. 1961 musical. 151 mins. Rated PG. The Village Church is able to show this movie because it is covered by their CVLI license, which also prohibits the advertisement of the movie's title and actors' names.

BUS TRIPS

Until further notice, all bus trips out of Dowling Park have been canceled.

EVENTS HERE AND THERE

JO KENNON LIBRARY 386-658-2670

The JKPL is closed to the public until further notice. The staff will be at the library Monday–Friday, 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. and can answer questions over the phone.

Go online to <https://neflin.overdrive.com> to access eBooks and downloadable audiobooks using your library card number. Those using smartphones and tablets can also use the Libby or OverDrive apps to access these resources.

If you don't have a library card, virtual library cards are available temporarily during the library closure for children and adults. Call us to get one.

Please return items that you borrowed to our book drop near our back door. Overdue fees have been waved at this time.

Free wifi is still available to those sitting on one of our exterior benches or in their car in the parking lot.

We miss you and look forward to seeing you again very soon. Get plenty of rest and stay well!

Two Remote Library Activities

At the Starbooks Café, there is usually a theme. One theme that I had planned was embarrassing moments. I would like everyone to think about their most embarrassing moment, write it down, and either email it to us at dpark@neflin.org, mail it to us (10655 Dowling Park Dr., Dowling Park, FL 32064), or drop it in the book drop. You do not have to include a name. Some embarrassing moments will be printed in the FNN.

Also the library has a game that we play called "What Would You Rather?" Would you rather have a new silly hat appear in your closet every morning or have a new pair of shoes appear in your closet once a week? Call in your answer to the library at 658-2670. Results will be posted in a future FNN.

Library Humor

A patron called the library and said, "I have a complaint! I borrowed a book last week, and it was horrible. It had too many characters, and there was no plot whatsoever."

"Ah," I said, "You must have taken our phone book."

DEPARTMENT, SHOP AND CLUB NEWS

THE VILLAGE CHURCH
Rev. Sam Worley–386-658-5344

MORNING MESSAGE: "Behold Your King!"

TEXT: Matthew 21:1–11

SPEAKER: Rev. Sam Worley

This Sunday is **Palm Sunday** and a communion Sunday! We invite each household watching on TV2 or online to prepare their own communion elements — a piece of bread or cracker and a drink — so that we can symbolically share communion together as the body of Christ, remembering His sacrifice for us. Though socially distanced from each other, we are united in our love for Christ, especially as we remember the events of that first Holy Week.

HOLY WEEK DEVOTIONS: Dr. Michael Saunders has prepared a devotional guide focusing on the week leading up to the cross and even beyond the cross to the victory of the empty tomb. These devotional guides are available at the IC, the Village Church office, and in the CH, DH and CCC lobbies. Our prayer is that God will use this guide to draw you ever nearer to Himself.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE: Join us live on TV2 or Facebook at 3:00 p.m. on Good Friday as Pastor Frank leads us in a service remembering Christ's sacrifice for us.

EASTER: Celebrate Easter with us live at 9:40 a.m. on TV2 or Facebook! Our VC children and youth are working from home on a special Easter video that will be part of our worship service that morning.

"EXPERIENCING GOD" SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS: The "Experiencing God" class is still in a chapter of life in the tunnel of uncertainty. We recommend reading all the chapters in the book and then start over taking notes and journaling your personal experiences. Lord willing, we'll meet again — hopefully soon. Please continue to pray. —Paul & Barbara Bertolino

VC Worship & Prayer Guides will be available on Thursday afternoons at the church office, the IC, and in the CH, DH and CCC lobbies. The church office remains open each weekday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Please feel free to call if you need help finding our services online. Also, call us if you live off-campus and would like to receive an emailed copy of our worship guide.

COPELAND COMMUNITY CENTER David Burch–386-658-5555

Since the CCC has temporarily closed, and many other activities across campus have been canceled, we are working in conjunction with TV2 to provide at-home activities to encourage physical activity while many of you are being careful and staying away from crowds.

Those who are used to attending the Monday-Wednesday-Friday exercise class with Mrs. Shirley in the OPR (and those who aren't) can now exercise with Mrs. Shirley on TV2. A recording of her class will air from 2:00 to 2:30 p.m. Monday–Friday.

Also, a recording of Tuesday and Thursday's Stretching with Joyce Berra will air from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. Monday–Friday (note the change in time).

Discussions are in the works for possibly adding more of these types of activities in the future, so stay tuned.

DINING SERVICES

Janice Aikens—386-658-5260

Due to the coronavirus (COVID-19), the Village Café is closed until further notice. The salad bar in RDR is also temporarily closed (not in use) at this time. We have made it possible for pre-made salads to be purchased at the Lopin' Gopher.

We appreciate your support and understanding, and we will make sure we keep service and safety our top priorities.

INFORMATION CENTER

Jeannette Chambers—386-658-3333

If you have not yet given your updated contact information to be included in the next printing of the ACV phone directory, you still have time to do so. Due to extra duties related to COVID-19, the production of the new phone book has been put on hold. Submit your information using a previously printed form (do not call to give your information over the phone).

MEMBER SERVICES

James Sutter—386-658-5400

Peggy Eckel is spearheading an effort to make washable masks for our medical providers. She and some others are making good progress, but they need more ¼" or ⅛" elastic. If you have some you're willing to donate, please call Peggy at 658-2303.

Due to the extended recommendation to avoid groups of more than 10 until the end of April, the following April events have been canceled: April 14 birthday party, April 16 Membership Association meeting, April 20 volunteer recognition, and April 21 Whipple & Morales Live! at Dowling Park concert. Also canceled is the May 2 Village-Wide Yard Sale. I am hopeful some of these can be rescheduled once the coronavirus scare is over, but we'll have to wait and see how long that takes.

A couple of COVID-19-related scams were brought to my attention this week. Unfortunately, those who prey on others see the epidemic as a great opportunity to make a quick buck by lying to others. Here are some tips provided by the FTC to help you keep scammers at bay:

- Hang up on robocalls. Don't press any numbers. Scammers are using illegal robocalls to pitch everything from scam coronavirus treatments to work-at-home schemes. The recording might say that pressing a number will let you speak to a live operator or remove you from their call list, but it might lead to more robocalls instead.
- Ignore online offers for vaccinations and home test kits. Scammers are trying to get you to buy products that aren't proven to treat or prevent coronavirus — online or in stores. At this time, there also are no FDA-authorized home test kits for coronavirus. Visit the FDA to learn more.
- Fact-check information. Scammers, and sometimes well-meaning people, share information that hasn't been verified. Before you pass on any messages, contact trusted sources.
- Know who you're buying from. Online sellers may claim to have in-demand products, like cleaning, household, and health and medical supplies when, in fact, they don't.
- Don't respond to texts and emails about checks from the government. The details are still being worked out. Anyone who tells you they can get you the money now is a scammer.
- Don't click on links from sources you don't know. They could download viruses onto your computer or device.
- Watch for emails claiming to be from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) or experts saying they have information about the virus. For the most up-to-date information about COVID-19, visit the CDC's and the World Health Organization (WHO)'s websites.
- Do your homework when it comes to donations, whether through charities or crowdfunding sites. Don't let anyone rush you into making a donation. If someone wants donations in cash, by gift card, or by wiring money, don't do it.

The government will not contact you via email or phone to get bank account or SSN information for the COVID-19 relief checks. Scammers and spammers will most likely shift into high gear, trying to gain access to your money. Please don't give any personal information to anyone calling to tell you they can help get your check. Also, as always, never click on an email link unless you are absolutely certain that it's legitimate.

You should have received or should soon receive a letter concerning the 2020 census. All of you who receive your mail at a P.O. box will find the envelope does not include a physical questionnaire to fill out and mail in because, according to census.gov, they "don't send census forms to P.O. boxes." So, the letter will inform you that "a Census Bureau interviewer has already visited or will soon visit your household to deliver a 2020 Census questionnaire package." Someone a few weeks ago walked through RV and left questionnaire packets on apartment doorknobs. Currently, all those "delivery people" have been put on hold until April 15.

Using the letter you received, you can call one of the provided numbers to complete the questionnaire with a census representative, or you can go online if you have access to a computer (it doesn't have to be your personal computer) or a smartphone with internet access to <https://my2020census.gov> and answer the few questions.

Did you know it's against the law to not participate in the census? According to census.gov, anyone over 18 years old who refuses or willfully neglects to complete the questionnaire or answer questions posed by census takers can be fined up to \$5,000. Whoa.

The wait to speak with a representative over the phone can be long. If you have a personal computer and are willing to help a few individuals without a computer of their own complete their census questionnaire online over the phone, call Member Services at 658-5400.

TV2

After Ravi Zacharias was at ACV in January, his organization agreed to allow us to share his message up to April 11, which is 90 days from when he was here. April 11 is a week from Saturday, so we will show his message four more times on TV2 for those who have never seen it or want to watch it again. The event will be shown Sunday, April 5, at 12:00 noon and 6:00 p.m.; Tuesday, April 7, at 9:00 a.m.; and Friday, April 10, at 8:00 p.m. We were also given permission to upload the service to ACV's YouTube channel. You can find the video at <https://tinyurl.com/acvzacharias>. If you have friends or family who would be interested in watching it, share that URL with them, and they can watch on their own mobile device, computer, or smart TV. The video will disappear after April 11.

Several time adjustments have been made to the TV2 lineup starting next week. If you are a regular TV2 watcher and have your favorite show times memorized, I encourage you to pick up a TV2 Guide to make sure what you watch isn't airing at a new time.

Due to shifting timeslots on TV2, Craig's COVID-19 updates will now air (starting Sunday, April 5) at 7:30 a.m., 12:00 noon, and 8:00 p.m. Sunday and Saturday; and 8:00 a.m., 3:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Aside from the two ACV exercise programs that will continue to air at least for the time being on TV2 (Exercise with Shirley at 2:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and Stretching with Joyce Berra at 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday), another 30-minute program has been added to the lineup: TV2 Archives: Devotionals will air Tuesday at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday at 11:00 p.m., and Saturday at 7:30 a.m. (one episode aired three times). More of these types of programming (videos recorded to air on TV2 decades ago) will air when the old VHS tapes can be digitized. You never know who might be featured!

There is some confusion about what I ran in last week's FNN about TV2 being available on channel 42. First of all, very few people on campus will need to be able to access TV2 on channel 42. That channel is for people who have an analog connection. If you are using

a Dish receiver, you're never going to need to access channel 42.

VOLUNTEER SERVICES

Eleanore Catarious—386-658-5251

My thoughts today are centered on the current world crisis, namely the COVID-19 virus that is circling the globe. While that is happening, ACV has gone to great lengths to prepare, comfort and love beyond measure those abiding within the confines of the Village. Internally, you might not be aware that there is a volunteer program known as Reassurance Callers whose purpose is to determine the well-being of its members daily. Members are offered the services of volunteer callers who check with them by telephone.

This is a two-fold service. One, the caller determines if everything is all right or if there is a need for further assistance, and two, a bond is sometimes established between the caller and the member through daily contact. It is comforting just being assured that someone is concerned for your welfare each day.

As this is an unsettling time, and with so many persons quarantined in their homes, if you feel that a personal call in the morning would help put your fears aside, even for a short time, this service could be available by calling me.

Please continue to forward your blue volunteer sheets to me for March no matter the number. I am delighted to report that approximately 2,438 volunteer hours were donated in February. Thank you for all that you have done for the Village, and we look forward to all that we can do for the Village in the future.

VILLAGE VOICES

Nancy Seale, Reporter

Once again, I am amazed that we are now in a new month! Well, I have heard it said, "Time flies when you are having fun." I am here to tell you that time flies, fun or no fun! I am beginning to get a little tired of myself. I am getting on my own nerves! How about you? I hope that you have not had a falling out with yourself or others for that matter.

The purpose of *Village Voices* is to **encourage, inspire and stimulate** creative expression in **prose, poetry, pen and ink sketching or computer graphics**. Any resident of the ACV area, including residents, staff, and/or their minor children may submit **original** creative works. Anonymous contributions and copyrighted articles are not eligible.

Each year, a general theme is chosen. This year's theme is "Celebrations". Submissions that fit this theme will receive priority consideration when choices must be made as to which selections to publish.

What qualifies for consideration for publication?

- Original poetry, prose (brief short stories, meditations, anecdotes), pen and ink sketches that are theme-related and can be used for booklet cover and text illustrations.
- Prose works must not exceed a maximum of 1,000 words. (Earlier articles stated 800.)
- Poetry works may not exceed a maximum of 60 lines.

Who selects work for publication? The ACV Village Voices Committee, answerable to ACV's Community Life Coordinator.

What happens to writings when submitted? All writings submitted are read, reviewed and subjected to an "editing" process by members of the Village Voices Committee. If major adjustments and/or changes are required to prepare a writing for publication, a consultation with the author will be arranged in order to bring the work into a publishable form.

Please do not let the above information make you doubtful of your creative abilities. I realized recently that not all my readers had a prior knowledge of *Village Voices*. I decided that I needed to present a brief history of the origin of *Village Voices* and the process that goes into each year's edition.

The above information was copied from the revised Policy and Guidelines for *Village Voices*. Watch the FNN for the continuation of more policy and guideline information in next week's article. It is my hope that this information brings inspiration and creativity.

WATKINS HOBBY SHOP

Dick Grillo, Reporter

Limited use of Watkins Hobby Shop will be observed until further notice. No more than three members at a time in the shop. Maintain social distancing and follow current safety rules. Thank you for your cooperation.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

BUTTERFIELD ACRES

James Sutter, Reporter

We have four BA birthdays this week. Gene Peters turns another year older on the 4th. I saw him outside this week cavorting with some POP friends, but don't worry — when I saw him, he was standing more than six feet away from them. Good job observing social distancing, Coach! Jann Loderhose's birthday is the 6th. She and Richard are hosting a family member during this scary time. What good kids they are! Roger Swift's birthday is the 9th. I was told this week that Roger is going through some medical issues; please pray for him. Get better soon, Roger! And new BA neighbor Jennifer Powers will celebrate another lap around the sun on the 10th. Happy birthday, Jennifer!

DOWLING HOUSE

Janice Harris, Reporter

How are you keeping busy during our isolation? The news tells us we have at least 30 more days. Many are taking advantage of the ride to Dollar General. Thanks, Jennifer and Cindy. Lots visit the Village Grocer. Thanks, Tony and staff. Many frequent RDR. Thanks to the dedicated staff. The exercise group and movies and ceramics continue. Thanks to the leaders. In DH, Dottie and Helen have offered music to those interested outside their room with piano and singing and the accordion. Several have enjoyed visiting in Sylvia Fraser's home on Friday evenings. Some are still putting puzzles together. If you have a computer or smartphone, visit YouTube for travel experiences. Our gardeners are busy getting ready for summer crops: tomatoes, potatoes, lettuce, onions, beets, beans, and Swiss chard. Walk and see if you can identify the spring flowers.

DOWLING MANOR & DOWLING PARK NORTH

Jack "CrackerJack" Dixon, Reporter

I am reminded to "give thanks for all things" in today's situation. It is not difficult to find things to give thanks for. Why, if it were not for this coronavirus, imagine how many houses would still be cluttered and dusty. I have talked with a lot of friends and family members in the past month, and the topic mostly discussed was how busy they have been doing things they normally would not have gotten around to doing if it were not for the social distancing thing and isolation. I myself have been busy with little "honey-do's" that I never seemed to have time for. What a great time for a really down and out "spring cleaning", sorting out items to take to Twice Nice Furniture & More or just rearranging your garage to make it more user friendly.

This past week, I missed my own next door neighbor's birthday as Carmeta Clement celebrated another year. Carmeta has had a rough year since her last birthday, and we wish her a much healthier and happy year ahead.

The other day, I had to go to the CVS drugstore in town for something, and as I walked in the door, my eye was caught by a man coming towards me pushing a full basket. Well I lost it; I could not restrain myself at the outward display of pure greed and selfishness in this individual. I got in front of his buggy that was jammed full of paper products, masks, hand sanitizer, latex gloves, Lysol disinfectant, and every other kind of product that is in such great shortage in today's market. I said, "My dear sir, you have to be the most selfish, low-down snake in the grass to hoard all these supplies from the people of Live Oak — the elderly, the single mothers, the downtrodden. How dare you display such a huge disregard for your fellow man. What do you have to say for yourself?" With that, he answered, "I

would like to get back to restocking the shelves, if you are through!"

From the middle of a dusty, bumpy, dead end dirt road, 102nd Place, you never have to worry about social distancing from Jesus, he is ALWAYS BY YOUR SIDE. Remember to thank Him for all things, and never forget who is in charge. Isaiah 40:28-31.

EDGEWOOD TERRACE

Ruthann Conway, Reporter

OK, are we bored yet? Most people I've spoken with have said, "No, I'm enjoying this time to myself." I say that's a good attitude, seeing as, in the near future anyway, we can enjoy many more hours to ourselves. Fortunately, I have a housemate, Joyce Taylor, so we don't lack someone with whom to chat, argue, complain, laugh, play Scrabble, and share a meal. Our friends living in the complex with RDR have a unique opportunity to stay indoors (social distancing) and still get "out and about" while being under one roof. How good is that?

Last weekend, I had the pleasure of meeting new neighbors Chuck and Michelle Martel. Michelle has been coming to retreats here at ACV for 20 years before she and her father made the decision to move to 11024 Millsite where the Comerfords had lived. Michelle said she is still unpacking. The Martels have discovered that not all the stuff they moved will fit in their new home. Sound familiar? Michelle says she has a blonde dining room table and four chairs that need a new home. If you are interested, please call 658-1716.

Speaking of Joyce Comerford, word has it that she is returning to Millsite Lane in the house next to Mary Ann and Steve Reach. Welcome back, Joyce!

Last week, Verna wrote that the hummingbirds had returned. I was only three feet away from a ruby throated male, and he was gorgeous and oblivious to me, so intent was he on the feeder.

Lots of info on the television about what to do with our spare time. One was directed to teenagers. The usual was suggested like board games and walk the dog, but the last one was a huge guffaw. They suggested the teen clean out the refrigerator. What teen do we know that would, voluntarily, take on such a task?

Until next week, you know where to find me. Call me, text me, or use snail mail. I want to hear what you are doing with your free time.

GOOD SAMARTIAN CENTER

Kathleen Johnson, Reporter

I just wanted to let everyone know that we are doing fine over here. We miss our volunteers terribly. Needless to say, this past month's calendar of activities was a sham, having to cancel our outings and group gatherings, but we have been modifying our routine. We have been blessed with good weather and have been riding on our new glider swing and getting some fresh air on the back patio. Families have been Facetiming their loved ones and doing window visits and phone calls. We had two residents that celebrated anniversaries this week. Both were on Monday, the 30th: Diane Antal and her husband, Paul, celebrated 57 years together, and Marilyn Kuhl and her husband, Butch, celebrated 63 years of wedded bliss. We wish them all many more.

Pastor Bruce Arnold, our new chaplain, has been stepping in for our Bible study and devotion groups by doing morning devotions on each court. We are still mindful of our social distancing recommendations.

I need to give a special shout out to all who have been busy making cloth masks for the staff. Village members and outside church groups alike have truly shown Christian love. This is what it is all about and how it always should be.

Be well, stay safe, and God bless you all.

A Message from the GSC Chaplain

I have good news for you today: God is in control! Do you believe that?

This doesn't mean life can't get difficult or uncomfortable. Read Matthew 6:25-34. Jesus used a couple of illustrations here so we could get a clear picture of how God is in control.

I like to watch for hawks, kestrels, or sparrows on a bird feeder, or the occasional bald eagle. Sometimes I think how much fun it would be to soar on outspread wings, gliding effortlessly above the trees. But then I think, "They're looking for food, they're not just joy riding! They're hungry! They might even be uncomfortably hungry!" Yet, they find food, and you know why? Because God provides for them!

Jesus also spoke of the flowers of the field, which are so beautiful, and they don't even sit around wondering what they'll wear! We've all been watching the azaleas and dogwoods bloom over the past weeks, and they are so bright and colorful!

In Verse 31, Jesus says in light of all he just spoke about — the birds, the flowers, and how God provides for them — "Don't worry about what you'll eat or drink or what you'll wear". If God takes care of all these things for birds and flowers, don't you think you're more important than birds and flowers?

He then says in Verse 32 that pagans run after all these things. The definition of a pagan is one who is ignorant of God. So, if we do the things pagans do, what do you think about that? We know God, we know what He can do for us, and what he has done for us, don't we? So why act like a pagan?

Instead of worrying, like someone who is ignorant of God, Jesus tells us to seek after God's kingdom first, not to worry about how we'll get what we need. For when we seek his kingdom first, then God knows what we need, and He'll provide for us.

Today, it seems that many are worried about the current situation we're in. How long will it last? How will we make it through? Of course we have concern, but we don't need to worry. Seek the things of God first, and then believe that God will take care of you.

Trust today that God is in control!

—Bruce Arnold

PARK OF THE PINES

Bob Reynolds, Reporter

We have a busy month this April for parties, but the guests might be on the scarce side, unfortunately. Peggy Zachow had a birthday on the 1st, which was this past Wednesday, and should have been posted in the last issue. My bad! Bob Gibbs has one this coming Monday, the 6th. Then we have two next week on the 11th, a Saturday, and they are Phyllis Doty and Patricia Sinclair. Good grief! Then on the 12th, Wesley and Judy Willard will celebrate their 63 years of blissful living. Wow! I'm hardly that old! Well, sort of. Give or take a decade or two.

On Friday, the 18th of March, the river was at its highest for the season at 35.69 ft. This past Monday, it had slowly found its way down to 27.55 ft. and is still on a slope. I guess we will have to wait further and see what will happen in the next week with the proposed rainfall in the northern areas. Sounds like a rain time, but they have cried wolf before. Oh well.

Have you ever wondered why men are just happier people? Well, what do you expect from such simpler people? Your last name stays put. The garage is all yours. Wedding plans take care of themselves. Chocolate is just another snack. You can wear a T-shirt to a water park. You can wear *NO* T-shirt to a water park. Wrinkles add character. One mood all the time. You know stuff about tanks. A five-day vacation requires only one suitcase. You can open all your own jars. Your underwear is \$6.95 for a three pack. If I can, I'll continue this listing in another issue. Have a quiet week. Read *another* book. Call someone you haven't spoken to in three years or more. Get out the grill and enjoy the day.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

NANCY HARRISON, CPA

Nancy Harrison, CPA is holding office hours every Tuesday from 9:15 a.m. until 12:00 noon through April 15, 2020. She will be answering questions related to tax issues and collecting documents to prepare your income tax return.

Please email Nancy at nancy@harrisoncpas.com or call her at (386) 249-2944 if you would like an organizer to assist you in gathering the information needed to prepare your return.

SHINE PHONE COUNSELING

SHINE counselors are available for Medicare counseling and the latest scams via phone counseling: local, 1-800-262-2243, and statewide, 1-800-963-5337.

RIDE-ABOUT

Ride-About rides have been suspended until further notice.

SUWANNEE BELLE PONTOON BOAT

Suwannee Belle river cruises have been suspended until further notice.

ALCOHOL/DRUG PROBLEM? (305) 407-0895 24 HRS

THANK YOU

A "huge" thank you to Craig Carter and all individuals for protecting us who live here! The daily updates on Channel 2, the protective signs at the Village entrances, the guides about sterility and safety, the take-home meals from the dining room, the grocery free delivery, our bank, church, pharmacy, health care centers, housekeeping, clinic, trips for food shopping and prescriptions, our IC, all employees, drivers, maintenance, ground crews, office and church employees, mail delivery, emergency, health care staff, dining room, this FNN and its staff. How blessed we are! God bless you all.

Joan Wittman

On March 25, the day of my 100th birthday, the ladies and gentlemen on my street, Elmwood Lane, surprised me, coming to my front yard with balloons, sparklers, and string of butterflies with greetings written on them singing happy birthday. God bless each and everyone who sang to me.

I was totally overwhelmed and blessed that this was done just for me.

Thank you all, Dorothy Marvick

Living at CH, we are requested to either call or sign in by 11:00 a.m. every day so they know we aren't sick or injured. Last week, I called in, and my dear friend Charles was volunteer desk staff. When he heard my voice, he said that I should take my temperature. I assured him I was fine, but next thing I knew, there was a thermometer hanging outside my door. I obediently checked, called Charles, and told him all was well.

A few hours later, my service coordinator, sweet Ashley, called and professionally, yet empathetically asked the standard coronavirus questions. I assumed she was satisfied. Next, I got a call from one of our health nurses. She also seemed ok with my response to her questions; these were not the standard ones. Minutes later, the Copeland Clinic called, and our ever-efficient and caring Lisa had a number of other questions. She apparently had the information needed for the Village Pharmacy. It wasn't long, and our always-on-the-ball Charlene Reas was at my door with some medicine for me. The Pharmacy was asked to deliver MORE medication to me before it was said and done.

I am so much better now, and I never left my home — never made more than one phone call! I nearly forgot that I even got a call from Leon, our first responder after that first day. Amazing!

I say ACV management cares about their residents a lot! I am living, healthy and GRATEFUL proof! Thanks to all those along this chain that brought me back to health!

Love, Rosemary Eakins

MISCELLANEOUS

PLEASE NOTE: All submissions to the FNN must have a name attached for communication purposes. We cannot publish anything submitted anonymously. If you prefer to not have your name included with the listing in the FNN, indicate that on the submission.

LOST: Trouble is missing. Six month old black cat with white feet and bib. If you have seen or have any information, please call Ruth Shields at 658-2244. **

LOST: One Oticon hearing aid. If you find one, please contact Dorothy Marvick at 658-2327. **

FOR SALE: Memory foam mattress topper, 36" W x 72" L x 4" H. Very clean, has always been covered. (Egg crate style.) \$25. Call 658-33690. *

FOR SALE: Animal crate, medium size, black metal, 2 doors, free. Automatic food and water containers, \$10. Call Kathy at 658-6470. *

PLANTS FOR SALE: ACV Garden Club has spider plants and Asiatic jasmine ground cover plants for sale @ \$1.00-\$2.00. Call Carole Kueppers at 658-6442. *

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Plastic store bags have invaded the Volunteer Office and are in need of flattening, folding, and assembling for preparing sleeping mats for the homeless through the library. If you are looking for something to keep those hands moving and don't have an aversion to plastic bags, please call me (658-5251) or stop in the Member Services office. One volunteer has shared that the arthritis pain in her hand has decreased since working on this project. Thank you. Eleanore Catarious, Coordinator of Volunteers

READER SUBMISSION

PANDEMIC

What if you thought of it as the Jews consider the Sabbath — the most sacred of times?

Cease from travel.

Cease from buying and selling.

Give up, just for now, on trying to make the world different than it is.

Sing. Pray. Touch only those to whom you commit your life.

Center down.

And when your body has become still, reach out with your heart.

Know that we are connected in ways that are terrifying and beautiful. (You could hardly deny it now.)

Know that our lives are in one another's hands. (Surely, that has come clear.)

Do not reach out your hands.

Reach out your heart.

Reach out your words.

Reach out all the tendrils of compassion that move, invisibly, where we cannot touch.

Promise this world your love — for better or for worse, in sickness and in health, so long as we all shall live.

—Lynn Ungar 3/11/20

Ten Facts About the Month of April

1. April is named for which Olympian?
A. Athena B. Apollo
C. Artemis D. Aphrodite
2. If you were born in April, what would your birthstone be?
A. Emerald B. Ruby
C. Sapphire D. Diamond
3. If you were born in April, what would your birth flower be?
A. Peony B. Sweet Pea
C. Foxtail D. Bee Balm
4. Which U.S. president was born on the April 13, 1743?
A. Andrew Jackson B. James Madison
C. John Q. Adams D. Thomas Jefferson
5. Which classic board game is honored on April 13?
A. Monopoly B. Chess
C. Scrabble D. Clue
6. The Titanic hit the infamous iceberg on which day in April?
A. 29 B. 14
C. 22 D. 7
7. Which fast food franchise first opened its doors on April 15, 1955?
A. McDonald's B. Jack in the Box
C. Dairy Queen D. A & W
8. Which famous fictional character celebrates a birthday on April 17?
A. Peter Parker B. Daffy Duck
C. Shrek D. Sherlock Holmes
9. Which country celebrates Anzac Day on April 25?
A. Australia B. Russia
C. China D. Canada
10. What should you be doing on April 26?
A. Baking buns B. Exercising
C. Planting a tree D. Eating hotdogs

April Fool's Day Word Search

ABSURD
 ABSURDITY
 ALL FOOLS' DAY
 AMUSE
 AMUSING
 APRIL FOOL'S DAY
 CELEBRATE
 CHICANERY
 CHILDISH
 CHUMP
 COMICAL
 DECEIVE
 DECEPTION
 DUPE
 FOOLISH
 FOOL'S ERRAND
 FUNNY
 GAG
 GULLIBLE
 HILARIOUS
 HOAX
 HOODWINK
 HUMOROUS
 INFANTILE
 JESTER
 JOKER
 JOKESTER
 KOOKY
 LIGHTHEARTED
 MAKE FUN OF
 MISCHIEVOUS
 MISLEAD
 NONSENSE
 OUTRAGEOUS



PRACTICAL JOKER SCAM
 PRANKSTER SCHEME
 PREPOSTEROUS SENSE OF HUMOR
 QUIRKY SILLY
 RIDICULOUS SPOOF
 RUSE STUNT
 SURPRISE
 TOMFOOLERY
 TRICKERY
 UNWITTING

Rumph Dining Room Midday Dining Menu
Open Monday–Friday 11:00 a.m.–1:30 p.m. & Sunday 10:45 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
April 3–10, 2020

NOTE: Pricing listed is the retail cost. The 10% member discount will be applied at the cash register. The bread choice is included with the entrée choice of the Value Meal Price. Dessert is not included in value menu.

Friday 3rd:

Soup: Seafood Chowder	\$ 1.99
Value Plate: Includes Choice of Entrée, 2 Sides, Fountain Beverage	\$ 6.00
Entrées: Fried Catfish, Baked Catfish (HC), Hamburger Steak	\$ 5.49
Sides: Steamed Broccoli, Fried Okra, Jasmin Rice, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Dinner Roll, Grits, Baked Beans	\$ 1.09
Desserts: Chocolate Pudding, Strawberry Shortcake, Assorted Pudding NSA	\$ 2.09
	Each

Saturday 4th:

Soup of the Day: Rosy Turkey Soup	\$ 1.99
<u>Lopin' Gopher Saturday Blue Plate Special</u>	\$ 4.99
The Blue Plate Special Includes: Entrée, 2 Sides, Roll, Dessert and a Beverage	
Spaghetti Served/w Meatballs & Sauce, Italian Seasoned Green Beans, Corn on the Cob or Side Salad, Garlic Toast, Fruit Cup or Assorted Desserts	

Sunday 5th:

To-Go Service: 10:45 a.m.–1:30 p.m. Beverage Included
Members \$7.00

Entrées: Roasted Pork, Fried Chicken, Lemon Pepper Cod with Garlic(HC)
Sides: Steamed Green Beans, Broccoli and Cauliflower w/ Cheese Sauce, Fried Okra, Green Butter Peas, Mashed Potatoes/ Gravy, Sweet Potato Medallions/ Brown Sugar Glaze, Dinner Roll
Desserts: Carrot Layer Cake, Key Lime Pie, NSA Apple Cobbler, Rice Pudding, NSA Apple Crisp

Monday 6th:

Soup: Cream of Broccoli Soup	\$ 1.99
Value Plate: Includes Choice of Entrée, 2 Sides, Fountain Beverage	\$ 6.00
Entrées: Baked Quiche, Turkey Tetrazzini	\$ 5.49
Sides: Sautéed Yellow and Zucchini Squash/Onions, Rutabagas, Scalloped Potatoes, Rice and Gravy, Dinner Roll	\$ 1.09
Desserts: Chocolate Chip Pie, Assorted Desserts Including NSA	\$ 2.09
	Each

Tuesday 7th:

Soup: Italian Wedding Soup	\$ 1.99
Value Plate: Includes Choice of Entrée, 2 Sides, Fountain Beverage	\$ 6.00
Entrées: Country Fried Steak/Sawmill Gravy, Meatballs (HC)	\$ 5.49
Sides: Normandy Vegetable Blend, Blackeye Peas, Mashed Potatoes, Spaghetti Noodles, Dinner Roll	\$ 1.09
Desserts: Cheese Cake Pudding Parfait, Cherry Pie, Cherry Cake NSA	\$ 2.09
	Each

Wednesday 8th:

Soup: Cheeseburger Soup	\$ 1.99
Value Plate: Includes Choice of Entrée, 2 Sides, Fountain Beverage	\$ 6.00
Entrées: Fried Chicken, Grilled Ham Steak with Pineapple Rings, Baked Chicken (HC)	\$ 5.49
Sides: Chef's Vegetable Blend, Steamed Cabbage, Baked Sweet Potato, Garlic Mashed Potatoes	\$ 1.09
Desserts: Pecan Pie	\$ 2.09
	Each

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Thursday 9th:

Soup: Potato Soup	\$ 1.99
Value Plate: Includes Choice of Entrée, 2 Sides, Fountain Beverage	\$ 6.00
Entrées: Southern Meatloaf, Baked Cod Fish (HC)	\$ 5.49
Sides: Vegetable Blend Key Biscayne, Steamed Broccoli, Jasmin Rice, Mashed Potatoes, Dinner Roll	\$ 1.09
Desserts: Assorted Desserts	\$ 2.09
	Each

Friday 10th:

Soup: Black Bean Soup	\$ 1.99
Value Plate: Includes Choice of Entrée, 2 Sides, Fountain Beverage	\$ 6.00
Entrées: Cuban Sandwich, Golden Fried Catfish, Baked Catfish (HC)	\$ 5.49
Sides: Seasoned Lima Beans, Roasted Brussel Sprouts, Green Beans, Cheese Grits, Hushpuppies, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Garlic Cheddar Biscuit	\$ 1.09
Desserts: Boston Cream Pie, Brownie w/ Icing, NSA Fruit Cobbler	\$ 2.09
	Each

NOTE: Pricing does not reflect the 10% ACV membership discount.

NOTE: Menu is subject to change.

NOTE: Dessert is charged separately. Dessert is not included in the value plate.

Pickup Menu for Friday, April 3, thru Friday, April 10
 Call Pam Bissett at 658-5933 to order pickup meals.

Friday 4/3: Grilled Hamburger Steak w/Onion & Mushroom, Steamed Broccoli, Jasmin Rice w/Gravy, Dinner Roll, Strawberry Shortcake

Saturday 4/4: Spaghetti Noodles with Meatballs, Italian green beans, Garlic Bread, Fruit cup

Sunday 4/5: Fried Chicken, Broccoli and Cauliflower w/ Cheese Sauce, Sweet Potato Medallions/ Brown Sugar Glaze, Dinner Roll, Key Lime Pie

Monday 4/6: Turkey Tetrazzini, Sautéed Yellow and Zucchini Squash/Dinner Roll, Chocolate Chip Pie

Tuesday 4/7: Country Fried Steak/ Sawmill Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Normandy Vegetable Blend, Dinner Roll, Cherry Pie

Wednesday 4/8: : Grilled Ham Steak with Pineapple Rings, Steamed Cabbage, Baked Sweet Potato, Corn Muffin, Pecan Pie

Thursday 4/9: Southern Meatloaf, Jasmin Rice, Steamed Broccoli, Dinner Roll, Assorted Desserts

Friday 4/10: Fried Catfish, Baked Beans, Green Beans, Hushpuppies, Brownie w/Icing

Answers to the trivia on Page 8: 1-D, 2-D, 3-B, 4-D, 5-C, 6-B, 7-A, 8-B, 9-A, 10-C.



658-5259

Mon–Fri: 11a–1:30p
Sunday: 10:45a–1:30p



658-5259

Mon–Fri: 7:30a–1:30p 2:15–7:00p
Saturday: 7:30–10a 11a–1:30p 4p–7p
Sunday: 7:30–10a 4–7:30p



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