

Merry Christmas



ADVENT Christmas VILLAGE  
AT DOWLING PARK

Joy to the World

# 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.”**

## DECEMBER 22, 2023

**Need help over the weekend? Call the Information Center at 658-3333.**

Friday	12/22	9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon <i>10:00 a.m.</i> 2:00 p.m. <b>6:30 p.m.</b>	Veterans’ Service—MS <i>Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> Sit ‘N Stitch—CH <b>Lukas and Rachel Miller Christmas Concert—VC</b>
Saturday	12/23	<b>4:30 &amp; 4:45 p.m.</b>	<b>Bus Trip: Stephen Foster Festival of Lights—DH &amp; LAP</b>
Sunday	12/24	<i>9:40 a.m.</i> 2:00 p.m. <b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<i>Worship Service—VC</i> Coloring Book Time of Fellowship—DH Lobby <b>Christmas Eve Communion Service—VC</b>

Monday 12/25



**All ACV offices, CCC, CMC, Village Cashier’s office, both libraries, VS retail shops, Village Grocer, post office, First Federal, Twice Nice Furniture & More, and the VC office are closed, and there is no shuttle bus service.**

**Christmas Banquet: Ticketed Seatings at 11:00, 11:45, 12:30 and 1:15—RDR**

Tuesday	12/26	<b>JKPL is closed today.</b> 10:00 a.m.–12:00 noon <i>1:30 p.m.</i>	Model RR Club Workshop—CB <i>Voice of the Martyrs—OPR</i>
Wednesday	12/27	<b>8:45 &amp; 9:00 a.m.</b> 1:00 p.m. 1:15 & 1:30 p.m. <i>6:00 p.m.</i>	<b>Bus Trip: Save A Lot &amp; Winn Dixie—CH &amp; DH</b> Bridge Club—OPR Bus Trip: Walmart—CH & DH <i>Prayer Meeting—BC</i>
Thursday	12/28	9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. <b>1:30 p.m.</b>	Village Artists Guild—KC <b>Dementia Support Group—JKPL</b>
Friday	12/29	9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon <i>10:00 a.m.</i> 2:00 p.m.	Veterans’ Service—MS <i>Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> Sit ‘N Stitch—CH

ACV	Advent Christian Village	CT/MT	Cardinal/Magnolia Terrace	IC	Information Center	POP	Park of the Pines
BA	Butterfield Acres	DH	Dowling House	JKPL	Jo Kennon Public Library	RDR	Rumph Dining Room
BC	Bixler Chapel	DM	Dacier Manor	KC	Keepers Cottage	RV	Smith Riverview Apartments
CB	Chriss Building	DMA	Dowling Manor	LAP	Lake Aquilla Parking Lot	RW	Riverwoods
CH	Carter House	DR	Depot Room	MS	Member Services	SMR	Sawmill Room
CCC	Copeland Community Center	ET	Edgewood Terrace	OPR	Old Pavilion Room	VC	Village Church
CMC	Copeland Medical Center	GSC	Good Samaritan Center	PCS	Polk Ceramics Shop	VS	Village Square

**BOLD: ONE-TIME AND MONTHLY EVENTS — ITALIC: PROGRAMS FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH**

## TRANSFERS

Barbara Collins has transferred from DM to CH. Her new mailing address is P.O. Box 4036.  
Frank Smith has transferred from RW to RV. His mailing address remains the same.

## MOVE OUT

John Shippee has moved from DH to 4400 NW 148th Place, Reddick, FL 32686.

## ACV EVENTS

### LUKAS AND RACHEL MILLER CHRISTMAS CONCERT

**Friday, Dec. 22, 6:30 p.m. - VC**

Live Oak's Lukas and Rachel Miller, a brother-and-sister team who performed at ACV last Christmas, are returning to bless us once again with their beautiful singing voices on Friday, Dec. 22. The pair will sing both solos and duets of old and new holiday favorites. Plan to attend this concert — free of charge — a gift to the Village by these two accomplished musicians.



### BUS TRIP:

### STEPHEN FOSTER FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

**Saturday, Dec. 23**

**4:30 p.m. - DH & 4:45 p.m. - LAP**

**Bus: \$10 members, \$15 non-members**

Bus transportation will be provided Saturday, Dec. 23, to visit Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center in White Springs, Florida, to not only drive through the lights display, but also to get out and enjoy complimentary popcorn, hot cocoa, marshmallows by the bonfire, Santa, food and craft vendors, and more. Dress for outdoor comfort. On the way, the bus will stop at McDonald's in White Springs for a quick supper. The bus will leave DH at 4:30 p.m. and LAP at 4:45 p.m. The cost for this trip is \$10 for ACV members and \$15 for non-members. This price includes the entry fee. Sign up at the IC.

## Christmas BANQUET

**Monday, Dec. 25**

**Four seating options: 11:00 a.m.,**

**11:45 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 1:15 p.m.**

**Rumph Dining Room**

**Free for members; \$21 for non-members**

Every year, the Christmas buffet is a free gift from ACV to its members. Tickets are still required as seating is limited. Tickets are available at MS during regular business hours and at the IC overnight and on weekends.

Family and guests are also welcome to attend. Ticket prices for family and guests are \$21 for adults and \$8.00 for children 5–12. For non-member tickets, you must first pay at the Village Cashier's office during regular operating hours (Monday–Friday, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.) and present the receipt to pick up a non-member ticket. Tickets may also be paid for over the phone by calling the Cashier at 658-5343 during regular operating hours.

Each ACV member may pick up for free either one seating ticket or one to-go ticket. Seating tickets and to-go tickets may only be used on Christmas Day at RDR. To-go tickets may be redeemed anytime between 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on Christmas Day.

### NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

**Sunday, Dec. 31, 6:30–9:00 p.m. - RDR**

You are invited to attend an evening celebration of the coming of 2024. The party will begin at 6:30 p.m. and end around 9:00 p.m. Mr. Dick Grillo will serve as emcee. He and other musicians will keep the party

rocking with a variety of music. Refreshments will be served. ACV members are invited to attend for free. Non-members may also attend at a cost of \$10. Tickets are available at MS; please pick up your tickets by Friday morning, Dec. 29. (If you need to purchase a non-member ticket, please pay at the Village Cashier's office and bring the receipt or bring exact change to MS.)

If you would be willing to volunteer to assist as a host or hostess at the New Year's Eve party, please call MS at 658-5400.



### SUWANNEE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR

**Thursday, Jan. 4, 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. - VS**

**Closed 12:00–1:00 for lunch**

Staff from the Suwannee County Tax Collector's office including Suwannee County Tax Collector Sharon Jordan are in the VS professional offices on the first Thursday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (closed from 12:00 to 1:00 for lunch). This service will enable you to purchase automobile tags and pay your property taxes. For more information, please contact the Tax Collector's office at 362-2816, or you may visit their website at [suwtax.com](http://suwtax.com).

### COPING WITH LOW VISION SUPPORT AND RESOURCES GROUP

**Monday, Jan. 8, 1:30 p.m. - OPR**

Our monthly support group brings people with vision loss together to share challenges and celebrate successes. The individuals who attend are in all stages of vision loss. Some still have most of their sight, while others have lost their sight completely. Together, they foster a warm, inviting place to help one another overcome barriers to living independent, vibrant lives. Join Wayne Warner from the nonprofit agency, Lighthouse of the Big Bend, for this monthly support group and meeting.

The group usually meets on the first Monday of the month, but will meet on Jan. 8 because of the New Year's holiday.



## EVENTS HERE AND THERE

**Events in this section are not sponsored by ACV, even if they take place at ACV.**

### HAPPY DAYS ARE HERE AGAIN

**André Rieu's Home for Christmas  
Saturday, Dec. 23, 2:00 p.m. - OPR**

André Rieu's *Home for Christmas* program was recorded primarily at André's home, a romantic medieval castle in the Dutch town of Maastricht where the musketeer D'Artagnan was said to have had his last breakfast. Together with his Johann Strauss Orchestra, a soloist and choir, Rieu performs 26 holiday classics in his snowy, beautifully decorated garden, and at Saint Pieter Church across the street. In front of his fireplace, Rieu tells a Christmas tale and explains to the viewers how he celebrates Christmas with his loved ones.

Come join us on this coming Saturday, Dec. 23, at 2:00 p.m. in the OPR for the most beautiful Christmas melodies! It's a magical two-hour spectacular. Everyone is welcome.

 **Remember to Wave** 

## DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP

Thursday, Dec. 28, 1:30 p.m. - JKPL

Being a caregiver for a loved one with dementia can be a huge commitment and come with many struggles. Come meet, share and listen to others that share the same challenges.

This support group is held the fourth Thursday of every month at 1:30 p.m. at the JKPL. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 28. For more information please contact GSC's Ginger Calhoun at 658-5594.

## EPISCOPAL EUCHARIST SERVICE

Tuesday, Jan. 2, 11:30 a.m. - BC

You are invited to the monthly Episcopal Eucharist service at ACV held on the first Tuesday of each month. The next service is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 2, at 11:30 a.m. in BC. Rev. Ken Johnstone of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Live Oak will officiate. All are welcome.

## VETERANS GATHERING

Friday, Jan. 5, 12:00 noon - RDR

All service members are invited to gather for lunch to eat together on Friday, Jan. 5, at 12:00 noon in RDR. Buy or bring your own lunch. Bring a military MEMENTO. Service members can be ACV residents, employees, or area residents. Invite other veterans!

## SENIOR ADULTS GOSPEL FESTIVAL

Saturday, Jan. 13, 1:00 p.m. - VC

Gordon Jensen, Blackwood Brothers Quartet, and Ryan & Friends are coming to Dowling Park for a fun afternoon of Gospel music and clean comedy. Tickets are only \$20 per person for all three shows. Tickets can be purchased at the VC office with cash or check, or with credit card at <http://bit.ly/senioradultsgospel>. Call (863) 875-8191 for groups of 20 or more.



## JO KENNON PUBLIC LIBRARY

386-658-2670

Website: [srrlib.org](http://srrlib.org)

Email: [dpark@neflin.org](mailto:dpark@neflin.org)

Monday, Wednesday–Friday 9:00 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

Tuesday 9:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Closed Sunday

Closed Dec. 25–26 and Jan. 1

JKPL will be closed on Monday, Dec. 25, and Tuesday, Dec. 26, for the Christmas holidays. We will also be closed Monday, Jan. 1, for New Year's. For your convenience, our online catalog, digital resources, and book drop will still be available.

### Christmas Card Swap

Looking for last-minute Christmas cards? The Christmas Card Swappers have been very generous, so we have an abundance of cards. If you need cards, stop by and pick some up (limit 20). Send them to friends and family and spread Christmas cheer!

### Dementia Support

The stress of caring for someone suffering with dementia can seem overwhelming and isolating. Join Ginger Calhoun on Thursday, Dec. 28, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. for support and resources on how to navigate through these difficult waters and what to expect in the future. There is no need to work through this on your own. The Dementia Support Group meets on the fourth Thursday each month to inform and recharge you for the challenges ahead!

### As the Page Turns

ATPT Book Club meets again on Thursday, Jan. 4, at 2:00 p.m., so hurry in and grab your Lisa Windgate novel (if you haven't already)! Windgate is a multiple-award-winning author who wrote the No. 1 New York Times best-selling book *Before We Were Yours*. She has over 30 novels to her name and has said that "each story begins with an inspiration from life". She believes that "we are all called to add something good to the world". Come and choose from a selection of her works that we have placed on a table at the front desk, and

get ready to have a stimulating conversation about her novels with the rest of the club!

### New Discussion Group Beginning January

Do you enjoy a good spirited discussion? The new Hot Topics: Search for Solutions discussion group may be exactly what you're looking for. Join us as we discuss important topics such as the environment, the use of artificial intelligence, smartphones, cancel culture, and more. The main goal of this group is to promote critical thinking and respectful discussion about topics that are relevant to today's world.

### Department of Health Education Classes

Get off to a healthy start in the new year by attending a health education class presented by the Department of Health. Topics, dates, and times will be published in the FNN in January.

### Starbooks Café Topic of the Week:

What's one act of kindness you experienced recently?

### Weekly JKPL Meetings:

Starbooks Café	Tuesdays	9:30 a.m.
Crochet Creations	Thursdays	3:00 p.m.
Kids Corner	Saturdays	11:00 a.m.



## BUS TRIPS

If you wish to ride the ACV bus on these trips, you must contact the IC in person or by phone at 658-3333 to sign up. Please be considerate of those who have allergies and limit your use of perfumes, aftershaves, and colognes when riding the bus.

### WEEKLY LIVE OAK SHOPPING TRIPS

There is no charge for Village members to participate in the regular weekly Live Oak shopping trips. If you have questions, call Member Services at 658-5400.

Please remember to bring your own bags on the Wednesday shopping trips to assist in keeping everyone's purchases separate.

- **Dec. 27, Wednesday a.m. — Save A Lot and Winn Dixie** — Leave CH at 8:45 a.m. and DH at 9:00 a.m. Leave from Save A Lot at approximately 11:30 a.m. and return to the Village at noon. The bus will drop off Winn-Dixie on the way to Save A Lot, park at Save A Lot, and pick up at Winn-Dixie on the way home.
- **Dec. 27, Wednesday p.m. — Walmart** — Leave CH at 1:15 p.m. and DH at 1:30 p.m. Leave from Walmart at approximately 4:00 p.m. and return to the Village at 4:30 p.m.
- **Jan. 3, Wednesday a.m. — Walmart** — Leave CH at 8:45 a.m. and DH at 9:00 a.m. Leave from Walmart at approximately 11:30 a.m. and return to the Village at noon.
- **Jan. 3, Wednesday p.m. — Publix** — Leave CH at 1:15 p.m. and DH at 1:30 p.m. Leave from Publix at approximately 4:00 p.m. and return to the Village at 4:30 p.m.
- **Jan. 10, Wednesday a.m.** — No shopping trip.
- **Jan. 10, Wednesday p.m. — Walmart** — Leave CH at 1:15 p.m. and DH at 1:30 p.m. Leave from Walmart at approximately 4:00 p.m. and return to the Village at 4:30 p.m.

### UPCOMING BUS TRIPS

Dec. 23 — Stephen Foster Festival of Lights

Jan. 9 — Dine-Out to Cedar River

Jan. 12 — Santa Fe Planetarium

### DINE-OUT TO CEDAR RIVER

Tuesday, Jan. 9

3:45 p.m. - DH & 4:00 p.m. - LAP

**Bus: \$5.00 members & \$9.00 non-members**

The bus will take diners to Cedar River in Lake City, Florida, on Tuesday, Jan. 9. Cedar River offers primarily

seafood, but also some "land lubber" dishes ranging from \$6.00 to \$52.99 for the Original Cedar River Platter for Two. Sign up and pay the bus fee at the IC.

## SANTA FE PLANETARIUM

Friday, Jan. 12

9:15 a.m. - DH & 9:30 a.m. - LAP

Bus: \$14.00 members, \$21 non-members

A private showing at Santa Fe College's Kika Silva Pla Planetarium in Gainesville, Florida, has been arranged for Friday, Jan. 12. Our group will watch *Planets in the House 4.0*, a live presentation that explores the eight planets and five dwarf planets of our solar system. "Discover the unexpected places where life might possibly exist and find out what really happened to Pluto! *Planets in the House 4.0* is always up to date with the latest planetary discoveries being made by NASA spacecraft and Earth-based observatories." The cost for the 55-minute show is \$5.00 per person and is included in the bus fee.

Prior to arriving at the planetarium, the bus will stop at Pomodoro Café for lunch. Pomodoro Café offers a variety of Italian dishes featuring seafood, chicken, steak, and veal, as well as an extensive pizza menu. Options range from \$6.00 to \$22.95. Since the planetarium price is collected with the bus fee, you only need to bring money for lunch. Sign up and pay the bus fee at the IC.

## DEPARTMENT NEWS

### THE VILLAGE CHURCH

Rev. Sam Worley, Senior Minister

Church Office - 658-5344 - P.O. Box 4314

**SERMON:** "The Motivation of Christmas"

**TEXT:** 1 John 4:9-10; John 3:15-18

**SPEAKER:** Rev. Sam Worley

The following VC events are happening this week:

#### Friday, Dec. 22

10:00 a.m. — Bible Study, Tom Spannagle (VC Room 5)

#### Sunday, Dec. 24

9:40 a.m. — Morning Worship

6:00 p.m. — Christmas Eve Communion Service (VC)

#### Wednesday, Dec. 27

6:00 p.m. — Prayer Meeting (BC)

#### Friday, Dec. 29

10:00 a.m. — Bible Study, Donald Wrigley (VC Room 5)

#### Upcoming Events:

**Saturday, Jan. 13, 1:00 p.m., VC** — Enjoy an afternoon of good music and great laughter with Gordon Jensen, Blackwood Brothers Quartet, and Ryan & Friends. Tickets of \$20 per person can be purchased from the church office.

**Jan. 3, 10:00 a.m.** — "Our Father Abraham: The Jewish Roots of Christianity", Michael Saunders (Room 5)

**Jan. 4, 10:00 a.m.** — "What's the Reason and Purpose for Missions in our Church?", Paul Cochrane (Room 5)

**Jan. 5, 1:00 p.m.** — "The Roman Road" Bible Study, Michael Saunders (CCC)

**Jan. 7, 11:00 a.m.** — "How Can I Accurately Interpret NT Books", Tom Spannagle (OPR)

**Jan. 8, 1:30 p.m.** — Studies in First Peter, Donald Wrigley (Room 5)

**Jan. 9, 10:00 a.m.** — "Removing the Shadows" from the Book of Hebrews Part 3, Stan Storey and Mike Elder (Room 6)

**Jan. 23, 1:30 p.m., SMR** — Jewish Evangelism presentation "Christian Witness to Israel (North America)", Director Rev. Stephen Atkinson. Hosted by Rev. Michael Saunders, Former Jewish Evangelist.

**Feb. 8-10, BC** — Harbinger Bible Conference

### MEMBER SERVICES

James Sutter—386-658-5400

The next two FNNs will be shorter than usual due to ACV's offices being closed the next two Mondays and many staff members taking vacation. All that will be included will be the Events, Events Here and There, Bus Trips, For Your Information, and Miscellaneous sections. The FNN will still be ready for delivery both Thursdays.

#### Member Services Tip of the Week

If you live on campus, you should be able to watch TV2. If you cannot access TV2 (Channel 2), first call the IC (658-3333) to make sure there isn't a campus-wide outage. If there is not a campus-wide outage, call Maintenance (658-5155) and ask for your TV2 connection to be checked.

#### Scam Tip of the Week: Utility Scams

Imposters claim to be from one of the utilities in Florida and threaten to turn off the power, gas or water unless a payment is made. Should you receive such a call, hang up and contact your utility provider using the phone number that appears on your bill to determine the status of your account. Report any fraudulent utilities calls to your utility provider.

If you believe you are the victim of a scam, file a complaint with the Attorney General's Office online at [www.myfloridalegal.com](http://www.myfloridalegal.com) or by phone at 1-866-9-NO-SCAM. You may also file a complaint with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, which acts as the State's consumer complaint clearinghouse, at [www.floridaconsumerhelp.com](http://www.floridaconsumerhelp.com). (Source: The Florida Attorney General's Office)

### VOLUNTEER SERVICES

Mike and Jan Cuddy—386-658-5251

[volunteering@acvillage.net](mailto:volunteering@acvillage.net)

Our apologies to Elvis, but we have rewritten the lyrics to his holiday classic, *Blue Christmas*:

We'll have a blue Christmas without your hours  
We'll be so blue just thinking about your sheets  
Decorations of red on a green Christmas tree  
Won't be the same without your monthly treats  
And when those blue sheets start comin' in  
That's when those totals will start tallyin'  
You'll be doin' all right with your totals turned in  
And we'll have a blue, blue, blue, blue Christmas

As you hum along, gather up and total any of the months you may have not turned in this year. Then get them to MS as soon as possible so we can get a grand total of volunteer hours for 2023. Heartfelt thanks to each and every one as we served together this year in the name of Jesus.

#### December Birthday Party

Once again, SMR/DR was the scene for the monthly member birthday party. December's theme was "A Carol to Remember". Dick Grillo entertained us by playing guitar and leading us in a Christmas carol singalong

We were blessed to have 22 persons with December birthdays and a total of 78 in attendance. Six guests won door prizes: Mike Cuddy, Andy Durance, Jo England, Jean Harris, Brenda Story and Carol Waterman. The oldest birthday guest was Minerva Rieger, and the youngest was Kenny Wood. Both received fresh fruit baskets prepared by the Village Grocer.

Birthday cake was served. We appreciate the assistance of the Village Housekeeping and Dining Services staff. Thank you to the Rustic Shop for making our beautiful centerpieces.

The January birthday party will be on Jan. 11.



## LUNCH & DINNER SPECIALS

Friday, Dec. 22

Beer Batter Cod with Chips

Saturday, Dec. 23

No specials today. We will close at 7:00 p.m.

# **CLUB NEWS**

## **BRIDGE CLUB**

**Betsey Ruehl, Reporter**

The Bridge Club meets on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. in the OPR. If you would like to play, please call Betsey Ruehl by noon on Monday at (386) 658-1766. If you cannot reach Betsey, call Betty Driggers at 658-1043.

Congratulations to our Dec. 13 winners: 1st high, Lois Williams, and 2nd high, Lew Gessler.

Those who would like to learn how to play or would like a refresher should call Betsey.

## **VILLAGE LIBRARY**

**Monday–Friday**

**10:00 a.m.–12:00 noon & 1:00–3:00 p.m.**

**Brenda Reas, Reporter**

If you enjoy looking at the *Ideals Magazine* with its beautiful photographs and poetry, we have quite a few Christmas ones laid out on our table for you to borrow, take home to look at, and return. While you are in the library, take a look at our unique crèche, which was made in the Philippines, and read about how it was made and came to be here.

Please have your ACV ID badge available when you come to check out books and DVDs. We are located in the Schoolhouse Room between the OPR and IC. Our drop box is located around the corner across from the restrooms (beneath the bulletin board), and you may return books and DVDs there at any time.

While the library is only open certain hours, the computer lab is available 24/7. To use the computer lab when the library is closed, you must check out the key from the IC. A Village ID is required. Please do not take books or DVDs when a volunteer is not present to check them out for you.

## **PEN PAL PROGRAM**

**A Committee of the Membership Association**  
**Monica Serlick, Reporter**

There will be a meeting of the pen pals on Friday, Jan. 5, at 2:00 p.m. in the OPR. Please plan to attend. Sheriff St. John will be our guest and will present one of our resident pen pals with an award. We have several new pen pals and we will review the past year. We will also look at the possibility of hosting the youth here at ACV. Additionally, a collection will be made for the purchase of a gift card. We should attain our goal if folks can donate \$3.00 or more.

The 66th Annual Open House at the Ranch will be held Feb. 23–25. The village is always invited and is planning to go on Saturday, Feb. 24. More details at the January meeting.

If you would like to be a pen pal please contact me at (386) 330-4865 and leave a message. I will call you back.

"Every child deserves a champion — an adult who understands the power of connection and insists that they become the best they can possibly be" (Rita Pierson).

## **STEPHEN MINISTRY**

**Rev. Robin Copeland, Reporter**

**Who Can I Talk To?**

Who do you talk to when you go through a tough time? Some people have a spouse. Some people have a close family member. Some have a very good friend. But did you know that most people do not have someone they can confide in with trust and confidentiality?

Are you going through financial troubles? Medical troubles? Emotional distress? Depression or discouragement? Doubt and fears? Worry and anxiety? Anything else? Who cares? Who can you talk to? Who will take the time to listen to you, pray with you, be a loyal friend to you? A Stephen Minister.

Will they solve your problems? No. But they will walk with you with the unconditional love of Jesus, with loyalty and confidentiality, with prayer and Scripture. They will listen to what you need to say. They will accept your feelings whatever they are. They will give any information they have that will assist you. They will give you comfort, support and kindness every week.

Please pray for the Stephen Ministry training that will be starting soon. If interested in taking the training to be a Stephen Minister, or if you would like to receive a Stephen Minister when the training is done, please contact Rev. Robin Copeland or Rev. Michael Saunders at stephenministries@acvillage.net or (386) 658-5378.

## **VILLAGE VOICES**

**Nancy Seale, Reporter**

Good morning to you, precious friends. Some thoughts to ponder this week: "Each of us is an innkeeper who decides if there is room for Jesus" (Elder Neal A. Maxwell). "This is a wonderful day. I've never seen this one before" (Maya Angelou). "Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it" (William A. Ward).

This is such a busy time of the year; seeing hustle and bustle just about everywhere I go. As I have been out and about, it's so easy to feel the frustration, impatience and anxiety in the air. I also know that it is so easy to share a smile, let someone in line ahead of me, and give up a parking space to a total stranger.

Sometimes the grumpiest person in line at the post office is the very one that God has placed behind me so that I can let them go ahead of me. Recently while in my hometown post office in north Mississippi, being the next one in line, I made the decision to step out of line and look at nearby cards available for purchase. That decision was not my idea; I knew it came from "the Reason for the Season".

It cost me nothing, but the reward was great. Those ladies behind me were on their lunch break and needed to return to work while I was out "putzing" around my hometown. As each lady passed me at the card carousel, I was thanked for stepping aside so that the line was shortened.

Finding the **strength and courage** to heed the small voice often produces big results. As you go through your daily activities, please look for ways that can brighten someone's day. For many, this time of year is a difficult one. A smile, a kind word, or a wave of the hand has the power to brighten others' days.

The time for submitting your writings and artwork is quickly approaching. As this year draws to a close, so does your opportunity to submit to the upcoming *Village Voices* publication having the theme of "Strength and Courage." This annual publication has been a part of Village life since 1992. Please don't miss this opportunity to share your stories and poetry of strength and courage with others. Black and white artwork is also another wonderful way to be a part of this tradition.

You may place your contribution in the submission envelope on the counter in MS, or email me at basketcasenan51@gmail.com.

# **NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS**

## **BUTTERFIELD ACRES**

**Jack "CrackerJack" Dixon, Reporter**

I am having the hardest time working with my computer. I don't understand it but I just have to work through it. It is not like it is a new thing — I have been typing since 11th grade — but let's face it, those Royal typewriters we used in the dark ages didn't have a mind of their own like our computers of today. I know I am not the only one that finds it a challenge to work on the computers. I do a lot of praying over my computer skills or lack of.

Remember to mark your calendars for our post-Christmas potluck on Jan. 11 at 5:00 p.m. at the Harmony Center. Along with a covered dish, remember to bring a wrapped gift (under \$10) for our White Elephant game following dinner. I hope to see everyone there. I know it will be a good time.

So many times we fail to recognize and appreciate folks who seem to always be there to help when help is needed. One of those (in the background) is Verna Piper, aka the nut lady and the bag lady. Verna doesn't work alone on these projects; she has a small army of dedicated volunteers that help carry the load,

## ☞ *At the Village Square* ☞

### **Riverside Gifts**

Folks are stopping in to see the new items being stocked in this gift shop every week. It's also a great time to visit with the friendly staff who can help with gift ideas.

The cozy scarf/hat/glove sets are perfect for this cold weather. We also have umbrellas for the rainy days. Christmas socks in a variety of bright colors will put a spring in your step!

Remember to feed the birds throughout the winter. There are seed bells ready to be hung on a limb. There are also large cardinal feeders that you fill with sunflower seeds.

Mugs in a variety of styles are waiting to be filled with your warm chowders and soups. There is also a stunning crystal dish to brighten your table. There are also beautiful travel mugs for coffee and tea.

A reminder that reading glasses (+2.5 magnification) have just come in. These are sold at a very reasonable price so that you can keep a pair beside your chair, your bed, and in your purse. We also have sunglasses in a variety of colors.

658-5771. Open Monday–Friday, 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m., and Saturday, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

### **Rustic Shop**

As we get nearer to Christmas, there are some great gifts waiting for you! **There are Christmas items displayed on a half-price table**, and holiday cards nearby. There are also lovely vintage jewelry items: earrings, bracelets, pins, and necklaces. You'll also find men's vintage cuffs, necktie clasps, and tie tacks.

Stock up on gifts for friends and family for the new year. You deserve a gift, too. Check out the great hand-crafted sofa pillows, quilts, and table runners. There are also ceramic items in a variety of styles and colors.

Reminder: Thursday is the day to drop off clothing to be repaired or altered. Bag your item, attach a note with your name and contact info, and what alterations need to be done.

658-5273. Open Monday–Friday, 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m., and Saturday, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

### **Twice Nice Shop**

**Dec. 15–30: We've all been taking advantage of the fantastic sales! Women, stop in to try on skirts and skirt suits. Pick out a blouse or two because they are on sale, too.** A beautiful scarf will round out your outfit.

Menswear has an excellent supply of pants and shirts. They also have undergarments to help you stay warm in this colder weather. Look on the shelf for hats, too.

**The Book Nook sale continues through Christmas. Check out the 25¢ magazines and 50¢ hardbound fiction and nonfiction books. CDs at still five for \$1.00 and DVDs are three for \$1.00.** All VHS tapes are free! Remember, Bibles and hymnals are always free in the Book Nook!

658-5271. Open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m., and Saturday, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

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### **Twice Nice Furniture & More**

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Mondays and Thursdays, 8:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 6, 8:00 a.m.–12:00 noon

**Closed Monday, Dec. 25**

Feeling those cooler nights? We have blankets in every size! Lots of afghans, too. We even have cozy pajamas, robes, sweaters, and sweat shirts.

but she is the inspiration that gives them all reason to pitch in and help. We all have our area of helping out in the Village, but Verna is a dedicated true friend that hasn't learned yet that "no" is an answer. Thank you, Verna, for being the giving, caring and devoted leader that you are. I pray God will continue to bless you with good health and your relentless passion to serve our Lord and the Village.

I listed our birthdays and anniversaries a couple of weeks ago for the month of December, but I thought I would run them by you again. Evelyn Coombs celebrated her special day on Dec. 1. Following her was Debbie Register who was born on Dec. 9 and Dot Shuman celebrated on the 10th. I see where Natalie Smith just celebrated on the 16th. On the 27th, Anthony DiBenedetto will have a big celebration, and on the 30th (just in time for a tax deduction) Traci Nissley was brought into this world. I pray for a very happy birthday with many more to come; good health and happiness for you all.

It's my wife's birthday tomorrow. She's been leaving jewelry catalogs all over the house, so I bought her a magazine rack!

This is a "healthy-eating tip". Every day I pick fresh vegetables from our garden and feed them to our pig, and she converts them into bacon!

Things that used to hurt my back: falling off a ladder, falling out of a tree, crashing my bike, and contact sports. Thing that hurt my back now: sneezing, passing gas, washing dishes, tying my shoes, and rolling over in bed!

From the veranda of our humble abode overlooking the ever-so-smooth and dust-free 102nd Trail in beautiful BA: Jesus is the reason for the season. My prayer is that you and your families will have a joy-filled Christmas and a prosperous happy, healthy new year. Isaiah 40:28–31. God bless!

### **CARTER HOUSE**

#### **Monica Serlick, Reporter**

We have one anniversary and six birthdays coming up this month and into early January 2024. Happy birthday wishes go out to Linda Kirby and Olivia McCullers on Dec. 28, Donaline Brown on Dec. 29, Minerva Reiger on Dec. 30, Patti Page on Jan. 5, Barbara Collins on Jan. 7, and Terry Setzer on Jan. 10. Blessings for all to have a wonderful and memorable day. "Count your life by smiles, not tears. Count your age by friends, not years" (Shutterfly.com).

Special first happy anniversary wishes go out to Joe and Helen Brooks on Dec. 24. Let this past year merely be the first of many great ones to come in the future. "May God continue to cover and bless you in your union" (goodhousekeeping.com).

If you have any news you would like to share with others, please call and give me details. Please continue to keep those who are ill, recovering or struggling in your prayers.

So very many activities are going on this time of year, and everyone is quite busy. The Christmas parade in town, the Parade on Wheels here at ACV and trip to Spirit of the Suwannee to see the Christmas lights this past Friday, Cookies and Carols Sunday evening, Founder's Day luncheon on Monday, and the President's Christmas Reception on Thursday just to mention a few of the main ones.

People are coming and going, enjoying the Christmas holiday season. Several folks have gone off to visit family, and for others family is coming here. There are many who will spend the holiday season without loved ones close by or that have already gone home to be with our Father. Remember to stop by and visit with your neighbors or include them in your celebrations. No one need ever be alone here at ACV.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the administration, staff and volunteers who choose to make ACV such a fabulous place to live. I would also like to wish all my extended family of friends and neighbors a very merry Christmas and to those who celebrate, a happy Hanukkah. May everyone be blessed with peace, health, harmony and kindness this season and throughout the coming year. Happy new year! Prayers for all to have safe travels. See everyone next year!

Remember to be respectful of other residents and visitors. Please do not confront anyone if you think they are violating any of ACV's rules or policies. If you see anything that you believe is out of the ordinary or inappropriate, please contact the IC at 658-3333 and report it. They will ensure someone is sent to check things out. This is your home, IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING!

## **DOWLING HOUSE**

**Patricia-Adele Lyons, Reporter**

Please remember to wish Jean Harris a "Happy Birthday" on the 27th.

Not sure if this classifies as news. (If it happened, and you didn't know it, and I report it, that's news, right?) Did you hear about the "musical chair swap" that took place in DH recently? I'd been praying for a wall hugger recliner, as the glider rocker I had was uncomfortable for my back. Well, a few days later, I heard a knock at my door, and there stood Lisa Moore wanting to tell me a lady had just put up a sign that said "free recliner".

Lisa and I went upstairs, and to my surprise, it was Joyce Finch's apartment (sadly, as many of us already know, she will be moving away soon). I checked out the chair, told Joyce I'd been praying for one, and we both agreed — "God."

I went downstairs to get the flat cart, returned to Joyce's apartment, where Lisa and I loaded the recliner on the cart, and we took it downstairs to my apartment. I asked Lisa if she wanted my glider rocker, which she did, so we loaded that up and took it down the hallway to her apartment. Then we loaded up a little antique rocker with stool that Sally Sauls had given Lisa to use, and we took it upstairs to Sally's apartment!

When we finished telling Sally about the chair swap, she said woefully, "I wanted a glider rocker!" Well, it just so happened that Joyce also had a glider rocker she was giving away. So, after unloading the antique rocker with stool, Lisa and I went back to Joyce's apartment, got the glider rocker, and delivered it to Sally!

Whew! I got tired just writing about moving all that furniture! Ha! Praise God, He provided for each one of us what we had been praying for, wanted, and/or needed. The "musical chair swap" was fun, and it is what community is all about: helping each other with open hands and hearts. Better stated: Being in communion with God equates to being in communion with others.

That's my story. I'm sure everyone has "good news" to share; don't be shy.

"The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread" (1 Corinthians 10:16-17).

May the peace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, be with you and upon you all as you gather to celebrate this most holy day of the year, the birth of the One who came to redeem a lost and broken world. Invite Jesus into your heart to be the Lord of your life, surrender to Him today, and be set free. It's a gift that keeps on giving!

## **GOOD SAMARITAN CENTER AND DACIER MANOR**

**Bruce Arnold, Reporter**

"John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet, 'I am the voice of one calling in the wilderness, "Make straight the way for the Lord"' (John 1:23).

The priests and Levites had a mission, and some questions for John as he preached in the wilderness. They knew the scriptures taught of the events leading up to the coming of Messiah, so they had to know just who this was. John told them first that he wasn't the Messiah. (I'm sure the religious people breathed a sigh of relief at that confession.) But, who was this?

So they played a little game with John. Remember the TV show a number of years ago *To Tell the Truth*? They came with their guesses: "Are you Elijah? Are you the prophet which Moses spoke of?"

John said "No" to both of those guesses. So, finally, in their frustration, they asked, "Who are you?"

John may have thought, "I'm glad you asked," but he said, "I am the one calling in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way for the Lord.'"

These who questioned John had in their minds that the only way they could find their greatest joy was to figure out everything, to make sure they understood all there was to know about what was happening, and to figure out this strange man who ate locusts and honey.

The very reason for joy, though, was right in their midst. He was the one John spoke of in Verse 27. "He is the one who comes after me, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie."

What stands in our way of joy today? Trying to understand all the intricacies of the conflicts that dominate the headlines in the news? Making sure our view of end times events lines up perfectly with what we see on the news and in the world?

Like the priests and Levites, we somehow have this idea that we need to understand everything God is doing, in exact detail, in order to find joy. But God has given us all we need in knowing that Jesus was born, to be our savior, to die for our sins, and to come back one day to receive us into His Kingdom. Don't let the inability to understand all the details cause you to miss the joy God has for us in His Son, Jesus.

Joy to the world, the Lord is come. Receive Him as the King of your life today, and find the joy that only He can bring.

We had another Christmas carol quiz, this time the Southern version of the carols and songs. Someone said these might even qualify as "Redneck" clues. So, see if you know these songs. "Yonder in the Hay Rack", "Who's This Young-Un?", "Get Over Here, All You Church Folk", "Hoping for a Set of Choppers on Dec. 25", or "Gussie Up the Corridors". Look below for answers.

Santa Claus is coming to town! The end of this week, Santa will have already come to town, or at least to GSC and DM! Thanks for bringing gifts to all our residents and bringing smiles and laughter to our halls!

Catherine Grim held a Christmas concert on Tuesday, Dec. 19, in the Magnolia dining room. She played many of our favorite carols and Christmas songs. Thank the Lord for the gifts He gives us, which Catherine uses to bless others.

We have three candles lit on our Advent wreath, and this Sunday, the 24th, we'll light the fourth candle, the candle of love — and at the end of our service we'll light the center candle, the Christ candle. Thanks to Dick McClaine and Barbara Marcum for reading for our third Sunday of Advent. This Sunday, our Scripture will be Luke 2:1—20 for the sermon "Feels Like Christmas".

Answers to the "Redneck" quiz: "Away in a Manger", "What Child is This?", "O Come, All Ye Faithful", "All I Want for Christmas Is My Two Front Teeth", and "Deck the Halls".

Merry Christmas to all, and I'll be back next year!

## **RIVERWOODS**

**Betsey Ruehl, Reporter**

RW elves have once again delivered approximately 26 plates of goodies to neighbors who are housebound or who used to live in RW and are now in other areas in ACV. Additionally, we delivered platters of goodies to employees who serve us so well in all areas of ACV.

In case you didn't notice, it is beginning to FEEL a lot like winter, which arrived on the 21st. Be alert to freeze warnings, and cover fragile plants. It seems funny to me that I bundle up when I take Brandi for her morning walk and see some neighbors in shorts and short sleeves!

Be aware of those around you who may have experienced a loss this past year. Firsts are the most difficult occasions to get through (first holiday, anniversary, birthday, vacation). Offer to share a meal, take a walk, or make a phone call.

I have been reminded frequently of the difference between being alone and being lonely. Many people seek out solitude, whether for a few hours or many days. Periods of solitude can help clear the mind

or, conversely, focus it. Loneliness is a different state of mind. It is associated with sadness, and being cut off from others. People can feel just as lonely in a crowd as they can on their own.

Tennessee Williams said, "When so many are lonely as seem to be lonely, it would be inexcusably selfish to be lonely alone." Maya Angelou said, "Music was my refuge. I could crawl into the space between the notes and curl my back to loneliness."

Sharing memories can sometimes help people get through a difficult time. Just remember, you always carry them in your heart.

Due to the holiday season, there will be no RW column until Jan. 4, 2024.

Merry Christmas, neighbors. If you are traveling, be safe. If you are having visitors, have fun, and share laughter and love. Have a safe and happy new year!

## **MEMBER BENEFITS**

ACV offers a variety of programs and services to its members under the membership program. Members pay a monthly fee to provide supplemental support for this array of services and programs, meeting many of the varied needs of its members, as well as providing the opportunity to live his or her life to its fullest potential and highest level of independence. Some services you may not need today, you may well find important or essential in the future, and your financial participation makes it possible for your neighbor to have access to the services they need now.

### **This week's member benefit of note:**

ACV's weekly newsletter, the *Friendly Neighbor News*, contains a section for the advertisement of items for sale, items that are wanted, items that have been lost, etc. Only ACV members and staff may submit to this section. In general, all submissions to the FNN are restricted to ACV members and staff.

## **FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

### **VETERANS HEALTH CARE**

The Joseph Maxwell Cleland and Robert Joseph Dole Memorial Veterans Benefits and Health Care Improvement Act of 2022 was signed into law on Dec. 29, 2022. Section 101 of the Cleveland-Dole Act expands eligibility for VA hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care for veterans of WWII. Our records indicate that you may be eligible for these benefits, and we urge you to apply for enrollment in VA health care, even if you were previously not approved due to your income level.

#### **Benefits**

- Receive medical care rated among the best in the U.S.
- Immediate benefits of health care coverage
- Enrollment satisfies the Affordable Care Act's requirement to have health care coverage.
- No enrollment fees, monthly premiums, or deductibles
- Low or no out-of-pocket costs
- Eligibility for VA Community Care

When enrolled in VA health care, you can use your private providers, Medicare, and other health insurance to meet your care needs.

#### **Apply**

- Apply online at [www.gov/health-care/how-to-apply](http://www.gov/health-care/how-to-apply).
- Call VA's toll-free hotline at 1-800-698-2411.
- Visit your nearest VA medical center or clinic.

We encourage you to enroll and access VA's health care benefits, even if you previously applied and were not approved.

### **RIVERWOODS HOA**

RW Homeowners Association will be electing new board members at its Annual Meeting in January. There are five positions to be filled for a one-year term. If you are a member of the RWHOA and wish to participate in this process, in addition to voting on the candidates at the

Annual Meeting, you may do so in one or more of the following ways:

1. Apply in writing to the nominating committee to select you as their nominee for a board position. An application form may be obtained at MS. Two members of the nominating committee will contact you for an interview. We ask that you read a copy of the RWHOA Bylaws and Restrictive Covenants before the interview.
2. If you wish to nominate someone for a board position from the floor at the Annual Meeting, you may do so first by obtaining that person's permission, then report in writing your intent to nominate this person to the secretary of the RWHOA (you may do so by leaving it at MS to the attention of Monica Crawford). It must reflect the name of the individual intended to be nominated, and the position number (1-5) for which the person is to be nominated. The RWHOA Bylaws require that this be done before the Annual Meeting date, and the Board asks for at least 24 hours before the meeting in order to have time to prepare paper ballots.

Current Board members of the RW Homeowners Association are:

- 1) Ann Thompson, President
- 2) John Nicely, Vice President
- 3) Barbara Bertolino, Secretary
- 4) Chuck Eckel, Treasurer
- 5) Al Durrell, Member-at-Large

We thank the nominating committee (John Nicely, Chair; Jim Rainsberger; Jo England and Stan Story) for their work in this process.

### **VILLAGE CHURCH BIBLE INSTITUTE**

The following are VCBI classes beginning in January:

- Jan. 3, 10:00 a.m. — "Our Father Abraham: The Jewish Roots of Christianity"; Michael Saunders (VC Room 5)
- Jan. 4, 10:00 a.m. — "What's the Reason and Purpose for Missions in our Church?"; Paul Cochrane (VC Room 5)
- Jan. 5, 1:00 p.m. — "The Roman Road Bible Study"; Michael Saunders (CCC)
- Jan. 6, 11:00 a.m. — "How Can I Accurately Interpret NT Books?"; Tom Spannagle (OPR)
- Jan. 8, 10:00 a.m. — "Removing the Shadows from the Book of Hebrews Part 3"; Stan Storey and Mike Elder (VC Room 6)
- Jan. 8, 1:30 p.m. — Studies in First Peter; Donald Wrigley (VC Room 5)

There will be a Jewish evangelism presentation, **Christian Witness to Israel (North America)**, by Director Rev. Stephen Atkinson on Jan. 23, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. in the SMR. The event will be hosted by Rev. Michael Saunders, a former Jewish evangelist.

The next **Harbinger Bible Conference** will be held Feb. 8-10, 2024, in BC. The theme is "Being Renewed in the Blessed Assurance". The speaker will be Dr. Sam Warren, the Bible teacher will be Rev. Bob Copeland, and workshops will be lead by Dr. Michael Saunders. Friday afternoon, book signing by authors of ACV and Harbinger will take place. Saturday afternoon, there will be a concert by guest artist Charlie Stevens.

### **FROM BAGS TO BEDS**

#### **Verna Piper, Reporter**

We will plan to fold bags this Friday, but we'll meet in Cleo's Meeting House. Come anytime between 2:00 and 5:00 p.m.

### **SQUARE CUTS AND MORE Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 12:00 noon to 7:00 p.m.**

Call (386) 647-6240 for an appointment. Kindly give 12-24-hour notice for cancellations or extra charges will apply.

### **LEGAL SERVICES**

The law firm of Robinson, Kennon & Kendron, P.A. will see clients by appointment only from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on the following dates in the VS professional offices: Jan. 5 and Jan. 19, Feb. 2 and Feb.



16. To make an appointment, please call Leigh Ann Cannon at (386) 755-1334, Ext. 117.

### HAIR CROPPERS

We are now featuring our winter basic pedicure. Our winter basic pedicure allows you to relax and get away from this hectic time of year while enjoying the beautiful view of the river. You'll soak your feet in a warm foot bath, then enjoy an aromatic foot scrub, detoxifying foot mask, and warm paraffin dip. Finish with a tension-relieving foot massage.

Our winter basic pedicure costs \$50 and is the perfect solution for anyone who doesn't want polish but loves to feel pampered.

Schedule your appointment today by calling or texting (386) 205-3791.

### FINANCIAL ADVISOR

Wendy B. Meyer, CFP®, CRPC®, CDFA®, financial advisor with Ameriprise Financial Services, LLC is at the Village on the third Wednesday of every other month (February, April, June, August, October and December) from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the VS professional offices. Call (850) 973-8888 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

### SUWANNEE BELLE PONTOON BOAT

The dock used to board the Suwannee Belle is damaged and needs to be repaired before we can offer pontoon boat rides again. We're sorry for any inconvenience.

### ACV QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Do you have a question about the Village you think others would also like to ask? Did you see something curious or hear something you'd like confirmed? Submit your question to Member Services, and we will do our best to find out the answer for you and publish it here. You must include your name with the question because follow-up information may be necessary.

Q: What were the 110th Anniversary Capital Campaign projects announced at the Founder's Day celebration?

A: Two buildings are part of the new capital campaign. The first is a new general services center, which will eventually house Maintenance, Grounds and Housekeeping in one location. The new building will be built in stages on Buck Rogers Drive where the Pa Agner Farm Center is currently located. It will include offices, meeting spaces, supply storage, warehouse space, and vehicle bays.

The other building included is one ACV has been raising funds to build for a while: the Johnson Hall Assisted Living facility. Due to unforeseen circumstances, this project was placed on hold, and over time, the cost of this new building has increased substantially, requiring additional funds.

Besides the two buildings, another area of focused fundraising is toward campus replanting and restoration. Hurricane Idalia wreaked havoc on the

natural beauty of Dowling Park. ACV is seeking funds to replant trees and provide landscaping to re-beautify the campus.

For more information on the capital campaign, ongoing Cornerstone Projects, and endowments, call Resource Development at (386) 658-5110.

## THANK YOU

I want to thank all the friends and neighbors for your thoughts and prayers. The doctor said that the cataract surgery went well. After I woke up I had no pain at all.

I also want to thank the choir and the staff of the VC who prayed. A special thanks to my friend, Pastor Traci Nissley.

Stephen McGill

I want to thank everyone for all the telephone calls, help, and especially your prayers. God is truly very good to surround me with so many caring and terrific helpers and friends. God bless you all. Thank you, all, again.

Carolyn Ward

## MISCELLANEOUS

**PLEASE NOTE:** All submissions to the FNN must have a name attached. If you prefer to not have your name included with the listing in the FNN, indicate that on the submission. Only ACV members and staff may advertise here. Ads run for two weeks.

**FOR SALE:** Family Bibles. These Bibles have a section to record your family history. They make wonderful presents. For more information and special holiday price, please call Inez at 770-861-9227.\*\*

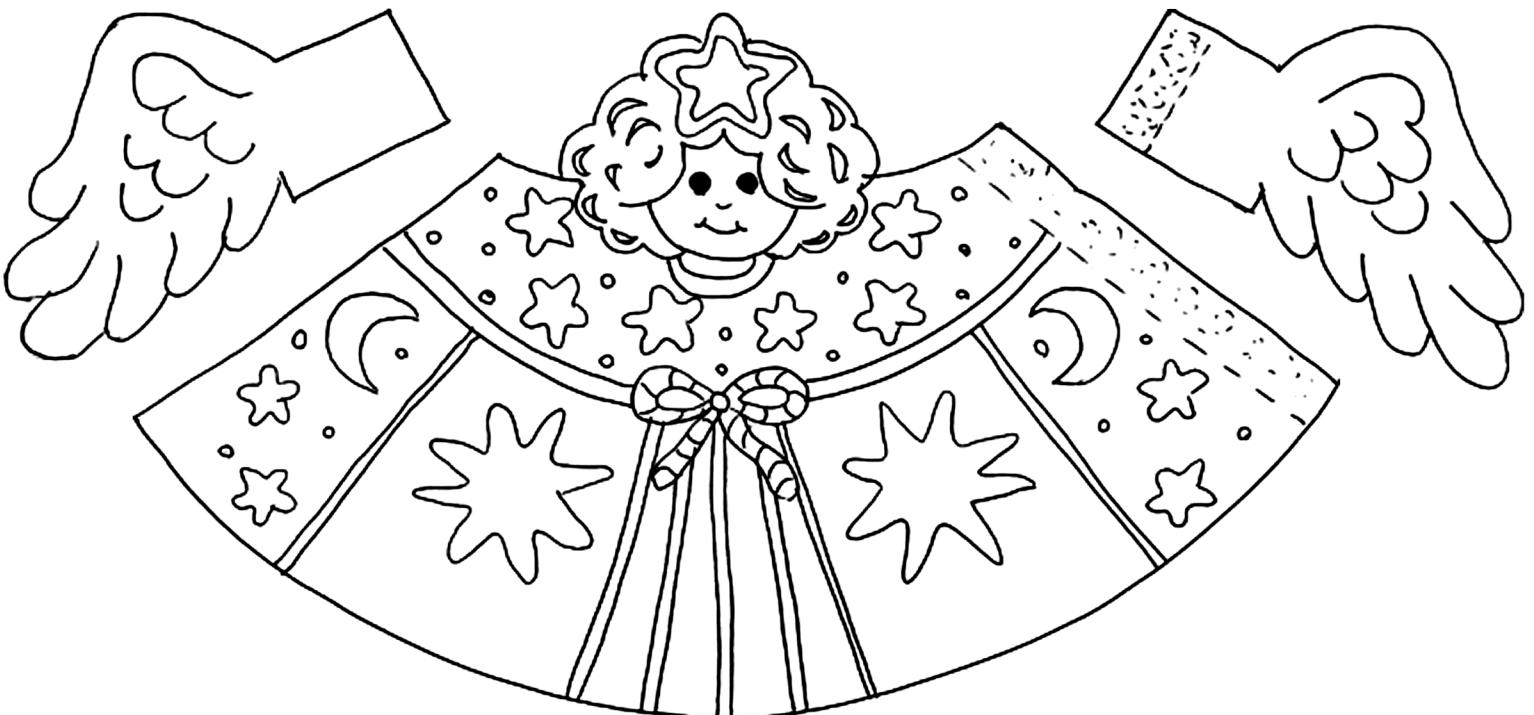
**WANTED:** A rebounder with bar (mini trampoline for indoor use). Call 658-2763 or 386-249-1072.\*\*

**FOR SALE:** Twin XL electric bed with 12" foam-top, super-comfortable mattress. Yamaha golf cart with all new batteries, new controller, fold-down rear seat, lights, and new fold-down windshield. Call 207-877-4846.\*\*

**FOR SALE:** 1996 E-Z-GO electric golf cart, 4-seater. I have receipts for all upgrades and additions put onto the cart. \$4,199 OBO. Call Monica at 386-330-4865.\*\*

**FOR SALE:** Apple 10.9" silver iPad 64 GB iOS 17.2. New in original box. Factory warranty. Asking \$350. Phone or text 803-270-5662.\*

**FOR SALE:** Merry Christmas sale: special, large, hand-made crochet afghan, multi-colored, \$25. Call 386-344-4566.\*



Prices Effective 12/22–12/28



# THE VILLAGE GROCER

Monday–Saturday • 9:00 am–6:00 pm • We deliver at 2:00 pm every day!\* 658-3130

\*\*We will be closed Christmas Day. We will reopen Dec. 26, 10:00 am–4:00 pm.\*\*

## GROCERY

Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix	8.5 oz.	\$ .79
Mahatma Long Grain White Rice	16 oz.	\$ 1.29
Bush's Blackeye Peas	15 oz.	\$ 1.29
Uncle Ray's Potato Chips, all varieties	4.5 oz.	\$ 1.79
Margaret Holmes Hoppin' Johns	14.5 oz.	\$ 1.89
China Doll Blackeye Peas	16 oz.	\$ 1.99
Coke Products, all varieties	2-liter bottle	\$ 2.29

## DAIRY

Daisy Sour Cream	16 oz.	\$ 2.39
Dutch Farms American Cheese	12 oz.	\$ 2.89

## PRODUCE

Large Baking Potatoes	each	\$ .79
Whole Carrots	per lb.	\$ .89

## FROZEN

Pictsweet Turnip or Mustard Greens	14 oz.	\$ 2.79
Pictsweet Blackeye Peas	12 oz.	\$ 2.79
Digiorno Pizzas, all varieties	27 oz.	\$ 6.99

## MEAT

Sugardale Ham Portions	per lb.	\$ 2.49
Lean Boston Butt Pork Roast	per lb.	\$ 2.49
Lee's Hickory Smoked Hog Jowl	per lb.	\$ 2.49
Carolina Pride Cocktail Smokies	14 oz.	\$ 3.29
Armour Italian Meatballs	14 oz.	\$ 3.49
Chicken Wings	per lb.	\$ 3.99
81% Lean Ground Beef	per lb.	\$ 4.59

## CHEESE OF THE WEEK

White American Cheese — \$6.29 per lb.

**DON'T FORGET TO ORDER YOUR ROTISSERIE CHICKEN**

Full chicken \$9.99, Half chicken \$5.99

\*\* Call 658-3130. Order by 11:00 a.m. for 2:00 p.m. pick-up! \*\*

### This Week's Verse:

May the Lord bless and protect you; may the Lord's face radiate with joy  
because of you; may He be gracious to you, show you His favor,  
and give you His peace. Numbers 6:24–26

\*Delivery available to on-campus ACV members only

## Midday Dining Menu

Monday–Saturday 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.  
Sunday 10:45 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

**Dec. 22–29, 2023**

### FRIDAY, 12/22

- \$2.53 Soup:** Clam Chowder  
**\$6.44 Entrées:** GF Baked Catfish, GF Boiled Shrimp, Fried Catfish  
**\$1.21 Sides:** Mixed Green, Beets, Baked Beans, Cheese Grits, Cold Salads, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy  
**\$2.76 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

### SATURDAY, 12/23

- \$2.53 Soup of the Day:** Donna's Chicken Noodle  
**\$7.59 Whistle Stop Special:** Ham or Turkey Sandwich, Fruit, French Fries, Assorted Desserts, Fountain Drink

### SUNDAY, 12/24

♪ Piano music provided by Joan Wittman. ♪

#### Lunch Buffet

**Members \$12.63 | Non-Members \$17.81 | Beverage Included**

- Entrées:** GF Pork Loin Ribs, Ham, Fried Chicken  
**Sides:** Italian Green Beans, Honey Carrots, Fruit, Macaroni and Cheese, Cold Salads, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy  
**Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

### MONDAY, 12/25

## Christmas BANQUET Tickets Required

- Entrées:** Oven Roasted Chicken, Roast Beef, Prime Rib  
**Sides:** Southern Baby Lima Beans, Mushrooms, Honey Carrots, Salad, Fruit, Mushroom Rice, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy  
**Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

### TUESDAY, 12/26

- \$7.70 Special:** Salad Bar  
**\$6.44 Entrées:** Liver and Onions, Cheesy Ravioli with Meat Marinara  
**\$1.21 Sides:** Brussels Sprouts, Mixed Greens, Beets, Fruit, Cold Salads, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy  
**\$2.76 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

**NOTE:** Prices listed are the retail cost per item. ACV members who present their ID badge at the cash register will receive a 10% discount. Menu is subject to change. Individual beverage cost: \$1.30.

GF=Gluten-Free      NSA=No Sugar Added

# Rumph Dining Room Midday Dining Menu

Dec. 22–28, 2023

## WEDNESDAY, 12/27

- \$2.53 Soup:** Soup of the Day  
**\$6.44 Entrées:** Pork Loin Roast, Fried Chicken  
**\$1.21 Sides:** Cabbage, Cheesy Cauliflower, Fruit, Cold Salads, Rice Pilaf, Baked Potato  
**\$2.76 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

## THURSDAY, 12/28

- \$6.44 Entrées:** Vegetable Lo Mein with Shrimp, Chicken Tenders  
**\$1.21 Sides:** Green Beans, Peas and Carrots, Cold Salads, Thai Rice  
**\$2.76 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

## FRIDAY, 12/29

- \$2.53 Soup:** Lobster Bisque  
**\$6.44 Entrées:** GF Baked Catfish, GF Boiled Shrimp, Pot Roast, Fried Catfish  
**\$1.21 Sides:** Mixed Greens, Salad, Corn, Baked Beans, Cheese Grits, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy  
**\$2.76 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts



### RUMPH DINING RM. \$8.85 WEEKDAY VALUE PLATE

Includes 1 entrée, 2 sides, bread,  
and a fountain drink.  
For premium entrée, add \$2.30.



### RIVER LANDING BISTRO LUNCH & DINNER SPECIALS

Friday, Dec. 22

Beer Batter Cod with Chips

Saturday, Dec. 23

No specials today. We will close at 7:00 p.m.

Ann & Quinton  
*Rumph*  
DINING ROOM

**658-5259**

Sun: 10:45 am–1:30 pm  
Mon–Sat: 11 am–1 pm

**THE LOPIN' GOPHER**  
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Sun: 7:30–10 am | 3:30–7 pm  
Mon–Fri: 7:30–10 am | 2:05–7 pm  
Sat: 7:30–10:00 am | 3–7 pm



**658-5777**

Wed–Thurs: 11 am–2 pm  
Fri–Sat: 8–10:30 am | 11 am–8 pm