



ADVENT CHRISTIAN VILLAGE  
AT DOWLING PARK

# Friendly Neighbor News

Advent Christian Village, Dowling Park, FL 32064

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<b>24/7/365 Assistance/Operator 658-3333</b>		Housekeeping	658-5374
Cashier’s Office	658-5343	Environmental Svcs.	658-5155
Copeland Medical	658-5300	Post Office	658-5270
Finance Department	658-5450	Security/Emergency	658-3333
Home Care	658-5460	Shuttle Bus	208-2584

## OCTOBER 31, 2025

Friday	10/31	<b>9:00–11:00 a.m.</b> <i>10:00 a.m.</i> <i>10:30 a.m.</i> <b>5:30–7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Wee Care Trick-or-Treating</b> <i>Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> <i>Gentle Movement and Self Massage Class—SMR</i> <b>Community Trick-or-Treating</b>
Saturday	11/1	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Potluck Supper—RDR</b>
Sunday	11/2	<b>Daylight Saving Time Ends — Turn Clocks Back</b> <i>9:40 a.m.</i> <i>11:00 a.m.</i> <i>11:00 a.m.</i>  <i>6:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Morning Worship Service—VC</i> <i>Sunday School for All Ages</i> <i>VCBI: Unfolding the Great Commission—OPR</i> <i>Evening Service—BC</i>
Monday	11/3	<i>1:00 p.m.</i> <i>1:00–3:00 p.m.</i> <b>1:30 p.m.</b> <i>1:30 p.m.</i> <i>2:00–4:00 p.m.</i> <i>6:00 p.m.</i>	Scrabble—CMH Connecting Threads Ministry—KC <b>Coping with Low Vision Support Group—OPR</b> <i>VCBI: The Gospel of Luke—VC Room 5</i> Ceramics—PCS Dominoes—CMH
Tuesday	11/4	<i>8:30 a.m.</i> <i>10:00 a.m.</i> <i>1:00 p.m.</i> <i>1:30 p.m.</i> <b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<i>Men’s Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> Model Train Club—CB Hand and Foot Card Game—CMH <i>VCBI: Revival History—VC Room 5</i> <b>Annual Membership Association Meeting—RDR</b>
Wednesday	11/5	<i>8:15 &amp; 8:30 a.m.</i> <i>9:00–11:00 a.m.</i> <i>1:00 p.m.</i> <i>1:15 &amp; 1:30 p.m.</i> <i>2:00 p.m.</i> <i>5:30 p.m.</i> <i>6:00 p.m.</i> <i>6:30 p.m.</i>	Bus Trip: Walmart—CH & DH Ceramics—PCS Bridge Club—OPR Bus Trip: Walmart—CH & DH Bingo—CMH Prayer for Israel—VC Room 5 <i>Prayer Meeting—BC</i> Chancel Choir Rehearsal/Christmas Cantata Practice—VC
Thursday	11/6	<b>9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.</b> <i>9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.</i> <b>10:00 a.m.</b> <i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<b>Suwannee County Tax Collector—VS</b> Village Artists Guild—KC <b>Florida Licensing on Wheels—VS</b> Plarn Ministry—CMH
Friday	11/7	<b>10:00 a.m.</b> <i>10:00 a.m.</i> <i>10:30 a.m.</i> <b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>GSC Christmas Bazaar—GSC</b> <i>Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> <i>Gentle Movement and Self Massage Class—SMR</i> <b>Pizza Party</b>



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

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

### IN LOVING MEMORY

Constance Jones, who was a resident of BA and GSC, died Oct. 24. She will be remembered at the GSC memorial on Wednesday, Nov. 12, at 10:00 a.m., in the Magnolia Dining Room.

James Mosier, who was a resident of GSC, died Oct. 23. He will be remembered at the GSC memorial on Wednesday, Nov. 12, at 10:00 a.m., in the Magnolia Dining Room.

Deborah Scruggs, who was a resident of DH and GSC, died on Oct. 14. She will be remembered at the GSC memorial on Wednesday, Nov. 12, at 10:00 a.m., in the Magnolia Dining Room.

Lucille Stranch, who was a resident of DM and GSC, died on Oct. 13. She will be remembered at the GSC memorial on Wednesday, Nov. 12, at 10:00 a.m., in the Magnolia Dining Room.

Merlinda Jackson, who was a resident of GSC, died on Oct. 10. She will be remembered at the GSC memorial on Wednesday, Nov. 12, at 10:00 a.m., in the Magnolia Dining Room.

Lee Herb, who was a resident of GSC, died Oct. 2. He will be remembered at the GSC memorial on Wednesday, Nov. 12, at 10:00 a.m., in the Magnolia Dining Room.

### MOVE OUTS

Myra Finney has moved from CH. Her new mailing address is 2005 Magnolia Woods Ct., Edgewood, MD 21040.

Kathleen Groves has moved from CH. Her new mailing address is 200 N. Melvin St., Apt. 101, Gibson City, IL 60936.

Jodi Kirk has moved from CH. Her new mailing address is 2431 NE 41st St., Apt. 5103, Gainesville, FL 32006.

### TRANSFER CORRECTION

David Currier has transferred from POP to DM. His new mailing address is P.O. Box 4561.

Mike and Jean Elder have transferred from ET to DH. Their mailing address is the same.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

### ACV MEMBER SURVEY

At Advent Christian Village we are continuously seeking ways to improve our service. To help gain a better understanding of what is important to you and to gauge how we are accomplishing our important mission, it would be appreciated if you would take a few minutes to complete our membership survey.

To ensure everyone has an opportunity to complete the survey we have extended the time for completion through Monday, Nov. 3. In addition to the copies that were emailed, there are printed copies of the survey located in the Member Services office. We can send you one if you call my office at 658-5500.

Your input is important to us as we strive to improve our ability to express Christ's love through the compassionate care and comprehensive services offered in this place.

### COPELAND COMMUNITY CENTER NEWS

Recently David Burch resigned from his position as Director of Copeland Community Center. We are deeply grateful for the many years of service David has provided to ACV and to the Copeland Center. As he embarks on this next chapter in his life, we wish David nothing but success.

Currently we are in the process of evaluating the direction of the Copeland Center, and we are seeking new leadership for this important area of ACV. As the repairs draw to a close and we secure a full staff we will be looking to add programs and expand hours. More information will be provided as the plans unfold.

Craig Carter, President/CEO

### MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Medicare Open Enrollment is an annual opportunity for Medicare-eligible beneficiaries to make decisions about how to receive their Medicare benefits. Open Enrollment is Oct. 15–Dec. 7 each year. Decisions made during this time will impact Medicare benefits for the next calendar year.

You should consider the following questions as you evaluate your options:

1. Are your providers in the plan's provider network? Keep in mind that Good Samaritan Center is NOT in network with Humana Medicare Advantage and ACV Home Care is not in network with some United Health Care Medicare Advantage plans. Original

Medicare allows you to see any doctor or health care provider that accepts Medicare.

2. Are your prescription drugs covered by the plan? If you have original Medicare and do not have other drug coverage, you may need to consider a Part D plan to assist with prescription drug costs.
3. Are prior authorizations or pre-approvals required before you can receive services? Many managed care plans will require authorization before you can receive services.

Some Medicare Advantage plans from United Health Care will no longer be offered in our area in 2026. If you have AARP Medicare Advantage, please watch for a notice that your coverage will end Dec. 31, 2025, so that you can make decisions about your Medicare coverage.

Below are free resources to learn more about Medicare Open Enrollment and your options:

- *Medicare and You 2026* handbook (<https://www.medicare.gov/publications/10050-medicare-and-you.pdf>)
- Medicare Plan Finder at [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov)
- Florida Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders (SHINE) — 1-800-963-5337. Counselors are available to answer your questions, discuss your needs, and give you information about your options. All counseling is free.
- State Health Insurance Assistance Programs: Local experts with unbiased advice and assistance can be found at [www.shiphelp.org](http://www.shiphelp.org) and 1-877-839-2675.
- Center for Medicare Advocacy ([www.medicareadvocacy.org](http://www.medicareadvocacy.org))

Your service coordinator can assist you in accessing these resources as you make decisions about your Medicare coverage. Please keep in mind the Dec. 7 deadline for Open Enrollment.

Keri Hilliard, VP for Health Services

### VILLAGE COMMUNITY OUTDOOR CLEANUP DAY AT GSC

Heigh ho, heigh ho, it's off to work we go ... AGAIN! A big THANK YOU to all residents and team members who helped at our recent Village Community Outdoor Cleanup Day! Thanks to your hard work, the area around Dowling House is looking much better. It was not only productive, but a real joy to work together as a community.

Now that your sore muscles have healed, we want to give some love and attention to our friends at Dacier Manor and Good Samaritan Center. It is time we bring beauty and order back to this important area of our community as well.

Our next workday is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 14. Snacks and drinks will be available, and Craig Carter and I will be on the grill, cooking up hotdogs for lunch. All tools will be provided, but feel free to bring your own if you have them. We will meet in the front parking

lot of Good Samaritan Center at 9:00 a.m. No special skills or talents required – just willing hands and hearts. Come to work. Come for fellowship. Come and help beautify and build community.  
David Klumpenhowe, VP of Independent Living

## ACV EVENTS

### WEE CARE TRICK-OR-TREATING Friday, Oct. 31, 9:00–11:00 a.m.

The Wee Care children will be trick-or-treating on Friday, Oct. 31. They will visit Carter Village Hall, JKPL, GSC and Dacier Manor, the Village Square, J. Ralph Smith Center, and the Dowling House and Carter House lobbies.



### COMMUNITY TRICK-OR-TREATING Friday, Oct. 31, 5:30–7:30 p.m.

ACV is a popular trick-or-treat area for many local youth and their families. Trick-or-treating in the Village will start before sunset and end after sundown. Participation is strictly voluntary. Members living in the apartment buildings often greet the Halloween guests in the lobby of their respective buildings as a group. If you live in other areas of the Village, leave your porch light on to indicate you would like to have Halloween visitors. Many neighbors gather together in driveways or on porches to welcome the young visitors with their treats.

### COPING WITH LOW VISION SUPPORT AND RESOURCES GROUP Monday, Nov. 3, 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 Light-house of the Big Bend for this monthly support group and meeting.



### ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP ASSOCIATION MEETING Tuesday, Nov. 4, 7:00 p.m. - RDR

All ACV members are encouraged to attend the Annual Membership Association Meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 4, at 7:00 p.m. in the dining room. Bring your neighbors. The President of ACV, Craig Carter, will be the special speaker. Refreshments will be served at 6:30 p.m.

#### Nominations

During the Annual Membership Association Meeting, the membership will vote on the officers who will make up the 2026 Membership Association Executive Committee. The 2025 Nominating Committee of the Membership Association is pleased to announce the slate of proposed officers for 2026:

President: Donald Wrigley  
First Vice President: Peter Ard  
Second Vice President: Linda Cywin  
Secretary: Gaye Martin  
Assistant Secretary: Debbie Snead

If you would like to nominate another candidate for one of the above positions, please submit the name to Member Services prior to the Nov. 4 meeting so that we can be prepared with ballots. You must have the consent of the individual before submitting their name.

President Wrigley would like to thank Errol Gillette, Sybil Gillette, Ann Lawrence and Carroll Polk for serving on this year's nominating committee.

### SUWANNEE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR Thursday, Nov. 6, 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 normally in the Village Square 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).



### STATE OF FLORIDA: FLORIDA LICENSING ON WHEELS Thursday, Nov. 6, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. - VS

The Florida Department of Motor Vehicles FLOW vehicle is coming to Dowling Park. FLOW stands for Florida Licensing on Wheels. FLOW brings the following services directly to the customer:

- Change from out-of-state driver license to Florida license
- Renewals
- Duplicates for lost or stolen license
- Address/name changes ID cards
- Reinstatements
- Emergency Contact Information registration

For driver licenses and ID cards, you will need the following items (there are a few other options, which are not listed — visit [flhsmv.gov/whattobring](http://flhsmv.gov/whattobring) for the entire list).

#### Primary Identification

Bring one (original or certified):

- U.S. birth certificate, or
- Valid U.S. passport.

#### Social Security Number

Bring one (must display all nine digits):

- Social Security card,
- W-2 form (not handwritten),
- Paycheck/stub, or
- Any 1099 (not handwritten).

#### Residential Address

Bring two (must include your Florida residential address):

- Deed, mortgage agreement, recent monthly mortgage statement, or rental or lease agreement;
- Florida vehicle registration or title; and/or
- Recent utility or medical bill or financial statement.

Residency letters issued by ACV are no longer accepted.

For your convenience, the department accepts the following payment methods: cash, check, and credit cards.

### GSC CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

#### Friday, Nov. 7, 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

GSC's annual Christmas Bazaar will be Friday, Nov. 7, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There will be slushies, Christmas gifts, wreaths, Paparazzi Jewelry, quilted ornaments, and Scentsy products in the GSC activity room and throughout the building. Get your last-minute shopping done.

### LADIES' BREAKFAST

#### Saturday, Nov. 8, 8:30 a.m. - SMR/DR

The next ladies' breakfast will be held on Saturday, Nov. 8, at 8:30 a.m. in the Sawmill and Depot rooms. The guest speaker will be Jean Snyder's daughter, Dawn Pedersen. A special invitation is extended to new residents; we want to meet you! Come join us for a wonderful time of table fellowship.

The cost of the full and delicious breakfast buffet is \$7.75. Tickets must be pre-purchased at the Lopin' Gopher.





### **MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST** **Saturday, Nov. 8, 8:30 a.m. - RDR**

The next Men's Fellowship breakfast will be held on Saturday, Nov. 8, at 8:30 a.m. in the dining room. The guest speaker will be Bruce Arnold. The cost of the full and delicious breakfast buffet is \$7.75. Tickets must be pre-purchased at the Lopin' Gopher. Come join us for fellowship, prayer, inspiration, and breaking bread together!

## **EVENTS HERE AND THERE**

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

### **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS** **Mondays at 7:00 p.m.**

**The Lighthouse on CR 250**

Alcoholics Anonymous meets Mondays at 7:00 p.m. here in Dowling Park at the Lighthouse, 23594 CR 250.

There is a solution. Don't be a Homer. For information you can call (305) 407-0895.

### **POTLUCK SUPPER**

**Saturday, Nov. 1, 5:00 p.m. - RDR**

The next potluck supper will be on Saturday, Nov. 1, at 5:00 p.m. in the dining room. I am so sorry I goofed up our first potluck of the season. Please forgive me for not being there. This Nov. 1 is in my phone calendar, so I won't goof up again! One new item: Please write down the ingredients on a small piece of paper or card to accompany your dish. We have a new member with allergies and needs to know what items are in your dishes. I hope this will be okay with you. It will allow her to eat with us.

### **PRAYERS FOR ISRAEL**

**Wednesday, Nov. 5, 5:30 p.m. - VC Room 5**

The monthly meeting to pray for Israel will be on Wednesday, Nov. 5, at 5:30 p.m., in VC Room 5 of the Bixler Chapel. All those interested in praying for the salvation of Jewish souls, for those missionaries who are laboring for the purpose of Jewish souls coming to Jesus the Messiah as Savior, for Biblical mission organizations and to pray for the peace of Jerusalem are welcome to attend.

### **VETERANS MEETING**

**Friday, Nov. 7, 12:00 noon - DR**

Calling all Veterans: Army, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard and Air Force there will be a meeting on Friday, Nov. 7, at 12:00 noon, in the SMR/DR. Lunch will be provided. Must RSVP by Oct. 31, call 850-371-6068 or 850-672-3303. Can't wait to see all the Veterans.

Our meetings will always be the 1st Friday of the month, so mark your calendar.

### **PIZZA PARTY**

**Friday, Nov. 7, 5:00 p.m.**

The next pizza party will be on Friday, Nov. 7, at 5:00 p.m. Depending on how many people buy tickets for it, it will be in either the Sawmill and Depot rooms or the dining room.

This time, the pizzas will be mostly multi-topping ones. Cheese and pepperoni will be the only single-topping pizzas. Choices will include Hawaiian (pineapple, Canadian bacon, and some also with hickory smoked bacon), The Works (pepperoni, Canadian bacon, spicy Italian sausage, onions, green peppers, mushrooms, and olives), The Meats (pepperoni, savory sausage, hamburger, bacon, and Canadian bacon), Garden Fresh (green peppers, onions, mushrooms, olives, and tomatoes). We will again have salad and drinks.

You may purchase an entry ticket for \$7.00 at the Information Center. They will be sold until noon on Monday, Nov. 3, in order for Papa John's to receive the

list of needed supplies for that week's order. Please be sure to buy your ticket(s) by then because there will not be any late tickets available.

We'll also be a bit different on seating so that everyone is ready to eat as soon as the pizza arrives and hopefully get hotter pizzas.

Papa John's has gluten-free pizzas. They are 10" (more personal-sized) and come with only one topping. They are more expensive (\$12), but the \$7.00 ticket will be adequate if all gluten-free pizza eaters limit themselves to eating one-half of a pizza. Remember to tell the Information Center if you are limited to gluten-free pizza so I will know how many to order. Then tell me if you want more than one-half of one or more than one topping because that will require supplemental funding assistance.

The time of the party is being worked out (involves arranging having everyone seated and ready to eat when the pizza arrives). We will aim for 5:00.

Hopefully, all this won't seem peculiar, but I learned some things the last time we tried it and made some changes for this second party. I'm hoping that we will again have fun and enjoy the meal even more this time.

Call Debbie Snead at (719) 464-3639 with any suggestions, questions or requirements.

### **SUWANNEE VALLEY HUMANE SOCIETY** **40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

**Saturday, Nov. 8, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**

Everyone is invited to the Suwannee Valley Humane Society 40th anniversary celebration at 1156 SE Bisbee Loop in Lee, Florida, on Saturday, Nov. 8, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Over 6,000 adoptions have been arranged, and multiple more dogs and cats have been protected and cared for during these years. There will be special activities for children and adults, including Madison County's K-9 team. Call SVHS at (850) 971-9904 for information.

### **LADIES BIBLE STUDY**

**Tuesdays, Nov. 11 and 25, at 10:00 a.m. - CCC**

A ladies Bible study will meet Tuesday, Nov. 11 and 25, at 10:00 a.m. at the Copeland Community Center. Come and join us for a ladies Bible study. Hope to see you there.

### **WONDERS OF CREATION MOVIE DAY**

**Tuesday, Nov. 11, 3:30-5:00 p.m. - DR**

Wonders of Creation invites all to a movie and popcorn (and corn puffs) on Tuesday, Nov. 11, from 3:30-5:00 p.m., in the Depot Room. The movie is *Genesis History?* It is a colorful and fascinating look at the Biblical, historical, and scientific evidence that what the Bible says is true about the perfect and recent creation, the global deluge (which left billions of fossils), and the one and only Ice Age after the flood. Del Tackett has brought together a variety of God-honoring scientists who demonstrate that assumptions contrary to the Creator's Word do not match what we see in the universe. Led by MaryAnn Stuart, M.S. degree in biology/paleontology.

## **Alert Suwannee**

Use the QR code to sign up for weather alerts, traffic alerts, and more from Suwannee County.

You choose what you hear about through phone call, text message, and/or email message. Or visit

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

**Mon., Wed.–Fri. 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**

**Weekly JKPL Meetings:**

Yoga	Mondays	9:00 & 10:00 a.m.
Starbooks Café	Tuesdays	9:30 a.m.
Scrabble	Wednesdays	10:00 a.m.
Crochet Creations	Thursdays	3:00 p.m.
Yoga	Fridays	10:00 a.m.
Kids Corner	Saturdays	11:00 a.m.

**Library Closer**

The JKPL will be closed on Tuesday, Nov. 11 in observance of Veteran's Day.

**New Staff Member**

Our newest staff member, Jeremy Giddens, has enjoyed meeting several new people over the past couple of weeks. Thank you to all who have stopped by to welcome him. Jeremy is at the library most afternoons and is great at answering questions about all things tech.

**NEW Dowling Park Public Library  
Facebook Group**

Are you on Facebook? Join the brand new Dowling Park Public Library Facebook group to stay connected with all the happenings at the library! Need help finding it? Stop by and we'll be happy to get you set up.

**Spotlight on Ernest M. Lee**

For the month of November, paintings by folk artist Ernest M. Lee will be on display here in JKPL! Known as Florida's Van Gogh, Mr. Lee's paintings celebrate the beauty of life's small moments in rich and vibrant colors. The collection is on loan from Mr. Lee's wife in honor of his artistic legacy. The prints on display are available for purchase; contact information is available. Mrs. Lee will be speaking about her late husband and his work on Monday, Nov. 24, at 2:00 p.m. - save the date!

**The Great Pumpkin (Rock) Hunt!**

The 5th Annual Great Pumpkin Hunt is coming to a close. If you find a rock painted like a pumpkin with "Return to JKPL" on the back, you can return it for a prize. Enjoy the hunt before it ends on Oct. 31!

**CPR Class**

Learn the life-saving skill of CPR on Oct. 31, from 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.! The class will be taught by our very own Suwannee county fire and rescue. Attending the program will enter you in a raffle for a LifeVac device! Registration is required, as seats are limited. Sign up today!

**SHINE Medicare Counseling**

Open enrollment is in full swing! Do you need advice or assistance in completing your Medicare enrollment or checking eligibility for the program, as well as other programs that are relevant to senior services? The next available appointments are on Dec. 1 in the afternoon; call the library to reserve your time. During Open Enrollment, no walk-ins are possible at this time.

**Starbooks Café**

Coffee and conversation are on the menu on Nov. 4, from 9:30–10:30 a.m. This is a casual discussion group and may delve into other areas of interest as the conversation progresses. Everyone is welcome!

The topic we will start with is: Who is your biggest hero?

**Fall Bottle Art**

Get into the festive spirit Nov. 4 as we decorate jars and bottles in honor of the season. You can bring your own jars or bottles if you like, but all supplies will be provided! There are two time slots available, 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Sign up for a slot today!

**As the Page Turns Book Club -  
Date Correction**

On Thursday, Nov. 6, at 2:00 p.m. bring in your analytical mind and join the discussion about *The Last Thing He Told Me* by Laura Dave! The next book for December will be announced during the meeting. Prefer to read on your kindle or phone? Check out the CloudLibrary and Libby apps. The date was inadvertently listed incorrectly in last week's FNN.

**Birdwatching Club**

Are you a fan of watching our feathered friends in the sky? Whether you are new to the hobby or you are a veteran birdwatcher, all are welcome to join the birdwatching club here at JKPL! The next club meeting will be on Nov. 13, from 10:00–11:00 a.m.

**Did you know?**

Having a library card gives you access to more than just books! Do you have an interest in family history? Using Heritage Quest, one of the databases you have access to with your library card, you can view the U.S. federal census records and other valuable genealogical content to aid you in your search. This is an excellent free resource that you can use to start your journey into your family's legacy! Access it through the [srrlib.org](http://srrlib.org) website, or the public computers here in the library.



**BUS TRIPS**

**No eating or drinking, and no open food or drink containers on either of ACV's buses. The only exception is plain water. Thank you for your cooperation.**

If you wish to ride the ACV bus on these trips, you must contact the Information Center 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 weekly shopping trips to assist in keeping everyone's purchases separate.

Those who sign up for a weekly shopping trip will be put on the waiting list if they sign up for the same trip the following week. If seats remain available, those on the waiting list will move to the regular list.

Only one scooter or power chair per regular Wednesday shopping trip will be allowed.

**Friday and Saturday Soup: Creamy Chicken with Wild Rice**

**Friday, Oct. 31**

Lunch only: Beer Battered Cod Wrap with Lettuce, Tomato and Tartar Sauce with Cole Slaw and Fries \$14.95

All day: Sliced Top Round of Roast Beef with Au Jus, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy and Vegetable of the day \$18.95

**Saturday, Nov. 1**

All day: Smothered Chicken over Bacon Macaroni and Cheese with a Biscuit \$17.95





- **Nov. 5 morning — Walmart** — Leave CH at 8:15 a.m. and DH at 8:30 a.m. Leave Walmart at approximately at 11:15 a.m. and return to the Village at noon.
- **Nov. 5 afternoon — Walmart** — Leave CH at 1:15 p.m. and DH at 1:30 p.m. Leave Walmart at approximately at 3:45 p.m. and return to the Village at 4:30 p.m.
- **Nov. 12 morning — Winn-Dixie, Save A Lot & Publix** — Leave CH at 8:15 a.m. and DH at 8:30 a.m. Drop off at Winn-Dixie and Save A lot, park at Publix. Leave Publix at approximately at 11:15 a.m. and return to the Village at noon.
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## DEPARTMENT NEWS

### THE VILLAGE CHURCH

**Rev. Sam Worley, Senior Minister**  
**Church Office - 658-5344 - P.O. Box 4314**

**SERMON:** "What Should We Do?"

**TEXT:** Acts 2:22-24; 36-41 NLT

**SPEAKER:** Rev. Sam Worley

**Baptisms:** Sunday we will observe the sacrament of baptism during the morning worship service. We will also be introducing new members who are joining our congregation.

**Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes:** Our Pal Program participants have shopped for and packed shoeboxes for the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child annual event. This is a favorite time for our pals and the rest of us can also get involved by packing our own shoeboxes and delivering them, along with \$10 for shipping, to the church office by Sunday, Nov. 9. Pamphlets with gift suggestions and shoebox labels are available on the information desks in the church foyers.

### The following Village Church events are happening this week:

#### Friday, Oct. 31

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

#### Sunday, Nov. 1

9:40 a.m. — Sunday Morning Worship Service (Village Church)

11:00 a.m. — Sunday School for All Ages

11:00 a.m. — VCBI: Unfolding the Great Commission, Tom Spannagle (Old Pavilion Room)

6:00 p.m. — Evening Service, Bob Copeland (BC)

#### Monday, Nov. 2

1:30 p.m. — VCBI: The Gospel of Luke, Donald Wrigley (Room 5)

6:00 p.m. — Youth Handbells (Village Church)

7:00 p.m. — Adult Handbells (Village Church)

#### Tuesday, Nov. 3

8:30 a.m. — Men's Bible Study (Room 5)

1:30 p.m. — VCBI: Revival History: A Journey Through Time, Bob Copeland (Room 5)

#### Wednesday, Nov. 4

11:00 a.m. — Crosby Hatch Memorial Service (BC)

5:30 p.m.—Prayer for Israel (Room 5)

6:00 p.m. — Prayer Meeting (Chapel)

6:30 p.m. — Choir Practice (Village Church)

7:00 p.m. — Christmas Cantata Practice (Church)

#### Friday, Nov. 6

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

### MEMBER SERVICES

#### James Sutter-386-658-5400

If you weren't able to attend Autumn Fest at the VS this past Saturday, you really missed out. The weather was beautiful, the live music was great, the vendor selection was wonderful, and the fellowship and camaraderie among the attendees were a blessing.

Thank you to everyone who was involved before, during and after the event. Volunteers helped with setup, parking, the bake sale, judging of the contests, and cleanup. We couldn't have done it without you!

Speaking of contests, our volunteer judges had a difficult time picking winners from the many pumpkin yummys and picking a winner from the three fabulous decorated pumpkins. In the end, the winners of the Pumpkin Yummy contest were Mary Ann Wilson (3rd), Vicki Carter (2nd) and Shawn Johnson (1st). The winner of the pumpkin decorating contest was Jan MacNeill. Until they start to spoil, Jan MacNeill's two winning pumpkins are displayed in the Lopin' Gopher. The Pumpkin Yummy bake sale raised \$98.50 and the Silent Auction raised \$606 for ACV's benevolent fund. Thank you, everyone who contributed!

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

Common 2025 holiday scams include fake websites for travel and shopping, phishing emails, package theft, gift card scams, and AI-powered scams. To avoid them, be cautious of "too good to be true" deals, verify website URLs, use secure Wi-Fi or a VPN, and be wary of requests for payment through wire transfers, gift cards, or cryptocurrency.

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)

#### Notes from the Volunteer Coordinator

We are needing volunteers in the dining room. See Linda Cywin for more information.

Thank you to all of the volunteers who work so hard for the village.

## ACV ACTIVITY NEWS

### BRIDGE CLUB

#### Dottie Stone, Reporter

The Bridge Club meets on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. in the Old Pavilion Room. If you would like to play, please call me at (352) 316-5161 by noon on Monday.

Congratulations to our Oct. 22 winners: 1st high, Dottie Stone, and 2nd high, Jim Varnell.

There will be no more Bridge Club until further notice. If someone would like to take over the club contact Member Services.

### CONNECTING THREADS MINISTRY

#### Esther Bruckel, Reporter

The Connecting Threads Ministry will meet at the sewing center in Keepers Cottage on Monday, Nov. 3, between 1:00–3:00 p.m.



**Call Member Services at 658-5400 to schedule a Ride-About tour.**

## **PLARN MINISTRY** **Sybil Gillette, Reporter**

Plarn is a plastic yarn made from plastic grocery bags. Thank you to those who neatly save the clean ones and turn them in to the IC. We collect them from there, then Alice, Donna and I fold them at CMH. Hank folds them at his home then brings them to us on Thursday. I cut them at CMH and Donna, Pat, Sandie, Linda and Alice turn the cut pieces into balls of plarn at CMH and/or at their homes. We then take the plarn balls to Live Oak to the ladies who crochet them into mattress type mats, pillows, purses/totes, etc. for the homeless and displaced persons. As an example, when Western Tennessee had the bad flooding and storm damage about 2 years ago, they were asking for these types of things from wherever. Live Oak responded by sending a supply to them.

We meet every Thursday at CMH from 10:00 a.m.–12:00 noon and would love to have you join us. We can teach you how to do whatever step you want to learn, then you can do it on Thursdays with us at CMH or at your home in your spare time and bring it to us.

## **VILLAGE LIBRARY**

**Monday–Friday**

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

**Brenda Reas, Reporter**

We have an audiobook section, paperback rack, and many movies and TV series on DVD for check-out. Magazines can be borrowed without being checked out; just return them when you finish looking at them.

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 Old Pavilion Room and Information Center. 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.

## **PEN PAL PROGRAM**

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

The next pick up date for the Youth Ranch is Friday, Nov. 7. Residents in Carter House can leave them downstairs at the desk and I will pick them up on my way out. Remember to keep the letters you receive. Get your letters to the IC before 11:30 a.m. as that is when I collect them.

Please make sure you write to your youth; imagine how it feels to see others receive letters and your name is not called. The encouragement and mental support we give these youth is immeasurable; something we don't usually see or know about but happens. We don't know their background stories unless they share them with us but it is important to remember that they have all gone through some very tough times in their lives and consistency is one of the things they are learning about. Let's help them achieve their growth into responsible citizens.

The youth do not always write the address very legibly so there is every possibility that they have been sent to the wrong PO Box. If you accidentally receive someone else's letter please forward it to them or send it back to me and I will make sure they get it. Thank you.

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

"Belief creates the actual fact." William James

"Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts." Winston Churchill

## **STEPHEN MINISTRIES**

**Darleen Hinrichs, Reporter**  
**Frequently Asked Questions**

Why the name Stephen Ministries? It comes from Stephen in Acts 6, who was among those chosen to provide caring ministry to those in need. Since Jesus' time, caring ministry has been a hallmark of the Christian faith community.

Who are Stephen Ministers? They are members of our community trained to provide one-to-one, compassionate, Christ-centered care. They are trained by the Stephen Leaders.

## *∞ At the Village Square ∞*

### **Riverside Gifts**

Gifts for all ages and all budgets are offered in this store. Items include unique cards, toys and books for children, beautiful jewelry for all ages, personal care items, and handmade walking sticks. The bookstore features Florida-themed travel and history, adventure and mystery series, books by local authors, Bibles, devotionals and studies.

More highland cows have arrived wearing their autumn best. The pet section has expanded and now includes more jewelry.

The tool department is well-stocked with flashlights with lanterns, blacklight flashlights, tape measures, and a good variety of pocketknives.

There are beautiful purses in fall and winter colors. Most come with a matching wallet.

Make sure to check the Sales Corner for great bargains!

Watch and clock repair and new battery installation are available at very reasonable prices.

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

### **Rustic Shop**

Handcrafted items by ACV artisans abound in this shop. Cards for all occasions are \$1 each. The bargain table is loaded with Christmas items for the start of the new season!

A new item is Connecting Threads foot floor mops, which are great for cleaning spills. There are also scrubbies, washcloths, kitchen towels, potholders and aprons.

New items in the shop include Wild Turkey Porcelain limited edition statues, a Christmas China set with gold trim set, and Nikko Happy Holiday China 4-place setting.

Special Note: Alterations drop off will be starting Nov. 5. Make sure items are labeled with name and phone number.

Watch and clock repair and new battery installation at reasonable prices.

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

### **Twice Nice Shop**

This shop features gently used clothing for men, women, and children and medical scrubs in many colors and patterns.

There are many name-brand purses and wallets near the women's huge selection of blouses in all sizes and sleeve lengths.

**The Book Nook continues the religious books sale: buy one/get one free through November.** Many new arrivals in the fiction and nonfiction, including children's books, on all shelves, including Christmas cookbooks and crafts!

658-5271. Open Wednesday–Friday, 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m., and Saturday, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

## *∞ On CR 250 ∞*

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

**23353 CR 250 • 658-5871**

**For pick-ups, call Larry at 386-678-1219**

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

Saturday, Nov. 1, 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

We have been busy putting out our Christmas selections. There is decorations, trinkets, clothing, blankets, linens, and more! Do your Christmas shopping early!

What is a Stephen Leader? They are lay leaders who are trained to oversee Stephen Ministry in our community. Stephen Leaders have gifts and skills in areas such as leadership, teaching, and organizing people, along with a heart for caring ministry.

In what types of situations do Stephen Ministers provide care? Any difficult time in life—grief, cancer, divorce, financial difficulties, loss of a relationship, chronic illness, job loss, retirement, a spiritual crisis, or other life struggles.

What kind of care do Stephen Ministers provide? They meet weekly with their care receiver to listen and encourage. It is confidential emotional and spiritual support.

Stephen Ministries is a Christian ministry of trained lay people who provide confidential one-to-one emotional and spiritual support to care receivers who are going through some of the most difficult days of their lives. The goal of ACV's Stephen Ministries is that no one at ACV will hurt alone. This is another way ACV seeks to express Christ's love to those we serve. Please keep Stephen Ministries and all who are involved on your prayer list. If you have questions, please call the Stephen Ministries office at (386) 658-5358.

**NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS**

**BUTTERFIELD ACRES**

**Jack "CrackerJack" Dixon-386-658-2113**

"Let us come boldly unto the throne of Grace that we may obtain mercy, and find Grace to help in time of need." Hebrews 4:16 Praise God that we always have the assurance that He is always with us in good times and bad times and He never stops loving us.

Please pray for Alice and Roy Ames, both of whom are now on Camellia Court in Good Sam. I don't have any other info on any of our residents as far as health issues although I am sure just a blanket prayer for our residents would be nice.

In this time and age we can't be too careful, we should always be aware of those around us. If you see a person that seems out of place you can call the Information Center and at least report it. We cannot be too careful.

There was no mention to me this past week of anyone seeing or trapping the "naughty bunny" and the missing navy blue crock. It was suggested that we set up a "go fund me" account at First Federal to assist the poor Hetts for another pair of crocks. I will continue to keep you posted as this dilemma unfolds.

Again I want to mention that on December 4 we will have our Christmas pot luck at the Harmony House. We will be playing the gift exchange game and ask that all wanting to join in would bring a small gift under \$10; mark on it if it is for a male or female.

It looks like the November birthdays are just around the corner, not to mention one coming up on Halloween, and that is Jennifer Coombs who celebrates on the 31st. To start November off we have Cindy Hitchcock on 11/5 next we have her brother-in law Erick Coombs on the 7th, and the next day, the 8th, we have Steve Dykehouse. On the 20th we have Sierra Nissley, following her we have two birthdays on the 23rd, and they are Stan Hall and Ann Carpenter. To all of you wonderful folks we throw out a BIG happy birthday and many, many more full of good health and happiness.

May the Lord Bless you and keep you healthy and safe and please, never forget who is in charge. God Bless. Isaiah 40:28-31

**CARTER HOUSE**

**Monica Serlick-386-330-4865**

We have two birthdays to celebrate starting off the month of November. Our best wishes go out to Helen Brooks and Virginia Darby on Nov. 6. We hope everyone's day is festive and God showers you with love and prosperity. According to wishesquotes.com; "It's the journey that counts, not the destination." "You can

accomplish everything, so be strong and believe in yourself."

Let us remember to continue to pray for those who are sick or recovering from surgeries or treatments. "He sent out his word and healed them; he rescued them from the grave..." Psalms 107:20.20 "but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength..." Isaiah 40:31.31

It seems Autumn Fest gets better every year. Hopefully you all had a chance to get down to the Village Square this past Saturday. The music was light hearted and kept the atmosphere cheerful. The home baked goods were simply delicious! The decorated pumpkins were unbelievable and were so artistically done. Vendors had many different kinds of goods for sale and the silent auction was successful as well. One of the highlights was the chance to go for a motorcycle ride. What a wonderful day it was!

Lastly, 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**

**Cora Huckaba-850-464-7113**

Hello to all my friends and neighbors. I injured my left knee last week and was supposed to stay off it, keep off it, elevated and iced. My daughter is making sure I do that. She is taking care of me and Scoots while my knee heals. Thankful for the good loving care.

I talked to Bernie and he says everybody has been pretty quiet around the village. I did receive some news about the Autumn Fest. There were numerous booths in the square and many things of interest to see and purchase. I sure am sad I missed it.

Mary Jane Holler was blessed with a visit from her two daughters, Sue and Janine. They were there for a week, enjoying the accommodations at the Village Lodge. They were able to enjoy shopping in all of the shops and at Autumn Fest and dining at all of their favorite places. They had a great time. They even had time to go shopping in Perry which is where I was born. A nice little town. Later, while momma was resting up Sue went on some of the trails and found some good fishing places but she is not telling where. She is keeping that a secret. Sue and Janine were a blessing to one of our neighbors which had fallen. They called the medical team to come check her out. I know the neighbor appreciated their help. A reminder for us all to be a helping hand when we can.

At the Oktoberfest dinner Mary Jo's daughter, Janine, found out the best tasting root beer comes from her home state. I don't know about you, but I love a good cold root beer. There is nothing to compare to a cold root beer float.

Laughter is good medicine. A wife is talking about her husband being forgetful. He was defending himself by saying, "I am not forgetful". They argued back and forth about it for a while. The wife says, "OK , I bet you \$10.00 you will forget something important by tomorrow at 10:00 a.m." He said, "Okay it's a bet". The next morning they get up and he gets ready for work as usual, she made his lunch and filled his cup with coffee. He kissed his wife good bye and leaves. Thirty minutes later, she is still at the table and he comes in the door holding out a \$10. He says, "I forgot I don't work on Sundays."

And we know that all things work together for the good of those who love God. Who are called accordingly to his purpose. Romans 8:28

Until next week: Walk according to God's purpose and in his will. God bless you all.

**EDGEWOOD TERRACE**

**Cathy Oberg-386-658-3237**

Good morning, neighbors. Happy birthday to Martha Beckham on the 31st. May your blessings be sweet and plentiful during this next trip around the sun.

I hope everyone had a chance to visit the Autumn Fest. It was an absolutely perfect day and the



crowd seemed to be enjoying the variety of booths and offerings. It appeared to be the best one while we've been living here. One of the best reasons for living at ACV is the calendar of events. There's always something to do.

Anyone interested in Trick or Treating Friday night can join other ET residents on the porch of Cleo's Meeting House. At the moment there are no outside lights there so please bring a flashlight to ensure safety.

It's hard to believe that November starts this Saturday. Time is flying by at an alarming rate. Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour Saturday night. We are gaining that extra hour of sleep but also losing our daylight sooner.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for December 6. That will be our annual neighborhood Christmas potluck and party. We will have a \$10 gift exchange that is not a mandatory participation event. More details will be coming in future FNN.

Please keep practicing your "good neighbor" policies and stay safe and healthy.

**GOOD SAMARITAN CENTER  
AND DACIER MANOR  
Bruce Arnold—386-658-5550**

On Sunday, Oct. 26, residents from GSC and DM joined in the Magnolia Dining Room for our regular worship service. We meet every Sunday at 9:45 a.m. Along with the residents, we are thankful for our volunteers who help bring residents to the service and participate in the service as well. Dick McClaine has been a Sunday morning volunteer for many years, even back when Pastor Jack Jones was the Chaplain. Dick brings the call to worship each week and makes sure the sound equipment and chairs are set up. Jack Dixon reads the Scripture lesson and his wife, Barbara enjoys visiting with the residents as she brings them to the dining room. Sue Donnelly uses her talents on the keyboard and also her vocal talents each week. Arlene Hodge loves to bring people to the worship service. We lift her up in prayer at this time since she's been under the weather and hasn't been able to join us lately. Then there's my wife, Evelyn, who prepares communion every first Sunday, helps bring people to and from the worship service and also helps with setting up and taking down. Some of our residents have family members who attend regularly as well. This past week one of our Dogwood residents had 6 of her family present, and she told me "there's more than that!" Many of our residents cannot go to their home church, so we are blessed to have so many who "bring church" to them.

November 30 begins the Advent Season and many of our volunteers and residents will take part in lighting the Advent Wreath each week as we are reminded of the significance of each candle and what they represent. Stay tuned and you will be able to follow along with us during the special season of Advent.

A special thanks to all of our staff and residents who made my day so special on Monday, Oct. 27. I received many cards from our activities staff as well as residents of GSC who touched my heart and made me so thankful for the blessing of serving at GSC! You are appreciated by me as well!

A Memorial Service will be held at GSC on Wednesday, Nov. 12, at 10:00 a.m., in the Magnolia Dining Room. We will give thanks for the lives of Lee Herb, Merlinda Jackson, Lucile Stranch, Deborah Scruggs, James Mosier and Constance "Connie" Jones.

**RIVERWOODS  
Doug Nichols—425-329-5769**

On the Lord's Day, Sunday, another wonderful Christ centered Sunday with sermon by Pastor Sam! Sunday evening was a blessing as the Village Church was able to show and give appreciation to our pastors and church leaders. A special time for all! May our Lord be praised!

1. Have you met Ted & Gay Crownover of Riverwoods? Ted & Gay were both born in Miami at Jackson Memorial Hospital. They grew up in the same neighborhood and went to Miami High School. Ted had motorcycles and hot rods and Gay liked tap dancing.

Ted went into the Air Force for 4 years. They met again in 1970 and went out on a date. After 3 dates they decided they couldn't live without each other and got married. They had one son who passed away in a car accident at age 18. They started an Engine Parts Wholesale business and worked together 24/7 until they retired. God brought them to ACV and they are loving it here.

2. The Oktoberfest Theme Dinner last Thursday was amazing! Much went into the planning of the fantastic menu and the special activities. Many volunteers assisted to help care for all. Plan to attend the next themed dinner and purchase one or two extra tickets to invite others.

3. Autumn Fest on Saturday held at the Village Square was well attended with much to see, taste and purchase. The Village leaders and staff serve Village residents well with meaningful and enjoyable activities which help build community.

4. Birthdays in Riverwoods: Cathy Nicely (Nov. 3), Stan Story (Nov. 4).

5. Jackie Campbell says that the phone directory and maps for our neighborhood should be out this week. If you see anything amiss, please do not hesitate to contact Jackie so she can fix it. You contact her at 210-410-2113.

5. "A Christian is the sort of person who can be asked to do whatever needs to be done without retorting, "That's not my job." Elizabeth Elliot

"But as for you brothers and sisters, do not grow weary of doing good." 2 Thessalonians 3:13

**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:**

The ACV Conference & Retreat Center has canoes and kayaks that are available to be borrowed for free by members. Fees apply for any necessary off-campus transportation.

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

**ARMADILLO DUMPING**

PLEASE STOP.....whoever is killing armadillos and throwing the carcasses along the trail in Riverwoods. You know who you are, PLEASE STOP! Some of us walk dogs back there and this distracts them as you could only imagine! Thanking you in advance!

**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 Village Square professional offices: Nov. 7 and 21, and Dec. 5 and 19. To make an appointment, please call Leigh Ann Cannon at (386) 755-1334, Ext. 114.

**Village Cashier's Office**

Monday–Friday

10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

658-5343

### FIRST FEDERAL BANK

Float further with First Federal Bank's Visa credit cards, designed to keep your goals within reach. Proudly serving Dowling Park as your trusted community bank.

Located at 11035 Dowling Park Drive in the Village Square, the Dowling Park branch is open (lobby and drive-through) Monday–Thursday, 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m., and Friday, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Our Interactive Teller Machine (ITM), where our highly-trained tellers can assist you with transactions that go beyond the standard ATM transactions, is open Monday–Friday, 7:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.

### FINANCIAL ADVISOR

Wendy B. Meyer, CFP®, BFA®, financial advisor with Pivotal Wealth Planning 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 Village Square professional offices. Call (850) 973-8888 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

### SQUARE CUTS AND MORE SALON

**Open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday  
and most Fridays**

**12:00 noon to 7:00 p.m.**

Square Cuts and More Salon specializes in all your hair care needs. Call (386) 647-6240 for appointments. Kindly give 12–24 hours notice for cancellations or extra charges will apply. Walk-ins are welcome, but all great hair happens by appointment. I appreciate your business. Thank you, Amy Hancock.

### WATTS UP WEDNESDAYS

A Suwannee Valley Electric Cooperative representative is in the Village Square professional offices the fourth Wednesday of every month from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Residents can pay their bill or ask questions about their service. No appointment is necessary. Call (386) 330-5672 for more details.

### HAIR CROPPERS

We offer the following services: Shampoo, sets and blow-dry, perms, color and highlights, hair cuts (men, women and children), facials, manicures and pedicures, spa manicures/pedicures, hand treatments, hot stone leg and foot massage, hard gel and acrylic services, and gel polish manicures. Our next spa days are Saturday, Nov. 1, and Tuesday, Nov. 4, by appointment. Call or text Danielle at (386) 205-3791 for booking!

### RIDE-ABOUT

If you're interested in utilizing the Ride-About (ACV's red, 10-passenger golf cart) for a tour of some kind, call Member Services at 658-5400.

## THANK YOU

To the Tychicus among us at ACV: I'm writing to thank you for being such an encourager during my recent knee surgery. After Pastor Sam's sermon this Sunday, Oct. 26, highlighting Paul's companion—friend and brother in Christ—I've been reminded of how richly blessed I am by so many modern-day Tychicuses. Thank you to each and every one of you, beginning with the staff of GSC, Physical Therapy, the Clinic, and the Pharmacy, and continuing with those who reached out through phone calls, texts, emails, cards, food, special treats, and oh yes, visits. Your ongoing prayers mean so much to Mike and me. We are truly blessed to live here among so many we now call family. With gratitude and blessings.

Jan Cuddy

On behalf of the Village Church pastoral team, I would like to express our gratitude for your many expressions of encouragement and appreciation! What a nice event! You have been quite kind and generous in spirit, and we very much have been blessed!

Thanks to all who had a hand in organizing and participating in the 'pastor appreciation' gathering held Sunday evening. We laughed and enjoyed one another;

we enjoyed the refreshments; we were touched by Richard's prayer of thanksgiving and blessing also by Donald's leadership in facilitating the entire gathering. We enjoyed the refreshments and the skit and all the actors, even Barbara! God's blessing upon each of you!

Pastor Sam

A great big thank you to the nurses, CAN's and therapist on Magnoli and Dogwood where I seen kindness, comfort and encouragement during my stay the last two times at GSC. You helped me get well enough where I could get to come home again! May the good Lord shower his blessings on each of you.

Mary Helen Brannan

## MISCELLANEOUS

**FOR SALE:** 2020 Aline V Scout hard side folding trailer. Hardly used, sleeps four, 1460 lbs. Includes new pop-up family tent with rain fly, hot pad, AC, deep cycle battery, buddy heater, camping utensils, pots, large water jug, portable toilet with pop-up tent, mattresses, sleeping bags, and more. Contact Richard at 904-615-4305.\*\*

**FOR SALE:** Queen size comforter and pillow shams, tropical colors, \$25. Contact Debbie at 386-292-6510.\*\*

**WANTED:** An inexpensive scooter. Call Heather or Scott at 386-344-7382.\*\*

**WANTED:** C-PAP machine. Leave message at 386-209-4937.\*\*

**FOR SALE:** Cherry red secretariat dresser, 28' long, 24' wide, 31' high, in good shape. Contact Lisa at 386-219-5235. It can be picked up in DH.\*

**WANTED:** Used golf cart in good condition. If you have one or know someone who does, please contact Heather at 386-344-4385.\*

**FOR SALE:** 16X66 two bedroom mobile home at 11016 Longleaf Ln., in POP. For more information or to see call 386-205-1902. New owner must apply for membership with ACV and be approved before purchase of home.\*

**FOUND:** Silver cross with a pretty something on the front. Found on the street and looks like it belongs on a necklace. Please call and identify. Jackie 210-410-2113.\*

**FOR SALE:** 43" Smart TV. TV is about 7 years old but still in good working condition. I do have a Roku plug in to add. Asking \$20.00. Call 904-484-8796.\*

**FREE:** My name is Kavic, and I live in POP and I am having to look for a new home. I am a Siberian Husky but I don't have my pedigree papers. I have a chip but the people in my first home decided to remove the information from my chip and dump me in the woods of NW Lake City. I think I was in the woods for 4-6 months. I was caught and taken as a stray to the Lake City SPCA. Ten days later George adopted me and brought me to the village. At 55 pounds I a big dog but better trained than most. Call 757-404-0666 if you would like to know more about me. I speak doggie but he speaks English.

The Village Post Office



**Monday–Friday**  
11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.  
1:00–3:00 p.m.

**Saturday**  
11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

**658-5270**

# November 2025

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IT WILL APPEAR THIS WEEK ONLY.

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**Lot 11 Wildwood Cir.:** \$15,000; .214 acres; 85' (frontage) by 110', wooded. MLS #120450.

**23329 Live Oak Ln.:** \$265,000; 1,238 sq. ft.; nice 2-bedroom/2-bath on .19 acre; beautiful backyard with screened back porch, and 1-car garage. MLS #126218.

**10425 River Wood Dr.:** \$279,000; 1,270 sq. ft., built in 2018; 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1-car garage. Granite countertop, security system, generator. MLS #128029.

**23350 Meadow View Dr.:** \$299,000; 2,200 sq. ft.; built in 1994. Large brick home on large lot; 3 bedrooms, 3 full baths, and attached 2-car garage. MLS #123514.

**10438 Wildwood Dr.:** \$289,900; 1,829 sq. ft. 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths on 27 acre lot. Florida room and 2-car garage. Move-in ready. MLS #127164.

**Lot 16 Wildwood Cir.:** \$22,500; extra-large .66 acre, pie shaped, wooded lot. MLS #123899.

**10267 Wildwood Cir.:** \$325,000; 2,419 sq. ft.; beautiful 3 bedroom, 2.5 baths on .21 acres, master bath with double vanity and sunken Roman tub. MLS #127562.

**10491 Wildwood Dr.:** \$339,900; 2,011 sq. ft.; nice 3-bedroom/2-bath on .24 acres; appliances included. Many upgrades including new roof. MLS #127137.

**23321 Live Oak Ln.:** \$265,000; 1,254 sq. ft.; lots of upgrades in this 2-bedroom/2-bath home, including newer roof, A/C, hot water tank, cabinets and appliances. MLS #127730.

**23378 Live Oak Ln:** \$358,300, 1,662 sq. ft.; beautifully maintained 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick home on .2 acres. New roof in 2024, 2 car garage, FL room and much more. MLS # 127805.

## Birthdays

**1.** Trudy Alexander\*, Elvin Stroble, Ann Taylor; **2.** Betty Chester\*, David Hill; **3.** Cathy Nicely; **4.** Delia Chellis, Stan Storey; **5.** Douglas Keaton\*, Bruce Locke; **6.** Debbie Hoffman, Helen Brooks; **7.** Jim Kauffman, Julie McEwen\*; **8.** Marie Brian, Tom Easter, Jeanne Florence, Mary Little, Mary Jo Stanaland; **9.** Peter Ard, Jeannine Stephens, Ray Teijeiro\*; **10.** Jo Ann Deese\*, Patricia Humphries, Judy Jackson, Jenelle Moore; **11.** Katie Khan, Patricia Saunders, Genie Wadsworth; **12.** Bill Patterson, Richard Russell; **14.** Winifred Hedrick; **15.** Betty Gaitor, Victoria Minor; **17.** Eleanor Foerste, Lynda Knaack-MacArthur, Billie Revels; **18.** Shirley Horne; **19.** Shirley Fielding\*; **20.** Diane Liquori; **21.** Fran Evans, Lynn Paulson; **22.** Ken Steinseifer; **23.** Alice Ames\*, Ann Carpenter, Stanley Hall, Kathy Linton\* ; **24.** Christine O'Brien; **25.** David Anewalt; **26.** Roddy Denmark, Dexter Miller\*, Helen Wood\*; **27.** Janis Curtis\*, John Nicely, Myra Webb; **29.** Terry Klitzkie, Becky Mahler.

## Anniversaries

**15.** Martha & Ronnie Beckham; **18.** Candy & Frank Hall; **21.** Art & Fredna Carter; **22.** Charles & Jenelle Moore; **23.** Alice & Roy Ames; **26.** David & Pat Bryant, **28.** Paul & Victoria Minor.

\*Denotes GSC resident. Send cards to P.O. Box 4325.

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Prices effective 10/31–11/6



# THE VILLAGE GROCER

Monday–Saturday • 9:00 am–6:00 pm • We deliver at 2:00 pm every day! \* 658-3130  
We will not deliver groceries on Saturday, Nov. 1. Sorry for the inconvenience.

## GROCERY

Martha White Wild Berry Muffin Mix	7 oz.	\$ 1.69
IGA Buttermilk Pancake Mix	32 oz.	\$ 2.99
Snow’s Clam Chowder	15 oz.	\$ 3.49
Honey Maid Grahams	14 oz.	\$ 5.99
Food Club Spaghetti	16 oz.	\$ 1.49
Margaret Holmes Diced Rutabagas	14.5 oz.	\$ 1.99
Ocean Spray 100% Cranberry Juice	64 oz.	\$ 6.49
Hunt’s Ketchup	32 oz.	\$ 3.29

## DAIRY

Dutch Farms Cottage Cheese	16 oz.	\$ 2.79
Egg Beaters	16 oz.	\$ 4.49

## PRODUCE

Fresh Grape Tomatoes	12 oz.	\$ 2.99
Blood Oranges	2 for	\$ 1.00

## FROZEN

Chiquita Fruit Blend	16 oz.	\$ 4.99
Hungry Man Dinners	16 oz.	\$ 5.29

## MEAT

Chicken Leg Quarters	per lb.	\$ 1.09
Beef Chuck Roast	per lb.	\$ 8.99
Boneless Boston Butt Roast	per lb.	\$ 2.99
Land-O-Frost Lunch Meat	16 oz.	\$ 5.99
Johnsonville Italian Sausage	19 oz.	\$ 5.49
Resers Potato Salad	48 oz.	\$ 6.49

## CHEESE OF THE WEEK

Cheddar Cheese—\$6.39 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

Today are you trying to find out the future by consulting witches and mediums? Don’t listen to their whisperings and mutterings. Can the living find out the future from the dead? Why not ask your God? Isaiah 8:19

\*Delivery available to on-campus ACV members only

**October 31–November 7, 2025**

**FRIDAY, 10/31**

- \$2.75 Soup:** Shrimp Corn Chowder
- \$6.95 Entrées:** GF Baked Fish, Buttery Garlic Shrimp, Pork Loin, Fried Catfish
- \$1.40 Sides:** Mixed Greens, Catalina Vegetable Blend (Carrots, Broccoli, Yellow Carrots, and Red Peppers), Cold Salads, Fruit, Baked Beans, Cheesy Grits
- \$3.00 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

**SATURDAY, 11/1**

- \$2.75 Soup:** Turkey Vegetable
- \$8.50 Whistle Stop Special:** Ravioli with Marinara Sauce, Five-Way Vegetable Blend, Fruit, Garlic Bread, Assorted Desserts, Fountain Drink

**SUNDAY, 11/2**

♪ Piano music provided by Joan Wittman. ♪

**Lunch Buffet**  
**Members \$14.00 | Non-Members \$20.00 | Beverage Included**

- Entrées:** Honey Ham, Stuffed Cabbage, Fried Chicken
- Sides:** Broccoli, Honey Glazed Carrots, Macaroni and Cheese, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
- Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

**MONDAY, 11/3**

- \$2.75 Soup:** Butternut Squash and Apple
- \$6.95 Entrées:** Oven Roasted Wings, Chili, Liver and Onions
- \$1.40 Sides:** Prince Edwards Vegetables, Succotash (Lima Beans, Corn), Fruit, Cold Salads, Rice Pilaf with Gravy
- \$3.00 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

**TUESDAY, 11/4**

- \$8.50 Special:** Salad Bar
- \$6.95 Entrées:** Caribbean Jerk Chicken, Country Fried Steak with Country Gravy
- \$1.40 Sides:** Corn, Cold Salads, Fruit, Roasted Sweet Potatoes, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
- \$3.00 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: \$2.35.  
GF=Gluten-Free      NSA=No Sugar Added

# Rumph Dining Room Midday Dining Menu

October 31–November 7, 2025

## WEDNESDAY, 11/5

- \$2.75      Soup:** Chicken Pot Pie
- \$6.95    Entrées:** Macaroni and Cheese with Maple Sausage, Fried Chicken
- \$1.40      Sides:** Cabbage, Five-Way Vegetable Blend (Corn, Carrots, Green and Lima Beans, Garden Peas), Cold Salads, Fruit, Potatoes Au Gratin
- \$3.00    Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

## THURSDAY, 11/6

- \$6.95    Entrées:** BBQ Pulled Pork, Cheesy Tater Tot Hamburger Casserole
- \$1.40      Sides:** Peas and Carrots, Cauliflower, Fruit, Macaroni Salad, Potato Salad
- \$3.00    Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

## FRIDAY, 11/7

- \$2.75      Soup:** Lobster Bisque
- \$6.95    Entrées:** GF Baked Fish, Garlic Buttery Shrimp, Salisbury Steak, Fried Catfish
- \$1.40      Sides:** Mixed Greens, Green Beans, Cold Salads, Fruit, Baked Beans, Cheesy Grits
- \$3.00    Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts



### RUMPH DINING RM. \$9.75 WEEKDAY VALUE PLATE

Includes 1 entrée, 2 sides, bread,  
and a fountain drink.



### LUNCH & DINNER SPECIALS

Friday and Saturday: Creamy Chicken with Wild  
Rice

Friday, Oct. 31

Lunch only: Beer Battered Cod Wrap with Lettuce,  
Tomatoes, Tartar Sauce with Cole Slaw and Fries \$14.95  
All day: Sliced Roast Beef with Au Jus, Mashed Potatoes  
with Gravy, Vegetable of the Day \$18.95

Saturday, Nov. 1

All day: Smothered Chicken over Bacon Macaroni and  
Cheese with a Biscuit \$17.95



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Mon–Fri: 11 am–1 pm

Sat. & Sun: 11 am–1:30 pm



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Sun: 7:30–10 am | 3:30–7 pm

Mon–Fri: 7:30–10 am | 2:30–7 pm

Sat: 7:30–10:00 am | 3–7 pm



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Wed–Thurs: 11 am–2 pm

Fri–Sat: 8–10:30 am | 11 am–8 pm