

**December Birthdays:**

**Residents:**  
Marian Durden 12/5  
Wanda Sherwin 12/11  
Howard Stevens 12/11  
Phyllis Swope 12/19  
Betty Wright 12/24  
Harry Saxton 12/29

**Staff:**  
Kandace Woodward 12/19  
Tiara Johnson 12/24  
Nikea Walker 12/24  
Angela Lam 12/30



**Notable Quotable**

“Laughter is America’s most important export.”

- Walt Disney, animator



**Special Events and Outings...**

**Special Events:**

12/4 Blue Ridge Chorale **CR**  
12/5 Flat Run Ramblers **CR**  
12/8 Santa and Mrs. Claus Visit **ML**  
12/12 Country Music with Gina **CR**  
12/13 Ronnie Williams and the Carter Family Sound **CR**  
12/15 Gryme’s Grandfriend Program **CR**  
12/16 Community Band **CR**  
12/18 Me and Martha **CR**  
12/21 Brightside Holiday Show **CR**  
12/29 Jim Lilly and the Sunnyside Band **CR**

**Outings:**

12/7 Dollar Tree Trip  
12/9 Orange Baptist Singing Christmas Tree  
12/13 Let’s Ride  
12/15 Med Spa Trip  
12/18 Before Supper Cruise  
12/20 Wal-Mart  
12/21 Holiday Light Ride  
12/22 Lunch at the Silk Mill  
12/27 Yoder’s Market  
12/28 Let’s Ride

**New Activities for December!**

Christmas Card Ornaments- Come decorate the Activity Room Christmas Tree with old Christmas Cards.

Reindeer Food for Brightside- Easy craft project for the childcare center.

Christmas Penny Ante- Come enjoy penny ante with a Christmas twist.

Girl Scout Christmas Visit- Girl Scouts will be visiting during supper to hand out creative ornaments.

Snowman Soup- Gift we will make to give to the Gryme’s Children during the adopt a Grandfriend Program.

Holiday Jewelry Shopping with Shannon- Shannon Wallace and her sisters will be bringing in Paparazzi costume jewelry. Pieces are \$5.00 and children’s jewelry is \$1.00. Come do some Christmas Shopping! Residents first then staff are welcome!

Design-A-Snowflake- come make a creative snowflake to decorate the Activity Room.

New Year’s Eve Party with Lynn McKee- Come celebrate and help us ring in the New Year with festive refreshments!

**Safety Question: Holiday Decorating**

Can I hang Christmas Wreaths on my door?

Answer: No. Unless the wreath is fire resistant or metal it cannot hang on your door due to life safety codes.

You may have Christmas decorations in your room.

No real trees or wreaths.

If you have any questions about decorations or want to make sure your seasonal things meet the life safety code, please contact the maintenance department.

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Senior Living  
120 Dogwood Lane  
Orange, VA 22960**



**Celebrating December**

**Write a Friend Month**

**Bingo Month**

**Safe Toys and Gifts Month**

**Eat a Red Apple Day  
December 1**

**International Volunteer Day  
December 5**

**Hanukkah  
December 12–20**

**Look for an Evergreen Day  
December 19**

**Christmas Day  
December 25**

**Make Cut-Out Snowflakes Day  
December 27**

**In and Around Senior Living...**

**Activities:**

- 🌲 Please welcome Michael Embrey as the new part-time Activity Assistant.
- 🌲 Please sign up in advance for the outings planned for December. There will be limited space.

**Admissions/ Resident Services:**

- 🌲 As your guest enter the building please remind them to sign-in by the front desk and take a visitors badge!

**Dining Services:**

- 🌲 Snacks are available in between meal in the Dining Room. Please ask a staff member if you are feeling hungry.

**Health Services:**

- 🌲 Spread holiday cheer and not germs please keep your hands washed to help prevent illness.

**Maintenance:**

- 🌲 We are replacing the hall lights in the building. 1<sup>st</sup> floor is complete with the new lights. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floor will be replaced this month!

**Therapy:**

- 🌲 Friendly reminder-make sure you are keeping hydrated! Drink plenty of water and liquids!



**Annual Christmas Tree Lighting**

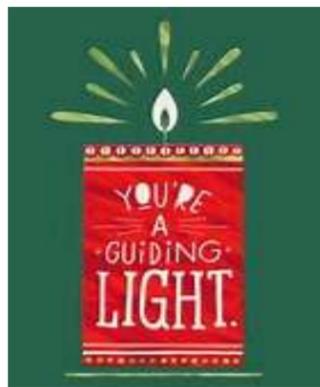
Please join us on December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm for our Annual Christmas Tree Lighting in the Main Lobby of Senior Living. Refreshments will be served in the Community Room following the Lighting.

**Christmas Menu**

Christmas Lunch will be provided Christmas Day in the Community Room from 11-1:30. If you are having guest please make a reservation with the facility receptionist by Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>.

- 🌲 Prime Rib of Beef au jus
- 🌲 Spiral Sliced Ham
- 🌲 Twice baked potatoes
- 🌲 Shrimp Cocktail
- 🌲 Cut Green Beans
- 🌲 Oyster Stew
- 🌲 Dinner Rolls
- 🌲 Assorted Holiday Cakes





We are all blessed with his choice. We are all blessed with his love in life.

## Scamming: Be On High Alert this Season

*Please keep your eyes open for some of these common scams. If you have any questions about specific calls or emails you have received please inform a staff member as soon as possible.*

### Email “phishing”

The internet is a popular tool for fraudsters. Phishing happens when a fraudster creates and sends an email that appears to be from a legit source or company that the victim does business with. The good news is, the email itself often offers clues that it is fake. Telltale signs include bad grammar or requests for sensitive information.

### IRS impersonation

A fraudster may call claiming to be an IRS official, sometimes even giving a fake badge number. The con artist usually demands immediate payment, with threats of arrest, deportation, or other legal action for unpaid taxes or due to a mistake on a tax return. IRS will never call you they will always send a letter.

## Prayer Request

### 1<sup>st</sup> Floor:

Gabriel Twyman- Health  
Fred Miller- Transition

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor:

Pat Faulconer- Grief of Sister  
Renate Ruzich- Health

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor:

Betty Glascock- Health  
Jack Glascock- Health

### Staff/ Volunteers:

Pastor Olin Herndon and Wife:  
Moving to Charlottesville

### Obituary

A fraudster calls a widow to inform her that her deceased spouse owes thousands of dollars in unpaid debt. Financial ruin is threatened if she doesn't pay quickly and a steeply discounted “settlement offer” is typically proposed.

### Grandparent

The senior receives a call, ostensibly from a grandchild claiming to have been arrested while on vacation and needing money. The fraudster asks the senior not to tell Mom and Dad because they will get angry. These calls typically happen late at night when the senior is groggy and confused. This con has evolved to the point where scammers are following actual grandchildren on social media so they can give seniors correct names, making the con seem more believable.



## Guiding Light

Christmas is more than a day in December. It's all of those things that we love to remember

It's carolers singing familiar refrains Bright colored stockings and shiny toy trains. Streamers of tinsel and glass satin balls. Laughter that rings through the house and its halls.

Christmas is more than a day in December it's the magic and the love that we'll always remember.



Doris is pictured with Health and Rehab Resident Florence Burruss.



## Volunteer Spotlight:

Ms. Doris Shumake was born and raised in Louisa, Virginia and attended Louisa County High School. After high school Doris worked for the Bank of America in Orange for ten years. Doris and her husband, Buddy, moved to Orange, Virginia in 1960 and raised two sons, Mark and Shawn. She retired from working for the Orange County school board. Doris is very active; she has volunteered at Dogwood Village for the past twenty one years and currently does our weekly News Currents program on Thursday mornings. Doris also volunteers at the Orange Visitor Center, The Heart Association and is an active member of Orange Baptist Church. She loves to travel and enjoys sharing her travel stories with our residents. Doris and her husband are UVA fans and love to attend sporting events. She also enjoys estate sales and working on their home that they are restoring in Louisa County.

## Resident Spotlight: Helen Stewart

Mrs. Helen Stewart was born in Roanoke, Va., but has resided in Orange County since 1922. Helen went on to further her education at both Mary Washington as well as Stetson and thoroughly enjoyed her time there. In 1943 Helen married her high school sweetheart William Stewart and together the couple had one daughter, Robina. While Helen enjoys shopping, gambling, and playing bridge there's nothing she loves more than her 3 beautiful granddaughters and 2 very entertaining great-grandchildren.

## Staff Spotlight: Robert Sorrell

Robert Sorrell can be seen around both the Health and Rehab and Senior Living buildings working as the Lead Maintenance Technician fixing whatever needs attention. When he's not at work or spending time with his wife Amanda and daughter Norah, Robert can be found at the gym practicing Brazilian Ju-Jitsu. With his five years of experience at Dogwood Village the best advice Robert has for new Dogwood employees is to be friendly, courteous and to always keep a positive attitude.