



LMH Beacon

Spring 2023 Edition

“The promise of spring’s arrival is enough to get anyone through the bitter winter!”

Jen Selinsky

2023 is here! We’ve made it through another year of the COVID-19 pandemic, and though the virus is still a part of our lives, it seems to be a smaller deal than before.

While we hoped for an easier start to the new year this time around, our Retirement Residence unfortunately fell victim to yet another COVID-19 outbreak. This outbreak lasted from December 28th to January 16th and roughly half of our residents contracted the virus at some point within that time. Fortunately, we were able to keep the virus from spreading to the Long Term Care Home, and residents in RR who were not sick were able to leave the building for outings and go about their days as usual. We’re glad that this outbreak is over and are hopeful for a smoother introduction to spring.

We also had an outbreak not related to COVID-19 for the first time in years - many of our RR residents suffered from a gastrointestinal flu during the last couple of weeks of February.

With the new year comes new beginnings. We were finally able to start having residents from all three LTC floors come together to participate in activities together instead of only on their own floors. We also started using the Chapel for Sing-Alongs, Catholic Mass, and other gatherings. Morning Devotions resumed in LTC after having been absent since early 2020. Slowly but surely, we are making progress in returning to pre-pandemic functions, and we couldn’t be happier about it!

This March marks the three-year milestone of the COVID-19 pandemic. It’s been a very long, stressful, and difficult three years, but we’ve made it this far and will continue to work together to make it through to the very end.

Jeff Konrad
Administrator

What did we do this Winter?



This winter was full of festive events and activities!

We were treated again to a Christmas Lights Parade by some of our community farmers - a group of tractors decorated with Christmas lights paraded up and down Garrison Avenue and Pickwick Drive, to the delight of our residents. RR residents were invited to an evening of Christmas lights and treats in our Courtyard and Berg Lounge. Residents and staff enjoyed hot chocolate and snacks, Christmas carols, and a great time of fellowship. RR residents also went on a bus trip light tour to see the displays of Christmas lights in our community. Some of our LTC residents were treated to holiday manicures by our PSW staff, and had their nails painted with snowmen and other holiday designs.

Long Term Care residents got creative with our activity staff and made different crafts, like mini snowmen from old saltshakers and google-eyed valentine characters. In the Retirement Residence, we tried painting classes and went on shopping trips to Wal-Mart. As Valentine's Day came around, we had a small party with coffee, treats, and musical entertainment provided by Dorothy & Richard Poisson.

This winter has been very mild with few snowy days in between. Hopefully this will lead into even warmer weather as we move into spring!

New Faces

RR

Joy Balkwill
Lydia Baleman

LTC Floor 2

Geraldine "Gerry" McFlustan
Leonard Manias
Anne Kolaritsch
Ida Schellert

LTC Floor 3

Peter Quiring
Irene Rempel
Helena Klassen

Departed Friends

John Driedger
December 5th

Betty Hildebrandt
December 15th

Erna Goron
December 30th

Bruno Penner
January 7th

John Grundner
January 10th

Lawrence Woelk
January 19th

Richard David
January 24th

Hilda Enns
February 12th

Rudy Tiessen
February 15th

Susie Driedger
February 26th



In Loving Memory

Brittany Collard

MAY 8, 1991 - FEBRUARY 8, 2023

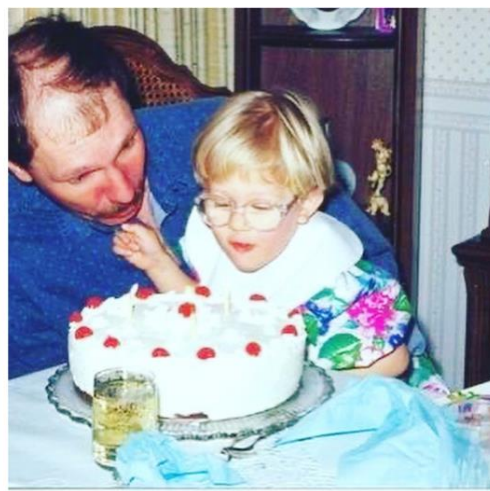


A LIFE THAT TOUCHES THE HEARTS OF
OTHERS WILL LIVE ON FOREVER...

"IN A WORLD WHERE YOU
CAN BE ANYTHING, BE KIND"



OUR HEARTS ARE SADDENED BY THE SUDDEN AND UNEXPECTED PASSING OF BRITTANY COLLARD. BRITTANY WAS THE SOCIAL WORKER AT OUR HOME, PROVIDING SUPPORT TO RESIDENTS IN LONG TERM CARE, RETIREMENT RESIDENCE AND THE COMPLEX. BRITTANY WAS KNOWN FOR MAKING SURE ALL THOSE AROUND HER FELT LOVED AND VALUED. SHE INSPIRED THE GOODNESS IN PEOPLE BY REMINDING US DAILY TO BE KIND TO ONE ANOTHER, TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER, AND TO TREAT EACH OTHER WITH DIGNITY AND RESPECT. AS WE MOURN HER PASSING MAY GOD GRANT HER FAMILY AND ALL OF US PEACE AND COMFORT.



CREMATION HAS TAKEN PLACE.

A CELEBRATION OF BRITTANY'S LIFE WILL BE HELD AT A LATER DATE.

IN LIEU OF FLOWERS, MEMORIAL DONATIONS MAY BE MADE BY CHEQUE TO THE LEAMINGTON MENNONITE HOME OR CROHN'S AND COLITIS FOUNDATION BY CONTACTING REID FUNERAL HOME.

Spring 2023

INTERNATIONAL
WOMEN'S DAY

March 8th



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

MARCH 12TH



ST. PATRICK'S DAY

MARCH 17, 2023



First Day of
Spring

March 20th



PALM SUNDAY

April 2nd



GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 7TH
FRONT OFFICE CLOSED



easter

April 9th

EARTH DAY

April 22nd



Mother's Day

May 14th



Victoria Day

MAY 22ND | FRONT OFFICE CLOSED



Our next newsletter will be available at the
beginning of June





Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

(Matthew 28:1-10)

Communion Service

We will be having a Communion Service for both Long Term Care and Retirement residents on Wednesday, April 5th at 2:00pm. This service will be held in the Chapel and we will be hearing from Ken Driedger from NLUMC.

Resident Easter Meal

On Easter Sunday we will be having a special lunch of ham and scalloped potatoes. Dessert will be included!





PLEASE DO NOT BRING LILIES INTO OUR HOME

While we all enjoy the brightness that lilies bring to a room, we do have staff within our Home who are severely allergic to them.

Thank you for your helping us keep our Home a safe space for our staff!



**A REMINDER FOR
RESIDENTS AND
THEIR FAMILIES:**



**IF YOU ARE BRINGING A BIRTHDAY CAKE
FOR TO BE SERVED ON YOUR/YOUR LOVED
ONE'S BIRTHDAY,
PLEASE NOTIFY OUR RECEPTIONIST
(MELISSAGEBRAEL@MENNONITEHOME.CA)
OR OUR DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL &
RECREATION SERVICES
(JUDY@MENNONITEHOME.CA)
BY 2PM THE DAY PRIOR**

**THIS GIVES OUR DIETARY
STAFF ENOUGH TIME TO
PLAN ACCORDINGLY AND
ENSURES THAT THE CAKE
WILL BE SERVED AT YOUR
DESIRED TIME**





- Proof of vaccination is not a requirement to enter our building.
- Residents may have up to four individuals at a time for a visit in their room.
- Visitors should not enter the Home within ten days of visiting an individual with a confirmed case of COVID-19 and/or an individual experiencing COVID-19 symptoms.
- Everyone entering the Home is required to receive a Rapid Antigen Test and wait at least fifteen minutes before proceeding to the resident area. Children under the age of two are exempt from rapid testing. Testing hours are from 9am-5:45pm seven days a week.
- Everyone entering our building is required to wear one of our medical masks for the duration of their visit. Children under the age of two are exempt from masking. Visitors may remove their masks in their resident's room.
- Passive screening will include inventory of current symptoms and exposure. Anyone showing symptoms of COVID-19 must not be allowed to enter the Home or visit on our property with the resident.
- If you are taking a resident out of the building, please contact the nurse on the resident's floor in a timely manner.
- While we will not be booking visits in the Greenspace this year, residents and visitors are welcome to use this space for their visits. Our staff will not escort residents to this space - visitors are required to come inside to assist the resident.
- Pets are allowed in our building provided they are up to date on veterinary vaccinations and registered with the Front Office beforehand.



A word from our Chaplain

February 14th is a day we all know as "Valentines Day". It's a day that people all over the world are giving and receiving cards, flowers, chocolates, jewelry, and more out of love for one another. I remember as a child in elementary school we would spend part of the afternoon having a Valentine's Day party. We would have our decorated boxes where the other kids would put in their valentines, and we would share heart-shaped cookies or cupcakes with heart-shaped sprinkles with each other.

One of the most powerful messages we can share with people today is that God loves them. Romans 5:8 reminds us that, "God demonstrated his love toward us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us".

A traveler fell into a deep pit and couldn't get out. Several people saw him struggling in the pit.

The sensitive person said, "I feel for you down there."

The reflective person said, "It's logical that someone would fall into this pit."

The aesthetic person said, "I can give you ideas how to decorate your pit."

The judgmental person said, "Only bad people fall into the pit."

The curious person said, "Tell me how you fell into the pit."

The evaluator said, "Tell me, are you paying taxes on this pit."

The self-pitying person said, "You should have seen my pit."

The optimist said, "Cheer up! Things could get worse."

The pessimist said, "Be prepared! Things will get worse."

But Jesus, seeing the man, took him by the hand and lifted him out of the miserable pit.

It doesn't do any good to talk about love and compassion without demonstrating it. You see not everyone in my class would receive the same number of cards, in fact some received very few. My parents taught me to love everyone, so every single one of my classmates received a valentine card from me and it made me feel good, even though I endured some teasing.

The prophet Hosea says that we are linked to God with cords of love, cords that cannot be broken (Hosea 11:4). God, who is the source of love, transforms us by His love.

Lowell Froese
Chaplain

Church Family News



LUMC

December 6th - *Prayer Service for Nancy & David Dyck*

December 9th - *All Ages Christmas Movie Night*

December 11th - *Catechism Classes start*

December 11th - *Moving Forward in Hope, Soli Deo Gloria Singers Choral Concert*

December 18th - *Candlelight Service, fellowship over cookies, coffee, and tea to follow*

January 1st - *New Year's Day Service, sharing with Kevin Greenwood, Ron Willms, Sydney Hildebrandt, and Johanna Dyck*

February 5th - *Mission Fair*

February 8th - *Friendship Circle, coffee/tea and conversation*

February 18th - *God's Calling for the Church in Post-Christendom Canada, workshop presented by Colin McCartney*

NLUMC

December - *Keeping Heads Warm! Toques for Kids!*

December 11th - *Congregational Discernment Exercise: Part 1, Liminal Spaces - What are our blessings and what continues to energize us at NLUMC?*

December 28th - *Intergenerational Games Night, board games and treats for all ages*

January 11th - *Congregational Meeting, Education Team updates*

January 13th - *Pizza Night at the Roma Club, to take place the second Friday of each month, organized by the Community Building Team*

January 15th - *Congregational Discernment Exercise: Part 2, Aspiring to follow God in our discipleship*

January 22nd - *Annual General Meeting, in person only*

February 5th - *Faith Exploration Classes begin, for all who may be interested in getting baptized this spring*

February 2nd - *Games Night*

Faith Mennonite Church

December 9th - *Boogie Down to Bethlehem*, performance at The Bank Theatre

December 14th - *SPARK! Christmas Cookie Party*

December 24th - *Candlelight Service*, pre-recorded service on Christmas Day

January 29th - *Annual Congregational Meeting*

February 25th - *Lenten Retreat*

Deer Run Church

December 6th - *Women's Crafty Christmas Party*

December 11th - *Comedy Christmas Experience*

January 21st - *Frues Dach*, low German women's event

February 12th - *Congregational Reports Meeting*

February 12th & 19th - *Child Dedication Orientation*

Meadow Brook Church

December 4th - *Sweets, Soups, & Sweaters Christmas Luncheon*

December 6th - *Prayer Training Night*, learning how to pray for others and different types of prayer

December 18th - *Baptism Sunday*

December 24th - *Christmas Eve Service*, online service available on Christmas Day

January 1st - *Annual Pancake Breakfast*

February 13th - *Annual General Meeting*



*For where two or three gather in my name,
there am I with them.*

Matthew 18:20 (NIV)



Essex Kent Mennonite Historical Association

January 21st - *Super Soup Night*, at UMEI

Mennonite Church Eastern Canada

February 15th - *Walking Together: Intercultural Stories of Love and Acceptance*, online book study

UMEI

December 8th - *Christmas Concert*

December 16th - *The Giver*, presented by Senior Drama

December 17th & 18th - *UMEI & Windsor Symphony Orchestra performance*

January 20th - *Experience Day*, for Grade 7 and 8 students to preview our classes

February 15th - *Student Open House*, tour the facility, speak with faculty, all grades welcome

February 26th - *Community Fundraiser Lunch*, Mennonite sausage, chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, salad, corn, buns, dessert. Admission by donation, take-out available.



Are you looking for something to do out in the community with your family and friends? Give one of these events a try!

***I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change* - March 3rd-5th and 10th-12th
The Bank Theatre, Leamington
Time: 7:30pm (2:30pm on Sundays)
Visit banktheatre.com to purchase tickets and for more information.**

***Maple Syrup Festival* - March 4th-5th, 11th-12th, and 18th-19th
John R. Park Homestead, Essex
Time: 11am-4pm**

Experience this sweet-tasting tradition and a celebration of natural and cultural heritage in our community with special themes to enjoy each weekend.

***The Price is Right* - March 17th-18th
The Colosseum at Caesars Windsor
Time: 8pm Friday, 2pm Saturday**

Early arrival is required to accommodate show security process. Shows will start on time and late arrival may result in longer wait times and late entrance into the show.

***Country Western Night* - April 26th
Kingsville Brewing Co. Taphouse
Time: 6pm**

We'll have instructional line dancing from 6-7pm and country music and Texas BBQ all night long. save your spot by calling the Taphouse directly at 519-712-8884 Ext. 1.



Meet your Neighbors

Long Term Care

Larry Derbyshire



Larry was born in Leamington in July 1943. He married his wife, Ruth Ann, in February 1967 and together they have two daughters, Lisa and Danielle.

He grew up on the family farm near Wheatley and attended the public school where East Mersea sits today. Larry has many fond memories of playing in the hay loft of the barn as a child with his brothers and sister, jumping from the loft to the giant pile of hay below. One of Larry's favorite possessions would be his old 8N Ford tractor, which he restored and was able to drive in the Wheatley

Fish Festival Parade in 1992. One of Larry's greatest achievements was renovating and restoring the family's century old farmhouse in the 1970s.

Larry has lived in our Home since April 2015. Ruth Ann also lived in our Home and passed away in January 2020.

Retirement Residence

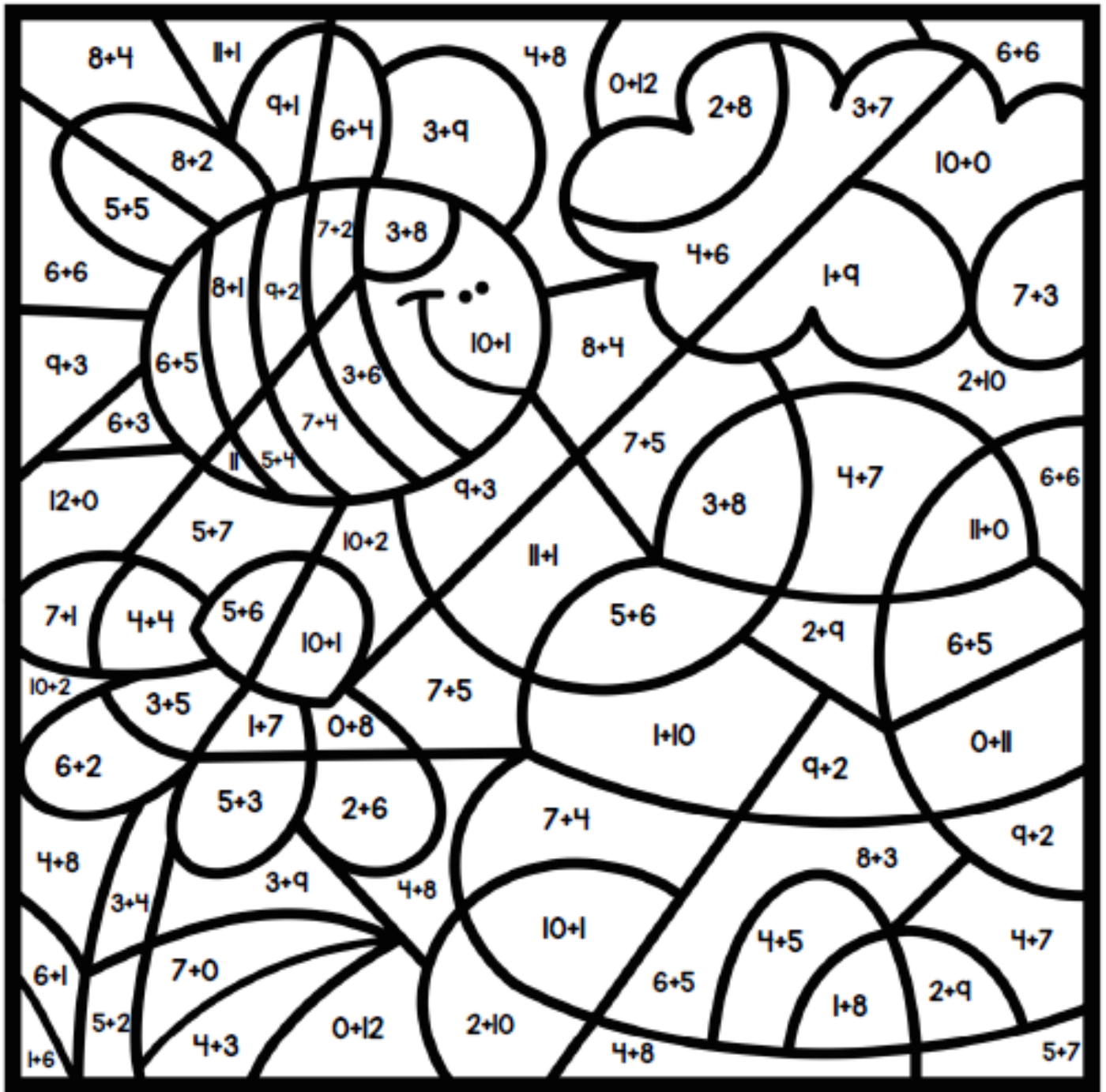
Freda was born in July 1929 in Breslau, Ontario and grew up living in Kitchener. She was employed at *Bud's Department Store* as a secretary. Freda met her husband, Walter, in Guelph on a blind date through a mutual friend when he came to play baseball. They were married two years later.

Freda and Walter lived in the Leamington area and Freda worked in the office at Heinz. She enjoyed gardening, quilting, knitting, and any kind of hands-on work. Freda and Walter have three children: one daughter and two sons. They also have grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Freda has lived in our Home since October 2015.

Freda Unrau





Use the color code to finish the picture!

7 = green	8 = pink	9 = black
10 = white	11 = yellow	12 = blue



SPRING



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BIRDS	KITE	NEST	WARM
DROP	LEAF	RAIN	WIND
FROG	MAY	SEEDS	WORM

