

# In Seasons

A News Update for Residents, Families and Friends of MHCO



Summer 2011

*A Life Enriching Community*

## Calendar of Events

**June 20th, Men's Banquet ~  
MMH**

**June 23rd, Men's Banquet ~  
Maple Crest**

**June 30th, Resident and Family  
Picnic ~ MMH**

**July 14th, Hobby Show ~ Maple  
Crest**

**August 11th, Riverbend & Maple  
Crest Picnic ~ Maple Crest**

**August 14th, Concert on the  
Lawn, "Pantasia Steel Drum  
Band" ~ MMH**

**September 24, Fall Festival ~  
Maple Crest and MMH**

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## Mennonite Home Health Expands Their Services

Fifteen years ago Mennonite Home Health began serving homebound seniors who needed post-surgical care, therapy or other types of clinical care. Mennonite Home Health was proactive as it began serving elders in the community. Now, as more elders choose to stay in their home, Mennonite Home Health looks to provide services to meet their needs.

Mennonite Home Health is proud to introduce the addition of Senior Services. Nurses and specially trained Home Care Assistants collaborate with patients, families, physicians and other members of the health care team to meet physical, emotional and spiritual needs of each individual. In addition to nurses coming into the home, now there are Home Care Assistants that can come and provide a wide range of services to seniors.

Mennonite Home Health & Senior Services employ confident, caring nurses, therapists and Home Care Assistants who have years of experience caring for seniors. Seniors are finding this option an efficient and economical form of health care and in certain circumstances; recovery is faster and more comfortable in their own home. Your doctor and family can work

right along with the Home Health skilled nurses and Home Care Assistants on your plan of care.

MHCO is committed to provide the perfect blend of life-enriching continuing care services.

### Services offered by Mennonite Home Health & Senior Services

#### Home Care Assistants Provide:

- Personal Care such as bathing, dressing and personal grooming
- Meal preparation
- Grocery shopping or errands
- Housekeeping and Laundry
- Transportation
- Companionship

#### Nurses and Therapists Provide:

- Skilled Nursing Services
- Post-Surgical Care
- Speech Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Medication Assistance

Call us today at 419-358-1015 to learn more about the exceptional Home Health & Senior Services at MHCO.



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**Laura Voth**  
CEO of MHCO

## Thoughts from the CEO...

We recently had the privilege of thanking our 429 volunteers who gave 6085 hours of service to the elders of Mennonite Home Communities. What a gift! Sometimes, it is harder to give time than money, but these folks enhance the quality of life of our residents by giving time. Lots of time!

Interestingly, not all of these willing servants come from the community. Some are people who are currently living with us. What can we learn from our elders on this point? I believe the lesson is that it is good for the soul to serve others. Being able to contribute to society is a key ingredient to positive self-esteem. Our mission statement says that we promote personal decision-making and purposeful living for each individual that we serve. Creating opportunities for our own residents to "help out" is a win-win for all.


One of my favorite verses from the Bible is Isaiah 46:4 (NIV) "Even to your old age and gray hairs I am He, I am He who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you." That is God's word to each one of us, regardless of our age. But, God counts on us to help Him fulfill this promise. Mennonite Home Communities wants to be the hands and feet of Christ in caring for the older adult. Our volunteers are the hands and feet of Christ as they selflessly give their time to enhance the lives of our residents. *For that, we humbly thank them.*

# Newcomer Becomes First Male Recipient of Fleming Scholarship

**Matthew Newcomer** is the 2011 recipient of the **Barbara Fleming Memorial Nursing Scholarship**. Matthew is a senior at McComb High School and will be attending Bowling Green State University in the fall where he will work towards a BS in Nursing. Matthew is the valedictorian of his class and is actively involved in school, church and community events. One of his teachers stated, "It is evident that Matt is committed to helping people in his community. It is simply a staple part of his character." Matt sees nursing as an excellent way to continue serving the community. *Congratulations Matthew!*


Matt acknowledges that nursing is a female dominated field but his self-awareness of his strengths and interests has allowed him to pursue this profession with confidence. Pat Emery, Director of Nursing at Mennonite Memorial Home (MMH), has been very pleased with the male nurses and nurses assistants that serve our elders. "Male nurses can bring a different perspective and they demonstrate that a compassionate and nurturing spirit is not reserved for women," Emery says. "The residents very much appreciate their gifts and personalities," she added. While male residents make up only 21% of total residents at MMH, having men on staff helps provide well-rounded care for the elders. Ben Sehlhorst, one of the male nurses on staff, chose nursing because of the direct care and hands-on assistance he is able to provide the residents. While he started in pharmacy, he thoroughly enjoys brightening elders' days with his smile and positive attitude.

Matt is the 11th individual to receive a \$500 scholarship made possible by Barbara's daughter and husband, Carolyn (also a nurse) and Don Beitz. Mrs. Fleming, an MMH resident from 1997-2000, was trained as a nurse and throughout her life exhibited the caring nature that characterizes the profession. When the scholarship was established in 2002, Carolyn stated, "I want to encourage the development of nurses. I know how my mother cared for people through her training as a nurse. I have enjoyed my career as a nurse, and I have seen the caring nurses at Mennonite Memorial Home. Now, through this scholarship, I can memorialize my mother and encourage the pursuit of nursing as a career." Ten years later, the dividends from the original investment continue to support the education of individuals pursuing a degree in nursing. The annual deadline to apply for the scholarship is March 31.

The Barbara Fleming Memorial Nursing Scholarship is one of several ways Mennonite Home Communities serves the broader community. MHCO also has an Endowment Fund that generates income to support the benevolent needs of eligible assisted living residents. If you are interested in making a gift like Barbara's that keeps on giving, simply check the appropriate box on the enclosed envelope or contact Doug Luginbill at 419-358-1015 or e-mail [dluginbill@mmhliving.org](mailto:dluginbill@mmhliving.org). 

## Veronica Conley is New CFO

Veronica Conley, CPA, began as Chief Financial Officer of MHCO on March 14th. Veronica has had a variety of financial leadership experiences in both for-profit and not-for-profit organizations. A graduate of the University of Dayton, Veronica is married to Steve and is the mother of three children Matt, Veronica Jean (a 4th generation Veronica), and Tyler. She lives in Delphos where she is active at St. John Parish. Veronica enjoys reading, sewing, boating on Lake Erie, attending her children's activities and

is an avid Delphos St. John/Notre Dame fan. When asked what she appreciates about MHCO, she says "I appreciate the opportunity to work for an organization that provides a quality service in a faith-based environment. The employees have been very friendly and supportive. The residents have been delightful. I feel truly blessed to be a part of MHCO!" We are glad to have Veronica as a member of the leadership team at MHCO. 

## Charitable Giving from an IRA is a Win-Win

*Fred and Sally (not their real names) wanted to make a gift to the New Vision campaign. Sally was 71 and Fred just reached the magical age of 70 ½. (70 ½ is when required minimum distributions, or RMDs, must be taken from an IRA.) Their lifestyle did not depend upon receiving all the income from their RMD. By donating a portion of their IRA directly to Mennonite Home Communities of Ohio, they were able to fulfill their desire to support a ministry they love, lower their taxable income, and avoid paying tax on part of their IRA. This way of giving was a win-win for Fred, Sally, Mennonite Home and ultimately the elders we serve.*

Key requirements and components of donating IRA distributions include:

- Owner of the IRA must be 70 ½
- Traditional, Rollover and Roth IRAs qualify
- Maximum amount of a taxpayer's qualified charitable distribution must not exceed \$100,000 per tax year
- Distributions must be made directly to a charity. (Private foundations and donor advised funds do not qualify.)

This provision may be especially attractive for retirees who don't need all the income from their IRA to meet current living expenses. By donating the money to charity, donors enjoy the satisfaction of knowing they are contributing to a worthy cause while lowering their tax bill.

## Donating IRA assets can be a financially rewarding strategy for both you and the charity.

If you would like to learn more or have questions about charitable giving to MHCO, please call Doug Luginbill @ 419-358-1015. As always, you should talk with your financial representative or tax advisor before making a decision that alters your tax situation.



## Green House® Homes Coming to Willow Ridge

Recently the residents and staff of Mennonite Home Communities of Ohio were invited to participate in a “baby naming.” The “baby” was the new Green House Campus being proposed on the property across the road from Maple Crest Senior Living Village on Augsburg Road west of Bluffton. Earlier, residents and staff were invited to submit names. Focus groups narrowed the names down to 4-5 and eventually two names were submitted for a vote.

In early March a vote was conducted on both the Maple Crest and Mennonite Memorial Home campuses and **Willow Ridge** became the new name for the Green House campus!

The naming of the campus is one of two recent milestones of the New Vision campaign. On March 2 the Certificate of Need (CON) was filed with the State of Ohio. The CON is required for the construction of any new nursing facility. The CON process typically takes 4-6 months.

Entitled *A New Vision: Transforming Elder Living*, the \$2.1 million campaign will provide the capital necessary to move forward with the two goals of the campaign:

- Construction of two Green House Homes on the Willow Ridge campus.
- Creation of a short term rehab unit with 10-12 private rooms on the second floor of Mennonite Memorial Home.

Planning and fund raising continue. The vision is moving closer to reality. A campaign of this size is unprecedented at MHCO. Board members, staff, supporting churches and campaign cabinet members have contributed generously toward the campaign. Many in the community have also demonstrated their support. Personal visits with potential partners continue.

Anyone who would like to partner with us to transform how we provide skilled nursing care to our elders is invited to contact Doug Luginbill, Director of Resource Development and Church Relations at 419-358-1015 or [dluginbill@mmhliving.org](mailto:dluginbill@mmhliving.org).





### Wish List Items:

Portable combination radio and CD players.

DVD's-classic movies, travel, family, National Geographic and Hallmark

Plant stands for individual plants or a grouping

Storage totes – clear, 64 or 66 qt.

Bake ware for resident activities – muffin tins, cookie sheets, 9x13 pans.

## Honor Your Loved One with a Living Memorial

Daffodils and tulips, roses and coreopsis, hostas and sedum, boxwood and viburnum, flowering plums and crabapples; these are some of the shrubs, flowers and trees that will soon greet our residents and guests at Mennonite Memorial Home. Mennonite Memorial Home is redeveloping its entrance gardens. If you would like to contribute a plant in memory or honor of someone you love, simply complete the form below and send it along with your payment in the envelope provided. You may also make an online gift by going to [mmhliving.org](http://mmhliving.org) and clicking on “make a donation.” Your gift will bring joy to residents and guests for many years to come. Please use the enclosed gift to add beauty to the landscape and joy to the elders and guests at Mennonite Memorial Home.

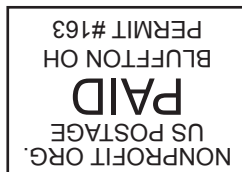
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