

# In Seasons

A News Update for Residents, Families and Friends of MMH

Mennonite Home Communities of Ohio



Fall 2008

The Energy of Life

## Activities Calendar



**Mennonite Memorial Home**  
*Celebrating 50 Years!*

Dec. 9-6:00 PM Resident/Family Christmas Potluck



**Maple Crest**  
*Celebrating 5 Years!*

Dec. 2-6:30 PM Ask the Expert:  
Mr. Ron Michel, Financial Advisor

Dec. 7-2:30 PM Ryan Ferris,  
Senior recital

Dec. 10-7:00 PM Outing:  
Christmas Cantata by the St. John  
United Church of Christ choir

Dec. 12-6:30 PM Special Program:  
The Barberettes, with Jayne  
McGarrity

Dec. 18-7:00 PM Christmas  
Worship Service for residents and  
family

Jan. 9-2:00 PM Rena J. Holfinger  
performing on the saxophone.

Jan. 12-7:00 PM Memorial Service



## National Green House® Capital Campaign Initiative Coming to MHCO



Mennonite Home Communities of Ohio (MHCO) strives to be the best care provider in our area. One of the new concepts that we are currently working on is considered a progressive step that would break the mold in skilled nursing care. This vision includes the building of six homes on 15 acres, located conveniently across from Maple Crest. These homes will be the new center of care for many of our nursing residents and are affiliated with the national model called Green Houses. (For more information on Green Houses, please visit <http://www.ncbcapitalimpact.org>.)


The six MHCO Green House homes will include ten private rooms, each having a private bath. These new homes are centered around the hearth, which includes an open kitchen, dining and living room. In this hearth area, families and elders share in the day-to-day life experiences and join together in fellowship.

Through these Green Houses, elders will have an opportunity to keep their daily schedule, receive individualized care and retain their dignity. Because care happens in a smaller environment, the elders and

families can contribute to choosing their activities, menus, and the décor of their house.

MHCO promises to keep true to its mission, which is to provide quality living settings where individuals can enjoy living as independently as their physical and mental abilities allow, in settings where each person feels valued, loved, and at home. We are convinced after visiting several Green Houses that this is the best way of achieving that mission.

It is such an honor for us to have the privilege to care for the elders in our community. We know that you have put your trust in us to give them the best clinical, spiritual and emotional care possible and we take that charge seriously.

MHCO is conducting a capital campaign to raise two millions dollars to go toward the construction of these new homes. If you would like information on how you can become a partner with us in this endeavor or would like more information about the project give Julie Stratton a call at 419-369-4715. 

## Gifts & Memorials

### Bette Barre

Marilyn Bullock  
Dorothy Williams  
Anne Reichenbach  
Donna and David Kacerek

### Carroll Cramer

Bluffton Community Sportsmen's Club  
Duane Andrews  
Heidi Johnson  
Gerald and Ardene Steiger  
Josephine Lombardo  
PGS Marine and PGS Data Services

### Davis Edmiston

Donald and Romaine Pannabecker  
Otto and Elizabeth Bollenbacher  
Daniel and Victoria Berger  
James and Susan Sommer  
Mike and Mary Edmiston

### Charles Farling

Darvin and Evelyn Luginbuhl  
Dean and Joanne Niswander  
Clark and Mary Lou Frazier  
William Phillips  
Telesis Club  
John and Jo Ann Miller  
Henry and Phyllis Ford  
John and Lisa O'Neil

### Jo Firestine

Ben and Heather Dorr  
Velma White  
Ron and Barbara Dorr  
David and Julie Stratton  
Robert and Mary Lou Emans  
Maurice and Eileen Garmatter  
Elnora Stratton  
Shirley Koorsen  
Bill and Nettie Ferrall  
Sharon Basinger Family  
Bonnie Schroeder Family  
Susie Clossen

### Edith Motter

Luke and Dorothy Lugibihl and Jay

### Ruth Nonnamaker

Tom and Roberta Reiter  
Bob and Marilyn Deter

### Lois Rodabaugh

Richard and Jayne McGarrity  
Elgene Neiswander  
Mrs. Ron Neiswander and Family  
Bluffton Lions Club  
John and Janet Pilarowski  
Alan and Diann Yoder  
David and Julie Stratton  
Robert Flick  
Doris Erskine  
Herbert and Doris Conrad  
James and Laurie Blackburn  
Ed and Peg Murphy  
Chris and Gail Rodabaugh  
Chuck and Roberta Rodabaugh

### Elnor Rodeheffer

James Williams  
Richard and Corrinne Boehr  
Tom Hoskins  
Elizabeth Shelly  
Harold and Donna Knatz  
Anne Reichenbach  
Theda Hankish

# Letter from Interim CEO, Dr. George Lehman



Since former CEO Lynn Thompson's resignation on August 1, I have had the privilege of serving as Interim CEO of Mennonite Home Communities of Ohio. One of the

things that has impressed me is the depth and quality of the members of the Leadership Team and throughout the organization. We are actively pursuing a qualified candidate and hope to have the CEO position filled early in 2009.

The major priority during the interim period this fall has been actively putting the pieces in place to launch the building of a set of residential style nursing care units that fit in with a nationwide movement called Green Houses where elders flourish. These preparations include:

- Planning for six ten-person units on 15 acres of land, the so-called "Bazzy Property," immediately across the street from Maple Crest
- Launching a process to formally name the new facilities
- Pursuing our \$2,000,000 capital campaign goal
- Conducting site testing and engineering studies
- Selecting the Clemens Construction Group to work with us during the pre-construction and construction phases of the project
- Identifying options for financing a portion of the project

Our hope is to lay the groundwork, so that when the new CEO is appointed he or she will be able to formally set the project in motion within a short period of time. 🌿

## Check us out on the Web

Do you like surfing the web for information? If so, then you will love the way our site looks and the information you can find at [www.mmhliving.org](http://www.mmhliving.org). We encourage you to check us out and see the new and exciting items listed on our website.

You will find valuable resources, such as our Calendar of Events, information about all our services, applications for residency, employment opportunities, and much more. We have even included the floor plans for apartments and duplexes to make your decision to choose MHCO that much easier. We have a great Community Service page that will let you know of other things you can take advantage of, like our FREE speakers bureau listing under information referral. We will also be posting helpful links to other websites that may assist you in gathering the information you desire.



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Feel free to reach any of us using email directory found in the Contact Us page. We'd love to hear from you! If there are topics or items you would like added to the website, let us know. We want to continue to provide you with the information and resources you are looking for and improve the communication to you, our readers. 🌿

# New Duplexes at Crimson Maple Court



Our future plans include constructing several more new duplexes in Crimson Maple Court. If you are interested in one of the new construction projects, you will have the ability to customize your home by selecting floor plans, finishes and other details. Don't miss this opportunity to have a duplex built especially for you. For a tour or additional information, call us today at 419-358-7654. 🍁

The **newest** addition to Mennonite Home Communities of Ohio are the duplexes at Crimson Maple Court, located in the Riverbend sub-division behind Maple Crest. These homes have between 1500 - 1650 square feet, contain 2-3 bedrooms, two full baths, cathedral ceilings in the living room, a dining room, spacious kitchen, utility room, and a generous two car garage.



If you would like a tour, we currently have one duplex available in Crimson Maple Court and two duplexes in Red Maple Court. All are available for immediate occupancy. As part of the Maple Crest family, many amenities in the main building are extended to you, including the use of the indoor pool and spa.

- 1500-1650 sq. ft.
- 2 car garage
- 2-3 bedrooms
- Utility Room

## Wish List

### Mennonite Memorial Home

- Digital Camera for activities dept.
- TV for staff training videos
- JVC Sound Systems (cost \$250 each)
- Two home made ice cream mixers
- Bakeware and kitchen supplies for culinary activities
- CD's - instrumental/easy listening
- DVD's - classic movies, travel, family, Hallmark
- Portable combination radio and CD players
- Van with a lift
- Small folding tables for resident use

- TV's with earphone jacks for short term residents
- Children's outdoor jungle gym 🍁

### Maple Crest

- Gazebo
- Grill
- Deck Furniture
- Patio Furniture
- Fitness Equipment
- Sound System 🍁

- Wanda Pannabecker
- Carol DillerDorothy Williams
- Harvey and Pauline Bauman
- Gladys Fledderjohann and Family
- Elmer and Evlayn Shultz
- Mark Yoder
- Morris Fett
- Margaret Chiles
- Richard Armstrong
- Burton and Elnore Yost
- Armin and Evelyn Kroehler

#### Sarah Granger

- William and Carolyn Marcum
- Debbie and Dwight and
- Cooper Tire Truck Drivers & Wives
- Bill and Sharon Newlove
- William and Mary Woolley
- Theda Lehman
- Harold and Tamara Parkins

#### Phyllis Hilty

- Mark and Marjorie Hilty
- Wilton and Pat Campbell
- Jon and Wanda Hilty
- Martha Campbell
- Dan and Kay Tomlin
- Evelyn Crow
- Helen Hilty
- Hedy Baker
- Family of Warren and Ruth Campbell
- Joe and Jean Huisinga
- Walter and Deborah Warren
- Lee and Judy Cash
- Glenn and Brenda Reeser
- Hannah McCarty
- Sandra Finkel and Family
- Frank and Debra Sylvester

#### Nellie Jett

- Carole and Sam Tong and Family

#### Howard Kohler

- Bluffton High School Class of 1952

#### Martha Lewis

- Dave and Jean Gleason
- Tom and Amy Doty
- William and Phyllis Griffith
- Donald and Lois Barth

#### Eula Meyer

- Margaret Latham
- Donald and Patricia Bunge
- Mr. and Mrs. John Rieker

#### Mary Schiffke

- Mike and Sudy Reichenbach
- Sharon Young

#### Keith Snyder

- Robert and Linny Fleming
- Holly and Terry Dunson
- Melvin, Shelly, and Mackenzie Smith
- Bob and Julie Kindred
- Dennis and Tonia King
- Errol and Bonnie Plate
- Dave's Excavating
- Robin and Matt Rinehart
- Team EJP
- James and Gina Pugin
- James and Eleanor Long
- David and Vivien Shaffer
- Howard and Shirley Dodge and Family

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## Gifts & Memorials *(con't)*

Janice Lawrence  
Helen Patton  
Roger and Audrey Dodge  
Jim and Marja Erb  
Clarence and Betty Barringer  
Gerald and Patricia Locke

### Gwen Walters


Steve and Pamela Stiles

### June Whaley


St. John Mennonite Church  
Home Builders Sunday School Class



### *Mennonite Memorial Home*

was listed one of the  
*State's Top Assisted Living Facilities Rated*  
*6th* out of 514 facilities and  
received a 94.4% satisfaction rate. 

### *Mennonite Memorial Home*

was already rated high in the  
*State's Top Nursing Home Facilities*  
41st in the state out of 955. 

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