



Village Voice



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Holiday Philosophy Explained

At this time of preparing for Christmas – through Advent as a Christian and through decorating, gifts, foods and celebrations for believers and non-believers alike, I would like to explain Presbyterian Villages of Michigan’s philosophy about holidays.

Because we receive federal money for housing subsidies, some people think that “separation of church and state” means that to comply with fair housing laws, we should not celebrate *any* religious holiday unless we celebrate *every* holiday celebrated by *every* religion and that celebrations are *neutral*.

At PVM, our perspective about fair housing and religious holidays is as follows:

- We will have respect for all religious holidays and honor their celebrations.
- We will avoid pressuring anyone to participate in specific holiday celebrations.
- We will not use holiday celebrations to promote changes in specific religious preferences.
- We will attempt to recognize and celebrate additional holidays, based on resident demographics and requests.
- We will not promote the celebration of holidays in a religious neutral manner.

I hope you found this interesting.

Anne Lilla, Administrator

A Presidential Farewell

We honor President Bush for his service to the country, his genuine kindness and his love of family. A major achievement during his presidency was the demise of the Soviet Union and the freedom of millions of people in Eastern Europe. Later his Thousand Points of Light Foundation enriched the lives of millions of people in this country.



Thanksgiving Tradition

It has been a tradition at Warren Glenn for Betty Challenger, Joyce Wilde and others to prepare a nice turkey dinner for residents staying in the building for the holiday. A dozen people attended this year and Eunice Stevens donated the turkey. Now Betty and Joyce have decided to return. We would like to thank them for their time and effort in offering this wonderful gift of their time, culinary skills and kindness.



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Warren Glenn

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Look for PVM on:





**Begin the holidays with a
Christmas Party on
December 12 at
6:00 p.m. in the
Community Room**

**Join us for a lovely dinner, visit from Santa & music!
Sign-up in the mailroom.**

**EYES TO THE SKIES!
WINTER WEATHER**

Denise Giallombardo, B.S.W.
Service Coordinator

Brrrr, it's already cold and snowing! **All the more reason to watch the daily weather report on the news.**

Eyes To The Skies means to be aware of:

Changes in the clouds (hail, rain, snow, ice storm)

Wind Advisory/Warning (strong winds possible, strong gusts, damage to property, possible power outages)

Winter Storm Watch/Warning (significant snow accumulation, ice)

Road conditions which are hazardous and it's unsafe to drive

Remember, the weather might be fine at first but can change quickly in the winter

You should have a flashlight, batteries, extra blanket, and emergency food in case the power goes out. The building might be closed; staff might not come in due to severe weather; and Senior Nutrition does not come in when Warren Consolidated Schools is closed. Plan your doctor visits, shopping, errands, etc. around the weather, so that you aren't caught in it. Stay safe!



You are invited to a New Year's Eve Party
December 31, 7:00 p.m., Community Room.
Free Pizza, Salad, Bread Sticks and Pop
Dessert donations needed.

50/50 Raffle
Nov. & Dec. Birthdays

Games
Visiting

Welcome the New Year at midnight with prayers of thanks for our blessings and good wishes for 2019.

Introducing New Residents

Terry Smith, Apartment 235 Our new residents are Terry Smith and her sweet cat, Lacy. Terry, born in Detroit, grew up in the Berkley / Clawson area. Now a widow, Terry was blessed with two sons although one recently passed on. She has four grown grandchildren but no great-grads YET. Terry worked for many years in food service management and optical services.

She is looking forward to learning more about residents and Warren Glenn and wants to make this her home in every way.



To Gleaners With Love

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Warren Glenn Fall Food Drive. We sent many boxes of food to Gleaners. People will be helped because of your generosity and efforts.

December Happenings with First Presbyterian Church

By Marijo Hockley, Inclusion Minister

Thursday, Dec.6,13 & 20	<u>Bible Study</u> "Why We Sing the Christmas Songs We Sing." Study the origins of our traditional Christmas hymns and sing a few too! Celebrate Advent through prayer and song.	Warren Glenn Community Room	1-2:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 8	<u>Cookies, Caroling & Crafts</u>	Warren Glenn Community Room	6:30 p.m.
Sunday, December 16	<u>Worship & Potluck</u>	Warren Glenn Community Room	1:30 p.m.
Friday, December 18	<u>Cousino High School Students and Warren Glenn Residents Holiday Party</u> Lunch and Cookie Decorating	First Presbyterian Church	time
Sunday, November 18	Worship & Potluck	Warren Glenn Community Room	1:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 20	<u>Movie Night & Dinner</u> <i>Miracle on 34th Street</i>	Warren Glenn Wellness Room	4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, November 22	Christmas Communion & Worship	Warren Glenn Community Room	10:00 a.m.



JUST RUMMAGIN' AROUND

Seeing and buying other people's treasures was plain fun at the Rummage Sale. Financial results of the sale were mixed. The *Bake Sale* raised over \$100 while the *Resident's Fund* brought in \$100 through table rentals, and the *Friends and Family Sale* raised \$179. However, residents and other vendors reported low sales. Money aside, it was a good day. It takes a village to run a sale: publicity, sign-up sheets, outdoor signage, set up, assigning spaces and tearing down tables. Baking, greeting customers and putting everything away. Whew! Thank you to Kaye Gawel, Alice Kelmar, Rosemarie Barnhart, Diane Sexton, Laurie Tusly, Bev Hooks, Betty Challenger, Evelyn Carver, Sister Marie Fagan and Joyce Wilde for making the sale possible.

LIFE WITHOUT A CAR - PART 2

Tom Wylie, Director of Wellness

In last month's column, I shared that I spent a little over a week without a car and so looked for apps I could download onto my smartphone that would help address this problem.

I had two options: Lyft and Uber. Both connect you to people who for a small fee – use their personal cars to take you places. Because I was a first time user, Lyft offered me \$5 off my first eleven rides so I chose them. I went to Apple's online App Store and within seconds had the free app downloaded on to my iPhone. After entering my contact information and a valid credit card, I was ready.

Next morning when I was ready for work, I launched the app, entered the address of where I needed to go and in less than a minute was notified that a driver was on his way to pick me up. I received the driver's name and photograph, the make, model and picture of his car and its license plate number. He arrived in six minutes.

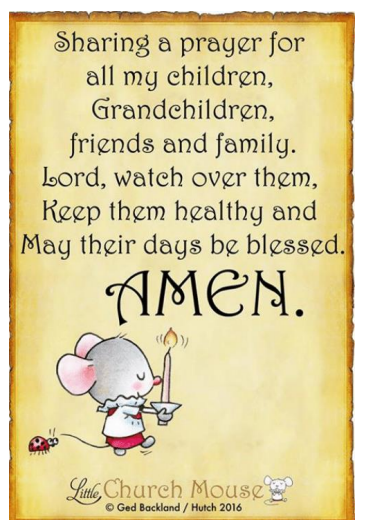
The car was clean and in good condition and the driver was friendly. The ride to work took no longer than usual and cost a little over a \$1 per mile. It was definitely cheaper than a taxi or renting a car and it was extremely convenient. I used Lyft the rest of the week and the longest I had to wait for a ride was 9 minutes.

Next month I'll share how I was able to go grocery shopping without leaving the comfort of my couch.



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2	Mary Hoffrichter	#220
3	Betty Challenger	#239
13	Michelle Guillemette	#132
13	Lois Eckhout	#124
16	Crystal Yeager	#113
25	Miriam Napolitano	#109
27	Thomas Gallo	#226

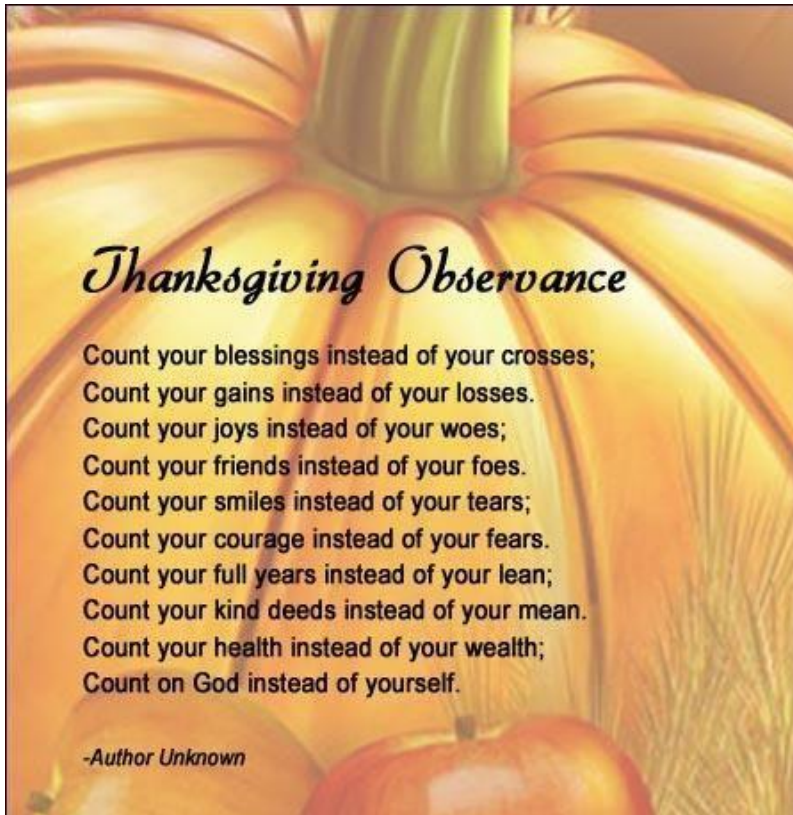


GIVING IS GOOD

Sister Mary Fagan and Carolyn Richardson collected \$400 from Warren Glenn residents to First Presbyterian Church for the needy. Thank you to everyone who participated for your generosity and kind hearts.

THANKSGIVING DINNER

A complete Thanksgiving dinner will be served on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 22 at 3:00 PM in the Community Room. This free dinner paid for by the Residents Fund and lovingly prepared by Joyce Wilde and Betty Challenger is for any resident who is not going out with family or friends. Please sign-up in the mailroom in advance so that the right amount of food is prepared. Please join us as we give thanks and share friendship.



Big Boy Casper: Pet of the Month



Our *Pet of the Month* is a very large boy by the name of Casper. Casper is a long-haired white, peach and cream-colored kitty who is about 15 years old. He lives with Rosemary Barnhart, #202, and the best part of his day is when he is annoying Rosemary.

Casper is an independent cat who plays when he feels like it. One of his favorite things to do is to knock things off the table. It is a game to him but not necessarily to Rosemary but she loves his in spite of his antics.

DINING SENIOR STYLE

The Dining Senior Style program will serve a Thanksgiving meal on Tuesday, November 20 during the regular lunchtime in the Community Room. It is too late to sign up for a delivered meal on Thanksgiving Day but a homemade dinner is being served in the building at 3 p.m.

FOOD DRIVE

A Food Drive will be held on November 12-16. Please check your cupboards and donate your extras. A box will be in the lobby for your donations. All food will go to the Salvation Army Food Bank and then distributed to local pantries.

SUPPER CLUB

There will be no Supper Club gathering in November and December. We will resume in January, weather permitting. Enjoy the holiday season.





It's Your Life. Live It Well.

By Tom Wyllie,
Director of Wellness



A few weeks ago I experienced - temporarily – what many of us will perhaps one day experience permanently: life without a car. Some of you may already be in that situation. I still had to go to work. I still had meetings to attend. I still had errands to run but I had no car.

It was in the shop for some minor repairs that of course took longer to fix than I was originally told so when all was said and done, I was without a car for a little over a week. I live alone and my kids have long since flown the coop to pursue adult lives of their own. Besides, they don't live nearby so asking them to cart me around wasn't really an option.

So what was I to do? I was in a bit of a bind until I remembered something my daughter's boyfriend recently told me, that he was living the "app life". So what does that mean? Well, if you own a smartphone and have access to the internet you have a lot of power in your pocket. There are thousands of computer applications, which are essentially small computer software programs commonly referred to as "apps" that you can place on your phone that allow you to do numerous things and provide you with easy access to a variety of innovative and useful services. Among them are apps that will link you to ridesharing services, two of the most popular being Lyft and Uber.

Over the course of the next few months, I will be sharing with you how I used "apps" to do what I needed to do and be where I needed to be without a car. In so doing, I discovered that giving up my car didn't mean I had to give up living my life. So stay tuned. Next month I will start by sharing how I used Lyft to get out and about.

WHAT GOES AROUND, COMES AROUND

By Lynn Alexander, Vice President, Presbyterian Villages of Michigan

Recently I experienced good karma in a way which affirms my belief in caring about others. My grandma was right when she used to say: "What goes around comes around." I have witnessed this phenomena in many ways over the years. In my recent experience I was attending an annual meeting with an organization still somewhat new to me; and more than several attendees reached out to me in an intentional manner to include me and make me feel welcome. I am usually that person that notices when a fellow human being needs to be welcomed so this was a gratifying experience for me.

Bringing this concept around to PVM, residents often talk about how they and their neighbors all look out for each other. This has created a sense of community which adds to their quality of life. Unfortunately I have heard stories with the opposite script. We all have had issues to deal with and problems to conquer. The longer we have been on this earth the more we have endured as well as enjoyed. Keep that in mind and lift another person's psyche. Offering a smile and welcoming a newcomer can pay great dividends. You may meet a new lifelong friend or may need a smile yourself on any given day. "What goes around comes around."

HALLOWEEN PARTY



It was a dark and stormy night, literally, during the Warren Glenn Halloween Party. Thirty people enjoyed a potluck dinner, games and a costume parade. Costumes varied: Janice was a blue M&M, Caroline was a penguin, Diane S. was dressed for bed, Diane C. was a tropical flower, Allan was a Red Wings fan, Marion a shedding scarecrow and LaWanda Christmas personified. Newcomer Irene took the prize with her *Geisha Girl* look. Liz won \$40 in a 50/50 drawing. while Joyce and Sarah won gifts. Thank you to Diane for organizing the event, LaWanda for rolling silverware, Allan for selling tickets, and Janice and Liz for clearing tables.

November Happenings with First Presbyterian Church By Marijo Hockley, Inclusion Minister

Come share your talents with our brothers and sisters from Warren Consolidated Schools and the Village of Warren Glenn. There is something for everyone and every talent. The most important gift you can share is YOU! Everyone is welcome to attend Inclusion Ministry Events – *you don't have to be Presbyterian.*

Thursday Bible Study continues throughout November in the Warren Glenn Community Room. 1-2:00 p.m. Finishing Book of Acts. Advent Bible Study - November 29 - December 20. "Why We Sing the Christmas Songs We Sing." Study the origins of our traditional Christmas hymns and sing a few too!

Cousino Special Needs Students at First Church - Tuesdays, Noon -1:15 pm. Residents are invited to help students with their jobs. On November 13, *Scrapbooking with Kay Gawel* at First Church. Please come.

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| Saturday, November 3 | Movie Night and Dinner in the Warren Glenn Wellness Room. 4:30 p.m. (Please note, this is on Saturday in November due to a scheduling issue.) "Planes, Trains, and Automobiles!" |
| Sunday, November 4 | Communion in the Warren Glenn Community Room. 1:00 p.m. |
| Friday, November 16 | Trip to Great Lakes Crossing with Cousino High School students. Lunch, shopping and SeaLife Aquarium. |
| Sunday, November 18 | Worship Service and Potluck in the Warren Glenn Community Room. 1:30 p.m. |
| Thursday, November 22 | Thanksgiving Worship in the Warren Glenn Community Room. 10:00 a.m. |





Presbyterian Villages of Michigan Mission Statement

Guided by our Christian heritage, we serve seniors of all faiths and create new possibilities for quality living.

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