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News from the Park Administrator

It's beginning to look a lot like New Years! Driveways are filling up. The streets are alive with joggers, bikers, and walkers. The RV lots are nearly full. The Park is much more vibrant. Welcome back everyone! It is good to see old friends and new faces.

Progress on the changes to our telephone and Internet has been slow, but we continue to make progress. A telephone provider has been selected. Initially, they will be providing service to the phones in the kitchen and laundry. We are also providing wi-fi to the RV section, the guest rooms, and Hood Hall. Soon we will also have wi-fi service at the pool/fitness center area. This service is NOT for in-home use. The service is provided to specific areas for renters and for members when not in your home. It is considered theft of service to use the wi-fi in your home. If you need Internet service in your residence, you must purchase a personal account.

A donation was received for the bench that Ed Hamilton brought with him which is located at the end of Deeson Road. However, if you see a need for an additional bench somewhere in the Park or want your own bench, let Ed know what color and where you would like to place it. Check with me to make sure the location is appropriate.

As mentioned earlier, we have agreed to purchase two pregnant nanny goats. So, come next spring we should have a couple of kids running around with the six adult goats. Once we have the goats, we will want to name them, so be thinking about memorable names for the new residents. We are still looking for donations to fund the goat purchases.

As you come into the office, you will see new faces. Sandi had notified me earlier this year that she would be leaving her job as receptionist in April. Unfortunately, she needed to make that move much earlier than expected. We have hired Kathy Smith to work in the office part time. There is still one position that needs to be filled. Although I am interviewing people, I have not hired anyone and am not sure who will be filling the specific positions.

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Lots Available for Lease

The following lot is set up for an RV or Park Model and available for lease:

5321 Hebron Court

This lot is also available for rent if no lease has been arranged.

The following lots are available for a modular home to be put on them:

5359 Beulah Land

5885 Shiloh Path

Call the Park Office at 863-858-7504 for information.

News from the Park Administrator

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We begin 2021 with the COVID pandemic, unfortunately, still with us and causing changes to and cancellations of many of the normal activities and routines. All fellowship dinners are cancelled until further notice to help ensure the health of our community. Also, Mugs on Monday cannot be held in the same manner as before. Options are being investigated, so keep watching for announcements. Other activities have also been cancelled and, if more are cancelled, we will let you know.

Work is continuing to be completed on the Hebron drain project. Most of the driveways have been replaced, and surface drains have been installed. The plans for the upcoming season are to finish the bridge on Shiloh Path, stabilize the ends of the drain going into the Jordan, smooth out and seed the disturbed soil, and repair the cut roadway. From all accounts, we have not experienced the degree of flooding that had been experienced in the past. Great job, staff and volunteers!

Recently, we conducted a special Board meeting via Zoom. The meeting was held in Hood Hall. Five Board members were present physically and three members were able to connect remotely. Overall, the meeting went well. However, the audio experience for those who were connected remotely was extremely poor. We will work to correct that for any future Zoom meetings.

As we enter 2021, I encourage everyone to continue doing what is recommended to keep yourself and other safe. Wear masks when appropriate; wash your hands frequently, practice physical distancing; stay home if you do not feel well; AND stay socially connected. I pray each of you experience God's rich presence this new year.

Blessings,
Stan Welton

Purchasing Benches

If anyone is interested in purchasing a park bench for your home at Light and Life Park or for the Park, please contact Ed Hamilton at 765-714-1228. The price is \$275.00 each and you can pick out any color the company makes.

A Word from the Office Manager

It's a new year and it is starting completely different than I would have expected a year ago. God works in amazing ways.

First of all, I would like to thank all of you for being my support through all the changes that have taken place during the last year. You honored me by trusting me to come back to work in the Office even though I had other responsibilities at home. You supported me during the time we were in hospice and during Ron's passing. You accepted me as the new Office Manager. Many of you teased me as I met Tom LaBrie and insisted he was just a friend. You encouraged me that it wasn't too soon for me to be loved again. Because of your support, I now find myself happily married again. I just want to let you know how much I appreciate all of your love and support.

Things in the Office have been buzzing despite the fact that the doors remain locked. This is just to prevent too many of you from arriving at the same time. We don't want to put anyone in the position of being too close during this time of physical distancing. Just knock on the door and we will admit you or meet you and take care of your need. If you enter, you will need to wear a face mask.

Your Annual Fee payments are due by January 15th to avoid late payments so we will do our best to get your payments processed. If it is possible for me to work in Hood Hall, I will be available to help with information and payments. Copies and faxes will still be done through Kathy in the Office.

As for property, there have been many changes over the past few months. I hope you will meet those who are your new neighbors and make them feel welcome. There is currently only one lot available for leasing. It is 5321 Hebron Trail. Also available for new modular homes are 5359 Beulah Land and 5885 Shiloh Path. Because

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these were destroyed by flooding and our zoning classification has changed, they will have to be modular. This is more costly, but will give you a home that is well built and will withstand the elements. We are working with Palm Harbor Homes to find out more information for the possibilities. If this sounds good to you, let me know and we can work together to gather information.

It is wonderful to see people back in the Park. It is not the same with social distancing but it is great to be able to fellowship together and know that our God never changes. We have faced many challenges in the past year and have survived. We will survive as long as He allows.

May your new year be blessed and may you be a blessing to those you meet.

Blessings,
Sherry LaBrie

Editorial Note

This Newsletter has been the most difficult to put together since I started doing it 9 years ago. I guess I could blame it on COVID 19 since that has been the cause of so many other problems and issues this year, but I won't. I could blame it on the fact that I got married on December 18 just 3 days after the deadline for the newsletter and that that threw me off, but that wouldn't be fair to my husband. I could blame it on the late submissions of articles that held me up. So, I will just say this: I'm sorry that this newsletter is late. I'm sorry if it is full of errors. I hope you can look past all of that and read this knowing that it is our intent to give you as much information as possible each month

I am also asking that each of you who is responsible for an activity in the Park, please keep the newsletter in mind each month. I try to be lenient on the date if you are late but I can't keep waiting until the last minute. I want everyone to know what is going on in the Park. This Newsletter is not just my responsibility. It is a shared responsibility for all of us. Let's work together to make it the best news we can share.

Thanks! Shery LaBrie

News from the Board of Directors

As I write this, on the last day of 2020, I am still in freezing Michigan, but eagerly looking forward to us arriving Sunday afternoon. The 88-year-old friend that I meet each morning, in the dark at 6:50 am, to walk together for 2 miles, fell yesterday and fortunately said the 4 inches of soft snow that was on top of the ice cushioned his fall. This was his second fall this season. The other time I was social distancing 6 feet plus away and I watched him get back onto his feet. I did not try to help him, and he did not ask me to. We both knew that if he fell alone, he would have to get up alone. While this may not seem to be related to L&L Park, or the Board of Directors, I feel it does.

I am delighted each morning at L&L Park to see residents walking/running/biking even roller blading without encountering a slippery spot of ice. Yesterday I slipped 4 times, but with my cat like agility, I did not go down (note, the agility of a very OLD cat).

Anyhow, on Thursday morning our Board plans to hold our scheduled meeting. We plan to hold it in Hood Hall, to have the ability to hold a Zoom feature so residents who desire to can watch it. On Dec. 21st we held our first, special, Board meeting using Zoom, to discuss what to do about the January Member meeting. Our concerns over COVID 19 caused us to cancel that meeting. We had a lot of discussion about some way to hold a meeting. Any method, other than the usual at Hood Hall, would have violated our Bylaws in some way.

We know we have a Christian Park of interested members who typically fill Hood Hall for these meetings. And filling Hood Hall was our COVID concern. As a result, we have cancelled the January Member meeting. We will attempt to provide you with the information you usually receive in person at this meeting.

Other than this cancellation of our January Member Meeting, and some events being cancelled, or questioned, we hope this will become a better winter season than the uncertainties of last year. I wish you all good health

John Fallot
 Board President



Beautification Parade 2021

At our Beautification Committee meeting, we chose "Western" for the parade theme for 2021. Yahoo!!

The parade will be on Thursday, February 25th.

You can plan your winning cart or parade entry over the summer.



Who? The Bucket Listers

The Bucket Listers have been active this fall by cleaning the pool chairs, cushions, and side tables. The cleaning included the picnic tables in the lanai. We were helped by Lori Roach Jones and Cheryl McCullough.

Additionally, the puzzle shelves were built by Pastor El Kelley. They were painted, and further organized for all to enjoy. Eleven chairs have been purchased from donations for puzzling and games at Hood Hall. Puzzles are for anyone to enjoy and many puzzles have been donated.

Our ideas for projects involve obtaining one or more umbrellas for the pool. We would appreciate donations to that end. Other ideas mentioned include purchasing new side tables for the pool area.

Two new projects that are being considered are a sidewalk from Ebenezer to the library as well as a gas fire pit centrally located for all to enjoy. We are looking for Park improvement suggestions. Therefore, please contact one of the Bucket Listers:

- Eva Gardner
- Shelly Falconer
- Kerry Konzen
- Carolyn Orrison
- Gloria Welton (Honorary member)
- Janet Wight
- Marge Wilson

Plastic Lid Recycling

Remember to save all kinds and colors of plastic lids and bottle caps. These can be put in the large container at the laundry. Ed Hamilton is the contact person and he hopes to get enough caps to have park benches made for the Park.

Pop Tabs

A special THANK YOU goes to Carl Otto and Mary Lou Cannon who glean them year-round. Containers are in Hood Hall and the Laundromat. They are used for Breana Coleman's treatment for Brittle Bones at Shriners's Hospital for Children in Tampa. Remember tin tabs will not work. Some soup cans are aluminum. Also, special thanks go to the snowbirds who bring tabs south with them.

Colleen Sellers

Safety Reminder

Now that the streets are full again, we must remind you to yield when appropriate.

Watch carefully as you approach an intersection and be ready to yield to the person on the right who has arrived at the same time or who was first.

The Speed Limit is 15 mph for any vehicle. Our streets are here for all of our people whether they are on foot, bicycle, cart or car. Please be AWARE AND SAFE!!

Winter Vacation Opportunities

Bill Ayre has some lovely resorts and arrangements for a great get away available for Winter Vacations in a Bluegreen Vacation Location

Contact Bill at 810-618-5647 or WilliamAyre20@gmail.com

Gadabout News

Greetings to all the ladies of Light & Life Park! I hope and pray that all are doing well. We had kept our activity plans in place in hopes that the world would be back to normal by the New Year and we could go together to all these fun places. However, as the new season rapidly approaches, the Virus is rapidly spreading making trips like these highly unlikely. We will stay in touch and let everyone know when we can make plans. If you are new to the park or visiting for the first time, know that you are already invited. We usually send out information about a trip, require a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in Hood Hall, and recruit drivers so we can all go together to have fun. It is a great way to get to know other ladies in the Park and enjoy a day away. Here is the list of activities we had planned, and if the Lord heals our nation, we will be able to go to some of these. We are looking forward to seeing you in the warm and sunny south this winter.

We have made tentative plans for next year as follows:

2021!

January 14, Thursday - Home Shopping Network Outlet Store, Brandon, Fla. Lunch at a nearby park.

January 28, Thursday - Lunch at Lavender & Lace Tea Room, Lake Alfred, FL

February 11, Thursday – (this may change according to the train's new schedule.) Train Ride on Supper Train between Tavares and Eustis, Fla and shopping at Mt. Dora shops.

March 1 Monday - Webster Flea Market, Sonny's Bar B-Q for lunch and shopping at the Russell Stover Candy Outlet!

March 18 - Thursday Airboat Ride and Wildlife Show, Kissimmee, FL and lunch of course!

Have a wonderful rest of the year. Remember God is in Control.

With love & prayers, Peggy Dunn & Verneta Dunn. If you have any ideas of where you would like to go together in the future, let us know!

Talbot House Ministry

Talbot House, a ministry serving the homeless of Lakeland, continues to be a ministry that we at Light and Life Park support. I am certain they would appreciatively accept financial support. However, over the last almost 10 years, we have focused on two areas of need. Prescribed medications that are no longer used by Park members can be re-prescribed by the registered doctors that volunteer their time talent at the Good Samaritan Free Clinic at Talbot House. A wide variety of medical items are gratefully accepted. Empty prescription bottles are also used to distribute meds to clients.

The second area of contributions is the clean, and good condition clothing that you are no longer wearing. Jackets and coats are in demand as the cooler weather comes to Florida. Bedding and small household goods are accepted.

How do you get involved with this ministry? Bring your contributions to my home at 5350 Beulah Land on Tuesdays - as I usually go to Talbot House on Wednesday mornings. If the bags are heavier, please call and let's put them in my vehicle. Otherwise, you may leave them on my steps, golf cart or on the carport. Meds can best be given to me and not just left outside. Thank you for all that you have contributed over the years.

Anita Raboin



Opportunities to Serve

The Park is currently looking to fill the following employment opportunities. They involve cleaning guest rooms and cabins for our renters and/or also cleaning restrooms in the Park and may be filled by more than one person. If you think that would be something you would like to do on a part-time basis, please let us know.

If you think this is a part-time position you would like to tackle, please contact Stan Welton or Sherry LaBrie at the Park office.

RIDES OR SHUTTLES

NEEDING AIRPORT OR LOCAL LAKELAND SHUTTLE SERVICE?



Rosie Cox is willing to provide rides to your locations. Contact her at 810-834-2124.

Roderick Smithson is now available. Roderick has driven buses and transported many people to destinations. He shared the following pictures:



Contact Roderick at: 804-307-9610.

Where to Donate your Goods

The donations given at the Park to help others are appreciated. We want to remind you where to take your donations.

Food donations for Briarwood may be left on the designated table in Hood Hall.

We will not be accepting "linens" for Senior Orphans until January 2021. Those items can be left in Hood Hall.

Anita Raboin takes several items to Talbot House weekly. See that article in this news-letter for details.

Tim Price will also accept household items to give to people off the grounds who in turn have lawn sales to help those in need. Contact Tim for that.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Bowling

Bowling will begin January 5th. The organizational meeting will be Monday January 4 at 1:00 pm. Any questions contact Barb Hartson at bfhartson@gmail.com

**2021 50th Celebration
Happy New Year!**

The Celebration is in a few short weeks on February 5. A team of us have been busy working on ways that we can help our couples celebrate 50 years of marriage safely in our 'new normal'.

A few changes:

- All attendees are required to wear a mask or shield inside Hood Hall.
- The event will be held in the afternoon between 2 & 4 pm.
- All 3 couples will have a table, collecting cards, greetings, etc. Al & Linda Bigger and Bruce & Shelley Falconer will be in person, while Murray & Janice Yule will be with us in 'spirit' at their table. I will send the cards & items they receive to them. All three couples have write ups in the booklet and have submitted pictures for the slideshow.
- The cake & beverage will be eaten outside the building where tables & chairs will be arranged.

Special request:

DO YOU HAVE AWNING WE CAN USE?

If so, call, text or email me.

Watch Neighborhood News for more information and how you might be able to help us baking, buying items, set-up/take down, greeting, etc.

Brenda Stockwell

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bks4545@gmail.com

**HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY
LIBRARY2GO SCHEDULE**



Library2Go has suspended their stops here in our Park until further notice. If you have books that need to be returned, bring them to the Park Office. They will send someone to pick them up here when service resumes.

*Praying for God's Blessing
and Peace in 2021.*

Library Information



DID YOU KNOW?...

...that the church library has over 300 DVD movies, arranged into categories for easy selection? Biblical, Children, Comedy, Drama, Music/Musical, and Miscellaneous. We also have a raft of VHS movies. If you need a player, we have a couple available for checkout. (We welcome donations of VHS/DVD players.)

Why not watch a movie today.

Les Sellers
Librarian

"Houston FBI agent, Heather Lawrence's vacation to Salzburg wasn't supposed to go like this. Hours into her flight, she awakens when passengers begin exhibiting horrific symptoms of an unknown infection. As the virus quickly spreads and dozens of passengers fall ill, Heather fears she's witnessing an epidemic similar to one her estranged husband studies for a living, but the airborne contagion may have been deliberately released." For a suspenseful fiction book having current connotations, read **AIRBORNE** by Diann Mills.

"During the Great Depression, Addie Cowherd dreams of becoming a novelist and offering readers the escape that books had given her during her tragic childhood. When her father loses his job, she is forced to take the only employment she can find – delivering books on horseback to impoverished coal mining families in the hills of Kentucky. But turning a new page will be nearly impossible in Boone's Hollow, where residents are steeped in superstitions and deeply suspicious of outsiders. And when someone sets out to sabotage the library program, will it drive Addie away?" Find out in a book by Kim Vogel Sawyer, **THE LIBRARIAN OF BOONE'S HOLLOW**.

African Creeks I've Been Up

By Ruthan Burchel

Book review by Gloria Welton

Ruthan Burchel is a very special person who lived at L&L Park for 2 – 3 years. They moved to North Carolina shortly before Stan & I came in February 2020, and reside in an assisted living apartment close to their children.

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It was a privilege for people in L & L Park to get to know Hal and Ruthan; one could sense their love for the Lord.

Ruthan and her husband were missionaries in several countries on the continent of Africa. ***African Creeks I've Been Up*** was published in 2007. It describes many of the adventures the Burchel's had while in Africa, doing the Lord's business.

An excerpt from the back of the book puts it in words that say, "MUST READ ME".

African Creeks I've Been Up is just that! Here the author brings together a compilation of everyday experiences of a long-time career missionary. Some are hilarious. Some are quite serious. Some are miraculous. However, the intent is that all is to show accurately how diversified missionary life actually can be. It shows the great need for a good sense of humor and the need for flexibility; accepting things as they come our way, knowing that all things work together for the good of those who love the Lord.

I encourage you to do so with these unique experiences and the enjoy the book which will be found in the 266 of religious nonfiction. If it isn't there look in the bookcase of new books at the front of the library.

Happy Reading



New Year diet

*At Christmas as always I ate
So much that I put on some weight
New year I must try
To stay off the pie
And next year, well I just can't wait.*

Stamps for Missions

All donated stamps are sent to Alliance Stamp Ministry in Fort Myers where they are sold to dealers. The money is sent to a publisher in Buenos Aires, Argentina where they publish Sunday school material in Spanish that are sold to at least eight Latin American Countries as well as Spain and the US. They are used by over 40 Protestant Denominations. Because of postage expense we are partnering with the American Baptist Church through Joyce Steabman.

Try to leave at least 1/4 inch or more around each stamp or strip of stamps.

The container is in **Hood Hall** for your convenience.

Thank you.
Colleen Sellers

Ladies Luncheon and Bible Study

Due to the protocol of the whole COVID 19 pandemic, it has been prayerfully decided that it would be best to postpone our Ladies Lunch on January 13th until the end of our study which will be around mid-March. If the COVID protocol provides for us to have a gathering at that time, it would be nice as a grand finale of our study. Stay tune for more details as they develop. Hope to see everyone soon. Be encouraged, God has this all under control. Cling to Him and His promises as we travel this journey.

In His Service,
Judy Crowe

Medical Equipment Available

Maxwell Commons at The Villa has some medical equipment available that can be borrowed by any Park resident. Call someone you know in the Villa to help you. Please sign out the equipment you are borrowing. There are wheelchairs, walkers, rollators, portable pots, and shower seats. Please notify a Villa member when you are returning an item so we know it has been returned. Please don't leave it on the porch. We are not presently accepting any equipment donations due to lack of storage space.

**Home Opening/Closing Service
By Dawn** (Jeff Bellinger's sister)

- Open your Home
- Clean your Home
- Buy groceries for you
- Arrange for power washing

Call: 1-352-540-5005

Mel Starr's Books

Mel Starr will have copies of his latest medieval mystery, THE EASTER SEPULCHRE, available at 5843 Mizpah Ct. Cost is \$12, and he will have copies of the first twelve books in the series also.



**This Activity has been postponed.
Watch for more information.**





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Watch for more information.**

Office Notes

We have received some plastic face shields in the Park Office thanks to Brenda Stockwell. If you would like to try using this kind of face covering, come by for a mask.

Remember when cleaning out your place, metal goes in the fenced metal area, large furniture goes into the construction dumpster (the large pieces may be left on the ground). Remember to give a monetary donation to cover cost. Unfortunately, TVs go in the garbage dumpster.

Thank You so Much!!

*The Staff would like
To Thank all of you
Who sent a card,
Gave a Gift or Sweet
Your Expression of Best wishes
Is much Appreciated.*

Blood Pressure Clinics

Blood Pressure clinics will start January 12 from 11 a.m. to 12 noon and run bi-weekly until March 31. They will be at Hood Hall. Please remember that we will be wearing masks in buildings where there are other people this year. This is for your safety as well as the nurses. Questions contact Joann Willett or Bethel Root. Thanks.

2021 WOODSHOP MEETING

There will be a general membership meeting for ALL those involved in our woodshop on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. in Hood Hall.

The purpose is to elect officers for the new year, and discuss the latest information about the operation and plans for our woodworking activities. All wood shop members are urged to attend. We need your input and vote to make the woodshop work for all our park members.

If you are not a member, but are interested in woodworking, please come and join us for the discussion, with no obligation.

The Woodshop Committee

Newsletter Deadline

Please be sure that your submissions to The Life and Times are delivered to the newsletter editor, Sherry Loflin, by the 15th of the month prior to publication.

Please use this email: sherry.loflin69@yahoo.com. You may also drop your submissions off at the Park Office or to **5425 Zion Avenue**, where there is a mail box for your articles. The **February** deadline is **January 15**.

Shuffleboard

Come and join as we meet on Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays at 1:00 and Thursday evening at 6:00. If one of those times or all of them work for you, come and join us.

We will follow the social distancing that we used earlier this year, only playing on every other court. We will be disinfecting all equipment before it is put back in the building.

Everyone is welcome to come play with us. If you have never played before someone will be there to help you learn how to play. For more information contact Frank Bourdo at 269 664 4339, or Dale Schantz at 989 658 2357.

Position Available in June 2021

Don Moore has informed us of his decision to resign effective in June 2021. It will be quite difficult to find someone with the extensive knowledge and skills that Don has. To find the right person that also meets the Park's membership requirements will be a challenge. Please help me find that person while praying that God will direct us in the search.

If you know of someone with the skill set that is required, talk to them about considering working for the Park. If they seem even a little bit interested, please give me their name and contact information so I can start a conversation with them. Although it might be ideal to have someone who is 55+, I will consider someone who is of like faith, has the right skills, wants to live in Florida, and has not yet reached age 55.

Call 863 858-7504 to let me know.

Stan Welton

If your ball comes to rest on the cement border around the greens, you're allowed to move the ball on to the green surface, (no closer to the hole). No penalty.

Pins are to be left in at all time.

Between tee and green your allowed to bump the ball to improve your lie (no closer to the hole) no penalty.

Using wood or plastic tees is always an alternative to using a teeing mats, right or left of the mats no closer to the hole.

Around the edges of each green, you're allowed to move your ball right or left no closer to the hole. To allow the best path for your ball to travel to the hole to minimize being kicked off line by cement border. No penalty!

Thanks, the Players club!

Any question or comments ask Ed Stockwell 517 861-0481.

January Four Man Scramble CPC Golf Club

Four Man Best Ball Scramble, bring your team, (18-hole tournament).

Friday, January 15, 2021

Registration 11:45 AM

Shot Gun Start at 12:00 PM

Mask required at registration and award presentation.

Ties will be handled with a sudden death playoff starting at hole number one.

This month's prize is provided by Orange Lanes (Bowling Party for Four).

2021 local rules for CPC golf tournaments.

Any tee shot that's first landing point is the green surface or the concrete border, (this does not include line drives), is to be placed on the green corner closest to where their shot came to rest. Second shot no penalty.

Forward Tees on #3 & #8 can be used by anyone that needs them to compete on these holes.

Elder Services

We have been investigating some leads to help us guide you in seeking outside services.

One organization that we found is called Helping Hands. This is a family owned and operated, family-oriented organization. They provide a variety of services and have a goal of making it possible for aging people to stay at home as long as possible.

Some programs offered include: Home Recovery Care, Memory Care, Transition Care for returning from outside care facilities, Hospice Care and Personalized Care Services.

Rates vary. Personal Care is offered at \$18.00 per hour. They do not take medical insurance but do qualify for some nursing care policies.

If this sounds like something that could benefit you, feel free to get a brochure at the Park Office. They also provided some pens and hand sanitizer. You may call them at 863 616-1888 or visit their website at: HelpingHandNursingServices.com.

**CPC Men's Championship
(18 holes, play your own ball
tournament).**

Date: Saturday, February 6, 2021
Registration 11:45 AM
Shot Gun Start at 12:00 PM

2021 Longest drive and closest to the pin
will be held as part of this tournament.

Local CPC rules will apply to this
tournament as well.

Questions or comments

Ed Stockwell
517 861-0481

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**Organizational Meeting
Tuesday January 12th
10:00 am
Hood Hall**

In keeping socially inspired while distancing ourselves Let's gather for a Sew-In.

**SEW-IN
Friday, January 15
9:00am
Hood Hall
Masks are a Must**

Pack a lunch, your sewing machine, notions, ironing board, iron and extension cords and come sew for the day. All optional depending on what you like to do. If you do not sew, we need help with ironing and pinning quilts. If you prefer to sew at home you can pick up a quilt to finish at home.

Due to Physical Distancing, we will be using Hood Hall for our Martha's Mission:

**Quilters and Stitchers
Every Tuesday
10:00 to 12:00
Hood Hall**

Borrow a sewing machine! Yes, Martha's Place has machines you can borrow. Contact Cheryl Maculloch at 570-690-7824.

We will continue to support our community throughout the year so when possible please make a quilt, cut scraps or prepare a kit to be quilted. If you want to make a monetary contribution you can write a check to Light and Life Park and put Martha's Place in the memo. Thank You.

Blessings,
Kathy Miller
5337 Hebron
716-598-1924
kathymiller5159@gmail.com

First Ladies CPC Golf Club Scramble

Date: February 27th, 2021
Registration 11:45 AM
Shotgun Start at 12:00 PM
Bring your team!
Local rules will apply. Forward tees on holes 3 & 8 will be used for this tournament.

Martha's Missions

Happy New Year! I am looking forward to seeing all of you and to enjoy some sewing together. We can be a blessing to others.

This season (January, February and March) we need lap quilts, prayers quilts and children's quilts.

The lap quilts (36"-40" X 42"-50") are for wheel chairs. Longer ones are for men., These will go to ROHR HOME, a non-profit nursing home.

The children's quilts will go to PEACE RIVER or GUARDIAN AD LITEM. Both places are domestic violence organizations.

The prayer quilts will be given to comfort our Park neighbors and loved ones who are suffering and in need of prayer. We can work on these year-round and have several ready. **See Next column.**

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*Men's Field Day
Cancelled for this Year.*

Light and Life Free Methodist Church

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Lakeland, FL 33810

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Briarwood Ministries

Fifty-four children had a very Merry Christmas because our church cares about those less fortunate and acts. Well over 120 shopped for, and wrapped presents (thank you Karen and Haley), and were handed out to all the families in Briarwood with kids this week. Also, because a ham for Christmas dinner was delivered, and another delivery of food on Christmas Eve (thanks Bob Cannon), these families felt the love of Jesus in a very tangible way.

There was so much gratitude and relief as these parents and grandparents accepted the gifts, because many of these kids would only receive what L&L Church provided. Some of the kids saw the bags of gifts as we delivered and couldn't hold back their excitement either.

I hope everyone of you who have helped Briarwood this year feel that deep down heartfelt gratitude that we experience. **And** I pray you know how much they appreciate your continued generosity.

It's hard to explain the difference you are making in this community. They are starting to take pride in their homes and properties. They know God loves them, and they know you love them too! **"And** they will know we are Christians by our Love"

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A Note from Pastor Chuck...

You thought the year 2020 would never end. You thought it would be a year of focusing and growth. Well, "we did grow" as God worked in ways we never expected. In early 2020 we had a wedding...Jeff and Theresa Bellinger. There was a sense of we are off and running. The Bible Conference challenged us as Mark Bane and David Kendall opened God's word to us. By late February the Missions Conference was underway and we learned of God's working through the lives of Michael and Maria Long in Greece as well as Tim and Andrea Ullum working with Ethnos 360.

In March we were rolling along until we weren't. COVID-19 concerns caused us, in mid-March, to move our worship into small groups scattered around the Park. Folks were not in a hurry to return north as the virus spread. Besides, various governors imposed various rules about travel restrictions and quarantines so you may have had your return north prevented for other reasons.

As the year progressed, we re-opened the building for worship and closed it a couple of times with a fluctuating number of attenders.

We found that God is present whether we are in a large group or small cluster. We learned to share God sightings and prayer requests in ways that we wouldn't have in a larger group setting. We grew together as we learned more about one another. Jesus is our glue. Jesus is our life. Jesus is.

We have celebrated heavens gain and mourned our loss in those who have been received into the arms of Jesus. Ministry has changed as we have been challenged to do things differently...funerals and weddings and visitation...and just plain living life.

Just as we began 2020 with a wedding, we closed with a wedding...Tom and Sherry Labrie's. A wedding which reminds us of God's hope, joy, peace and love. God continues to prepare us for the ultimate wedding. We can look forward to being His bride as the groom comes to claim us.

January 2021...I thought you might never arrive...but here you are...Praise the Lord!
In Christ,
Pastor Chuck