

# Monthly Newsletter

January 2025



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RESIDENT CARE- KALYN

ADMINISTRATOR-KENDRA

## Here's what has happened in the last month and what's to come!

Throughout the month of December, we experienced a wealth of joy and engagement within our community. A notable highlight was Christmas, during which we thoroughly enjoyed the company of friends and family while savoring a delightful spread of home-cooked dishes. The warmth and laughter that filled the room were as nourishing as the food itself, creating memories that would be cherished for years to come. We also celebrated December birthdays with a delectable cake and a variety of delicious foods. Our daily bingo games, held every Monday through Friday, continued to be a favorite pastime. Furthermore, we enjoyed numerous musical performances, which were well received by all. Finally, we honored our spiritual practices through church services and morning prayers, enriching our community's sense of togetherness.

In January, we have a variety of enjoyable activities planned. Our morning prayers will continue every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, following last month's schedule. Bingo, a beloved pastime, will remain a staple activity each weekday. Tender Heart will join us every Monday to nurture our creative spirits. Our cherished church services will be conducted by Vineyard Church, St. Agnes Church, and Chaplain Karen. Additionally, we will be treated to live musical performances by Dave Britton and Laurie Middlebrook, which rank among our favorite events alongside bingo. To enrich our festive experience, we will organize movie nights accompanied by snacks and participate in physically engaging games.

Together, we can make a real difference in the lives of those who need it most. Thank you for your continued support!

Enjoy this month's newsletter!

*Ryleigh Tinglan*

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## Community News

Welcome to our community newsletter! We are thrilled to share with you the latest developments in our mission to make a positive impact in our community.

Firstly, we would like to express our gratitude to all of our donors and volunteers who have continued to support us.

The residents in our community, here at Stone Crest Assisted Living, greatly appreciate live musical performances. We aim to enhance our monthly event calendars by inviting more talented individuals to perform. While our budget is limited, we are primarily seeking volunteers, although we remain open to all possibilities.



### Volunteer Spotlight

Mike Leiter generously volunteers his time monthly at Stone Crest, delighting our residents with live musical performances. The enthusiasm and dedication Mike exudes are greatly appreciated by our residents, families, and staff. Anticipation builds with each scheduled visit, as Mike's presence brings joy, warmth, and a sense of commitment to our community at Stone Crest. Thank you, Mike, for all that you bring and offer as a person. You are truly special.



### Event News

- **Live Music**

January 16th- Dave Britton  
January 21st- Laurie  
Middlebrook

- **Church Service**

January 2nd- Vineyard  
January 10th- St. Agnes  
January 16th- Vineyard

- **Resident Council Meeting**

January 3rd

- **Tender Heart**

Mondays

- **Birthday Bash**

January 23rd

- **Movie & Snack**

Tuesdays &  
Thursdays

- **Bingo**

ALL week!



## Our objectives, principles, and distinctive qualities that define our organization

Stone Crest Assisted Living, located in Freeland, MI, is a nonprofit assisted living community dedicated to providing families with the assurance that their loved ones will receive compassionate care. Our commitment lies in offering personalized assistance tailored to individual needs, fostering an environment of love, community, and comfort—a true home for our residents. Nestled alongside the picturesque Tittabawassee River, Stone Crest stands as a hidden gem in Freeland, boasting four splendid common area rooms with river views and an expansive deck for residents to enjoy the sights of local fishermen and wildlife. The beauty of our grounds and the magnificence of our facility strike visitors upon arrival, yet for our residents, it signifies home.

Operated by Baruch Senior Ministries, a faith-based nonprofit organization established in 1997, Stone Crest Assisted Living is part of a mission to provide compassionate and affordable senior living options throughout Michigan. Baruch's support ensures that the care team at Stone Crest has access to the necessary resources to deliver exceptional and individualized care to your loved ones.

To experience the warmth and tranquility of Stone Crest Assisted Living, we invite you to schedule a visit today.

*Thank you for reading!*

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## Monthly Reflection

### A Great Connection

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. 1 Peter 2:9-10

A man and woman at the facility were talking about the holidays. I heard one say, "I wonder if perhaps you are lonely." "Yes, I think I am" the other responded. That same day, several other people shared about sadness and missing the former connections with family and friends. "I don't feel part of things anymore" was a common comment. Feeling "a part of something" .... Whether loners or people persons, we are hard wired to be in community. Relationships and communities through the years shape us and provide connection. Wife/Husband. Father/Mother. Staff/Administrator. City/rural. Daughter/Son. Boomer/Millennial/Gen Z. Families, schools, neighborhoods, friends, work. These relationships and communities give support and purpose, provide opportunities for growth, and can also create struggle and problems. Sometimes we may feel this community and other times we may feel isolated. I suspect Mary and Joseph at times felt isolated and alone in their journeys with the baby Jesus. Yet even then the angels and shepherds and wisemen were somewhere close by. In that story of Christmas, we celebrate that God so loved the world that he sent Jesus. That "people living in darkness have seen a great light." If you are feeling alone, isolated or "not a part", acknowledge those feelings as your experience of the moment. Also remember the big truth that you ARE part of a Great Connection whether you feel it or not. You are the People of God. God is with you. God loves you. You are a chosen people as the scripture says. Because of that, all of us are to be with and be light to one another. As we begin this year of 2025, I invite you to reflect on your connections and community. What communities are you a part of? What relationships are important to you? In what settings do you FEEL a sense of community and when do you feel alone or disconnected? I also invite you to reflect on LOVE. That we are part of something greater than ourselves. That even if we were thousands of miles from another person, we are in community with God. And that connection helps us to choose to be a loving community for one another.

Chaplain Karen

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