

# Tidings of Peace

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## Tree Lighting Social

Join your OLOP friends and neighbors for our **Tree Lighting Social on Wednesday, December 5**, at **2:00** in the Main Lobby. Enjoy cookies and eggnog as you listen to Christmas music played by our very own, resident volunteer, Joe Giovanelli. Enjoy watching the tree's twinkling lights come to life. What a great way to spend time and enjoy fellowship with your friends and neighbors of OLOP!



## Municipal Band Concert

Charlottesville Municipal Band will present its 94th Season Holiday Concert on **Sunday, December 9**, at **3:30**, at the Martin Luther King Center, Charlottesville High School. Admission is FREE, but everyone is asked to **bring a canned food** for the **Emergency Food Bank**. We'll meet in the Lobby at **2:45** and leave shortly thereafter. If you would like to go, sign up at the mailboxes starting Monday, December 3.



Feeding the  
Community

## Count Down till Noon



Join us on **Monday, December 31**, at **11:45**, in the Dining Room as we welcome in the "**New Year**" with a Count Down till Noon! Please plan to be in the room and seated early so that we can begin the count down at **11:59**. Following the Champagne Toast, we will sing Auld Lang Syne. This will be the **Main Meal of the Day!**

## December Entertainment

### Blue Ridge Chamber Orchestra

**Monday, December 3**, at **7:30** join the **Blue Ridge Chamber Orchestra** for an exclusive performance for OLOP residents. This group is a community string orchestra of roughly two dozen musicians. Some of the selections being played will be; Corelli's Concerto Grosso in G major, The orchestra will also be playing the first movement of Mendelssohn's Sinfonia 8 in D major, composed in the early 1820's when the composer was only 14, and the first movement of Czech composer Dvorak's String Quartet in F major. Conductor, Richard Baritaud is currently the director of the strings program at Henley Middle School, after a long career as a violist in various orchestras around the world. Bring a friend and enjoy this special evening!

Join friends, neighbors and staff as fellow resident, **Joe Giovanelli** plays the piano in the Main Lobby on **Wednesday, December 5** at 2:00. This month's program will be extra special. More information on another page in the newsletter.

**Thursday, December 13**, at 10:30 in the Main Lobby join the lively sounds of the "**Joy Group**". Co-founded by fellow resident, Ruby Thompson, this group will play Bluegrass and Gospel songs for your enjoyment! Bring a friend and sing-a-long with them.

Join your friends and neighbors in the **Main Lobby** for "Music and Fun" with our very own lovely lady, **Eileen Bracuti**. She will perform Christmas themed songs with her friend, **Jill**. Eileen will also entertain you with her famous jokes and riddles on **Thursday, December 13**, at 3:00.

On **Thursday, December 13**, the Women's Choir from **First Baptist Church** will perform Christmas songs for your enjoyment. They will be in the DePiro Room at 6:30. What a wonderful and uplifting way to spend an evening with your friends.

**Woodmen Life** will be here on **Sunday, December 16**, at 2:20 in the Main Lobby. This group has been coming to OLOP for the past several years and would like for you to join them for a short presentation (**20 minutes**) of "Songs of the Season".

On **Wednesday, December 19**, join **Jodi Stevens** and friends at 2:00 for a delightful, fun, filled hour of upbeat music and positivity! Sing along with the provided songbooks and spend the afternoon with a smile!

On **Thursday, December 20** at 7:00, you're encouraged to come to the DePiro room for an evening with **Jean DePiro**. She will be here with members of the **Meadows Presbyterian Church** Choir, which she directs. They will be singing Christmas carols for you to listen to and enjoy!

## December Outings

### Books Sandwiched In

We will be going to Northside Library on **Friday, December 21** to hear the last book review of the year! This month's featured book is;

**“Something must be done about Prince Edward County” by Kristen Green.**

The school board of Prince Edward County closed the school system for five years rather than comply with federal desegregation orders. The author, a native of Farmville, interweaves the personal and the historical in a compelling narrative of historical injustice and a search for redemption for her family's role in it. The book will be reviewed by **Justin Reid**, Director of African American Programs, Virginia Humanities. We will meet in the Main Lobby at 11:30 and leave right after. There will be a sign up sheet at the mailboxes on Friday, December 14. Please note: **Staff does not stay with residents for this outing.**

### Out to Lunch: Timeberwood Grill

We will be going to the Forest Lakes area to eat at Timberwood Grill on **Thursday, December 27**. This American casual restaurant offers a wide variety of appetizers such as Beer Battered Shrimp and General Tso's Cauliflower as well as burgers like the Al Capone; Applewood smoked bacon, white truffle horseradish mayo and more on a pretzel bun or how about the Chuck Norris; sautéed onions and mushrooms, BBQ Sauce, coleslaw and lettuce, tomatoes and mayo. They also offer sandwiches, salads and more.

We will meet in the Main Lobby at **11:30** and leave shortly after.

There will be a sign up sheet at the mailboxes on Thursday, December 20.

### Christmas Light Displays

The Activity Department is actively looking for and keeping an ear out for any locations in the Charlottesville and surrounding areas for Christmas light displays! If you may know of any neighborhoods or areas that have a high participation, please let us know! We would like to schedule a couple of evening outings to go and look at the lights, however we have noticed a decline in displays the past couple of years

### Book Club

Have you read a good book recently or looking for one to read. Join volunteer, **Phyllis Hatcher** along with your OLOP neighbors, on **Friday, December 14**, at **1:30** in the Library for Book Club. Come and listen to what your neighbors have been reading and share anything you have read. This is a great way to learn more about a book that might peak your interest in reading!



**December 2018**

## *Faith In Action*

As a kid, Christmas morning came as quick as a strike of lightning. Sure, there was a lot of anticipation for December 25th to finally arrive, but once here, it was a mad frenzy of ripping into wrapping paper, rifling through monogrammed stockings, and searching under the tree for any missed presents with our names attached (there were only four of us). Only two rules were enforced, wait until everyone was awake and say “thank you.” With little structure, it was a crazed dash for the goods. We were done and ready for breakfast within seven minutes. I loved it. Then I got married and began to attend Christmas morning at my in-laws. Yikes. They have a much larger family and hold fast to their own traditions. For instance, all presents are opened one at a time. Everyone watches as a ribbon is untied, wrapping unsealed, box opened, and contents publicly displayed. It’s painful. Sweet I suppose, but the process takes all day. Presents are opened, pause for breakfast, more opening of presents, then lunch, and then more presents. If we’re efficient, it’s all completed by mid-afternoon. I’ve experienced two drastically different approaches with the commonality of generous gift giving. I don’t know what Christmas morning traditions you’ve shared, although as we enter this Christmas season, let’s be ever mindful of the gift of Jesus Christ. He is the perfect gift. Unparalleled generosity being expressed for God’s glory and our redemption.

### **Protestant Worship at 2pm (Chapel)**

**Dec. 2 Rev. Chad Roberts  
Dec. 9 Rev. Troy Savage  
Dec. 16 Rev. Viktoria Parvin  
Dec. 23 Rev. Tom Deal  
Dec. 30 Rev. George Gorman**

**Stay tuned for details...  
Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve Service)**

### **Catholic Mass at 4pm (DePiro Room)**

**Dec. 2 Fr. Joseph May Lukyamuzi  
Dec. 9 Fr. Gerald Mussubrie  
Dec. 16 TBA  
Dec. 23 Fr. John Mary Lugemwa  
Dec. 30 Fr. Paul Kkonde**

**Stay tuned for details...  
Dec. 8 & Dec. 25 (Holy Days)**

## December Happenings/Notices

### Classical Conversations Home School

Classical Conversations is a classical Christiana homeschool co-op of local families who meet weekly for community and learning. On Tuesday, **December 11 at 10:30**, in the **DePiro Room**, join the children for some fun and social interaction. They would like to visit, hand out some cards they made and sing some carols. Please come support this delightful group of children. Bring a friend!

### Violin Recital

Resident, Thomas Deal's, daughter-in-law, **Jennifer Deal's**, violin students, will perform a variety of classical, folk, and fiddle music with piano accompaniment. The young violinists range in age from 8 to 17. Join them on **Monday, December 17, at 6:00** in the **DePiro Room**. Please come enjoy their musical offerings and cheer them on as they learn to play and perform the violin.

### Nursing Homes Swing

**Friday, December 21**, Nursing Homes Swing, once again brings us the best of the best! Join the **Rev. David Wayland** at 2:15 in the Chapel as he conducts a healing and worship service.

**Jazz 123** with **Robert Larue**, saxophone, **David Weiss**, keys and **Joe Tucker**, guitar will perform for your listening pleasure at 3:00 in the DePiro Room. This is one show you do not want to miss!

### Activity Reminder

During the holidays we sometimes have groups that stop by that did not make it onto our monthly calendar. Check your daily schedule for any additions or changes to the calendar!

### Van Runs

Just a reminder in regard to inclement weather, the van will follow the Albemarle County Schools schedule. **If the schools are closed due to weather or opened on a delayed schedule the OLOP van will not run.** There may be other times when the van will not run at the discretion of the Life Enrichment Director, Sherry Beverage. We thank you in advance for your understanding, keeping in mind your safety is our first priority. Check your daily schedule for updates and additions.

Just a friendly reminder; due to fire regulations, no real wreaths or trees can be used on your doors or in your apartments. Have a safe and happy holiday season!

## Special Events

### Cat Lady Show

**Linda Marchman** is a part time “Butterfly Lady” and a full time “Cat Lady.” She has conducted her business “Social Butterflies” for the past 16 years. Linda stays busy writing books about cats and handcrafting unique jewelry. She will be at OLOP on **Wednesday, December 11, from 10:00-2:00**. She features butterfly wing jewelry, books and other items for the butterfly lovers. In addition, she has written two novels about cats, Gone Astray and Silent Meow, which make *purrfect* gifts for anyone who loves cats! Her cat themed jewelry and scarves accent ladies outfits nicely. One of a kind special earrings, bracelets, and necklaces appeal to many holiday shoppers!

### Christmas Cards

The activity staff would like to assist anyone that needs help with writing Christmas cards and/or addressing the envelopes. Sure, you can make phone calls or send emails and text messages, but a good ol’ fashion Christmas card being sent to your friends and family would mean so much! We will meet in the activity office on the 3rd floor on **Tuesday, December 18, at 11:00**. The cards will be provided or you can bring your own. Just drop in and we will be glad to help!

### Christmas Pageant

Please join us at **2:00** in the DePiro room on **Tuesday, December 18** for an uplifting and entertaining No-Rehearsal Christmas Pageant. The occasion provides an opportunity for everyone (staff and residents) to share in the telling of the nativity story. Feel free to come dressed up as a stable animal, wise person, angel, shepherd, or sheep. Some simple costumes will be available just before the production. There’s no pressure to participate, although it should be fun! Of course, you’re welcome to simply observe as well.

If you have any questions, please see **Chad Roberts, Pastoral Counselor**.

### Annual Christmas Party

We will having our Annual Christmas Party on **Friday, December 7, from 5:30-7:30**. If you have not already done so stop by the Front Office today to make your reservations. There will be hor d’oeuvres and desserts, festive Christmas music, not to mention all of your friends, family and OLOP neighbors!

A shuttle service will run from 5:00-8:00, with parking at the Church of Incarnation.

If you will not be attending we will need to know that as well.

## Resident Council Meeting

Please note there will be **NO** Resident Council Meeting in December. The next meeting will be on **Wednesday, January 9, 2019** at 1:30 p.m., in the DePiro Room.

Please stop by the front office if you have any questions or concerns.

## *December Birthdays*

### Resident Birthdays

Shirley Hovanic-Williams	2nd
Elizabeth Eppard	4th
Norma Anderson	5th
Shirley Jackson	5th
Lucinda Wheeler	5th
Godfrey Tudor-Matthews	11th
Carol Reines	23rd
Barbara LaChance	29th

### *Happy Birthday*

Independent & Assisted Living residents will celebrate the December birthdays on **Wednesday, December 19,** at your regular dinner seating.

## Holiday Treats & Traditions

Join Pastoral Counselor, Chad Roberts on **Thursday, December 20** at **10:00** in the Lounge for an hour of fun and fellowship. Let's talk about holiday traditions as we enjoy special treats to eat. What was your Christmas morning like? Did the kids rush to open presents with paper flying everywhere, or maybe you opened your presents one at a time so everyone could see what you got and who it was from. Did you go to Church on Christmas eve or morning? Was your holiday dinner the same every year? Did you go caroling, or drink hot coco while you wrapped presents, baked cookies with your family, watch Miracle on 34th Street? Let's see how many of us have the same traditions or how many new ones we may want to start after hearing everyone's ideas. This should be a lot of fun! Bring a friend and join in!

### Staff Birthdays

Justin Wright	5th
Rachel Mayo	14th
Adriane Carey	18th
Loretta Wyant	20th

*Please wish them  
Happy Birthday!*

# December

## Special Events 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 7:30 (dp) Blue Ridge Chamber Orchestra	4	5 2:00 (ml) Music w' Joe/ Tree Lighting	6	7 5:30-7:30 Christmas Party	8 10:00 (dp) Mass
9 2:45 (CHS) Municipal Band Concert	10	11 10-2 (ml) Butterfly Lady Sale  10:30 Children to visit	12  11:00 Book Mobile (fpl)  2:30 Christmas Cards	13 10:30 (ml) Joy Group  3:00 (ml) Music & Fun with Eileen  6:30 (ml) 1st Baptist Women's Choir	14 1:30 (Lib) Book Club	15
16 2:20 (ml) Woodmen Life	17 6:00 (dp) Violin Recital	18 11-2 (ml) Sarita Jewelry  2:00 (dp) Christmas Pageant	19 2:00 (ml) Jodi & Friends  Birthday Dinner	20 10:00 (L) Holiday Treats & Traditions  7:30 (dp) Sing Along with Jean DePiro	21 11:30 Books Sandwiched In  2:15 (C) Rev. Wayland  3:00 (dp) NHS	22
23	24	25 Merry Christmas!!  	26	27  11:30 Out to Lunch: Timberwood	28	29
30	31 11:45 (dining room) Countdown Til' Noon  					