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Our friends at the Youth Farm constructed a sign made of snow thanking healthcare workers as well as a snowman that stands 40 feet tall! We are so appreciative of all those who are thinking of us and praying for us in these times.

May Events:

May 1 Birthday Party

Dear Family Members & Friends,

During this difficult time, I want to assure you that the Mennonite Nursing Home has a strong foundation built on prayer and the faith of those who walked before us. Still today we keep that strong foundation of prayer and faith to embrace all the challenges that come with the COVID-19 Pandemic. We are happy to report that we currently do not have COVID-19 at the Mennonite Nursing Home. We continue to follow every precaution from the Saskatchewan Health Authority & the Public Health Officer. One of those orders is that we are not able to have outdoor/parking lot visits between family and residents. This is very difficult to uphold at this time when the community is beginning to gather with social distancing but with sadness I do have to say we have to continue to follow this order until further notice. As soon as this order is lifted we will be sure to let you know of the changes. Until then please continue to window visit and call to book times for a Face Time chat. May

God Bless you and keep you safe.

Sincerely,

Joan Lemauviel, CEO

Normally this time of year would find us busy preparing for things such as our May Day Tea and Spring Fling, however it will come as no surprise that these events have been cancelled this year.

For Facetime/video chat visits, please contact Chalsie either by email at chalsie.klassen@saskhealthauthority.ca or by phone at 306-232-4861. The best times for chats are 9:30 to 11:45 and 1:00 to 4:15, however we will accommodate other times if these do not work.

You can find us on Facebook! Please search for the Mennonite Nursing Homes Inc. page. For family members we have created a private group called the *Mennonite Nursing Home Family Group* where we can share pictures and important information pertinent to families.



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"So do not fear, for I am with you. Do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand" Isaiah 41:10

June Events

June 5 Birthday Party

Please note that although we are still uploading Activity calendars, our activities are scaled down to meet the regulations of SHA and the Ministry of Health.

Car Show!!

We are hoping to have a drive-thru classic car show on June 22nd for our residents. If you or someone you know has a classic car and would like to show it off AND bring a smile to many faces, please contact Chalsie in Activities for more information.



Visit from the Queen

Our good and gracious Queen decided to stop by our home for a tour on April 20, just one day before her birthday on April 21st. She had to keep her distance of course, so the tour was kept to window visits only. The Queen was played by none other than Patty Friesen. We were so excited and surprised that she chose to grace us with her presence!

A Word From Our Chaplain—Amos Fehr

Promises Made

Over the years we have all experienced broken promises in some way, shape or form. As a result a relationship may have been damaged or even terminated. Human relationships are complicated at best. When trust is lost we lose our faith and confidence in someone or something. Remember the old days when washing machines were made to last for a few decades? We miss our old and faithful 1967 Maytag washing machine we used in Manitoba for 30 years! Five years ago we moved to Saskatchewan. We bought new appliances. One of them is a new "energy friendly" washing machine...it lasted for a whopping 16 months. Good thing it was still under warranty. Kind of reminds me of this quote by Tolkien: "All that is gold does not glitter; not all who wander are lost; the old that is strong does not wither; deep roots are not reached by frost".



The past 7 weeks have been a whirlwind of change and uncertainty as the Saskatchewan Health Authority continues to create new policies for us to follow in order to keep our residents safe from Coronavirus. I am very thankful for our MNH Leadership Team and how calmly, and skillfully, we are being guided by Joan Lemauviel (CEO/Administrator). I thank God for her wisdom and that we can trust her as we move forward during this pandemic. In the midst of all these changes our residents remain 'safe and sound' and are finding ways to cope with the upheaval. We miss all the regular visitors and volunteers who bring so much joy and variety to our home.

In days like these we place our trust in the promises of God. Throughout scripture the Holy One reveals how we are loved and cared for...especially in times of trouble and distress. God made a promise to Noah through the beauty of a rainbow. He has kept that promise to this day. The Lord has also made a promise that His love for us is eternal and that He will watch over us. We are not alone. Someone who is much greater than our imagination cares for us. Psalm 73:26 says, "My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever". During this difficult time we enter the flow of life and allow for some questions to remain unanswered.

These are challenging days. I can't even begin to imagine how it must feel for you not being able to come and see your family member here at MNH. Who would have ever thought? In all this I would like to offer you hope. Hope in a world that is so filled with anxiety, fear and mistrust. The promise of God will reveal itself to us...at the right time...not to soon...not too late. One day we will look back and see how God guided us during these times. In Exodus 33:18-23 we find a very powerful story of a man facing hardships and doubt. In this passage *Moses says to God (Yahweh): "Show me your glory". God replies to Moses saying, "I shall place you in the cleft of the rock and shield you with my hand until I have passed by. Then I shall take my hand away, and you will see my backside, but my face will not be seen". For us, one day in the future, we will begin the mysterious journey of seeing the "Glory of God" in all that is happening throughout our world today. Until that day let us hold on to His promises...knowing they will be kept!*