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In spite of everything, Santa Klaus did not forget our residents at the home. Big thanks to our staff who took the time to play Santa and bring a little cheer to our residents during the Christmas season.

January Events:

January events to be announced

While reflecting back on 2020 all I could see was a year filled with COVID-19 so I thought I would take some time to reflect further back into the history of the Mennonite Nursing Home (MNH) and the Mennonite Youth Farm Complex (MYFC). What a fun time that was seeing how God has blessed the Complex over the many years of "Serving God by Serving Others". I hope this will be interesting for those new to MNH and for those who may be familiar to MNH.

In 1943 Saskatchewan Mennonite Youth Organization (SMYO) now known as Mennonite Church Saskatchewan purchased the MYFC for \$20,000.00 from the Rosthern Experimental Farm, a Government of Saskatchewan organization. (Paid by individual donors over a 4-year payment plan).

Various Homes and Programs that were started on the MYFC after that date were:
1943-1984 - Operated a Farming Program

1944-1964 - The Invalid Home opened which in 1964 became the Mennonite Nursing Home
1964 - Present - Mennonite Nursing Home (Long Term Care)
1953-1971 - The Children's Home
1954-1956 - The Home for the Mentally Handicapped that evolved into the Men's Home in 1956
1956-1973 - The Men's Home
1956-1968 - the Women's Home
1965 - Youth Farm Bible Camp
1968 - Original MNH Building was constructed
1988 - Country Gardens (Independent Senior Housing)
1990 - Mennonite Nursing Home West Side Addition
1993 - Pineview Manor (Assisted Living)
1999 - Pineview Manor North East Addition
2000 - The Mennonite Nursing Home East Side Renovation (shared rooms to single rooms)
2019 - Sunrise Place (Personal Care Home).
Happy New Year to All!

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February Events

February events to be announced

Please note that our activities have been scaled down to meet the regulations of SHA and the Ministry of Health.

A Word From Our Chaplain—Amos Fehr

Hope

Ever since I was a child I have enjoyed looking into the stillness of the night sky. This past summer I had the privilege of viewing several planets via an observatory telescope. The rings around Saturn were incredible as the heavens were displaying a glimpse of God's glory. It reminded me of a few lines from the old song called "Home on the Range": "How often at night when the heavens are bright...in the light of the glittering stars. Have I stood there amazed and asked as I gazed...if their glory exceeds that of ours".

Several months ago we were told about a special celestial event that was to occur on December 21st (Winter Solstice) in the southwestern evening sky. Jupiter and Saturn would appear to overlap creating a dazzling and brilliant light called "The Christmas Star". The last time this exact view was possible from earth was 800 years ago. This rare occurrence may have been similar to what led the wise men to follow the bright star to Bethlehem so long ago. Anyways...December 21st did arrive but to my dismay so did an overcast sky. I never got to see the alignment I had waited for. What I had hoped to see never became a reality but I can look at pictures of it. 2020 has been a year just like that. Covid-19. What we hoped for...did not happen. What we hoped would not happen...did. Still, we hope for a better world as we have entered 2021. I cannot imagine how difficult it must be for you who have family here in our homes. We continue to offer hope to our residents in our conversations and in our prayers.



Desmond Tutu once said, "Hope is seeing light in spite of being surrounded by darkness". He knew it is easy to lose hope — in society, in loved ones, and even in yourself. Be it a string of unfortunate Covid- 19 events or simply being stuck in the status quo, when life doesn't go exactly as you want it to, the despair can slowly sneak in. And, if you're not careful, it can eat away at you. But for those who find comfort in faith, reading over Bible verses about hope can help revitalize you. The following verse is found in 1 Peter 5:10 where it says, "And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast". Therefore...let us keep the faith and keep an eye on the sky as we wait for His return.

*"The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness."*—Lamentations 3:22-23