

October 2024

Blissfield Place

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Celebrating October

October Birthdays

Randy – October 2nd

Music

Piano with Joe

Saturdays – 10 a.m.

Piano with Charlene

October 10th – 11 a.m.

Piano with Seka

October 22nd – 10 a.m.

Fun Activities

**Cider and Donuts for Residents
and Volunteers**

October 9th – 10 a.m.

Pumpkin Decorating

October 18th – 10 a.m.

Community Trick or Treat

October 28th – 6-7 p.m.

Volunteer of the Month

Hi! I am Celia Young-Wenkel. I worked for the State of Michigan for 22 years, and am a retired social worker. I have 3 adult kids and 4 grandkids. My youngest grandson, Freddie, is 7 months old. I moved to Blissfield 3 years ago in order to be closer to my son and his family. Blissfield isn't much different from the rural areas that I lived in all my life in the central portion of the lower peninsula, except that I'm about 15 minutes from Toledo, a major metropolitan area. It's the best of both worlds. My mom was diagnosed with dementia in 2008 and I struggled to care for her. In 2012, I had her placed at a local nursing home. I visited her nearly everyday while she was there. I got to know many of the people that she lived with and I learned so much about caring for loved ones with dementia. After my mom passed, I signed up to volunteer at a different assisted living facility. It was such a blessing because several of my mom's fellow residents were at the new facility. I felt so close to my mom while surrounded with the familiar faces. I am most notably the bingo lady. I try to tell little stories sometimes, like when I lost my glasses recently and didn't find them until a few days later. They were in the linen closet where my scales are. We all chuckled when I shyly said that I took them off before I weighed myself, like that would help. I think they just laugh so I'll be quiet and get back to calling the numbers. I am so grateful to be able to spend time with the incredible residents of Blissfield Place!! The faces have changed over the past few years, but it's such a gift to get to know each one with their individual personalities. It is hard to tell who gets the most enjoyment from my bingo visits twice a week. My only hope is that I am able to bring as much sunshine into their lives as they bring into mine.



Love Thy Neighbor

I am grateful for my neighbors. One day while power washing my porch, the power washer quit working. So I called my neighbor to borrow his power washer. He promptly said yes and brought it over. Because of his kindness, I was able to finish power washing the porch! There is a story in the Bible in Luke 10:25-37 about a Samaritan being a good neighbor. This Samaritan was traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho and came upon a man lying in the road, beaten by robbers, striped of his clothing and left to die. Prior to the Samaritan finding the man, a priest and then a Levite came upon the man and kept walking past him. However, the Samaritan stopped. Kneeling beside the man, he began bandaging his wounds and placing him on his donkey he brought him to an inn. While paying the innkeeper, he told him he would return and reimburse him for any extra expenses. This parable asks the question, 'which of these three was a neighbor to the man who fell to the hands of robbers'? As I reflect on this story, we see the Samaritan took pity on the man. He was a presence of compassion and love. He took time to slow down and tend to the needs of a wounded man. He chose to give of his income to the innkeeper so the inn keeper would not feel cheated and so the man might find rest and healing at the inn. This is what it means to be a neighbor. This is love. Love that comes from a heart that is right with God. We are instructed in Matthew 22:39 to 'love our neighbor as ourself'. Our neighbor is anyone we come into contact with - those who live next door, people we meet in the store, in the airport, even our coworkers. As you walk through your week, be praying for God to show you how to be a neighbor. Do not be afraid to be Jesus to others. Do not be afraid to LOVE. Your presence and your compassion are the love your neighbor needs. Be a neighbor today!

Chaplain Val

Trick or Treat

We will have our Halloween Trick or Treat Monday, October 28th, 6-7 p.m. This event will be open to the community. We are asking family and anyone who would like to donate candy to please bring in bags of candy. Like last year, residents will sit in their doorway and hand out candy to the kids as they come by. Please invite family members to join you for this fun event!

