

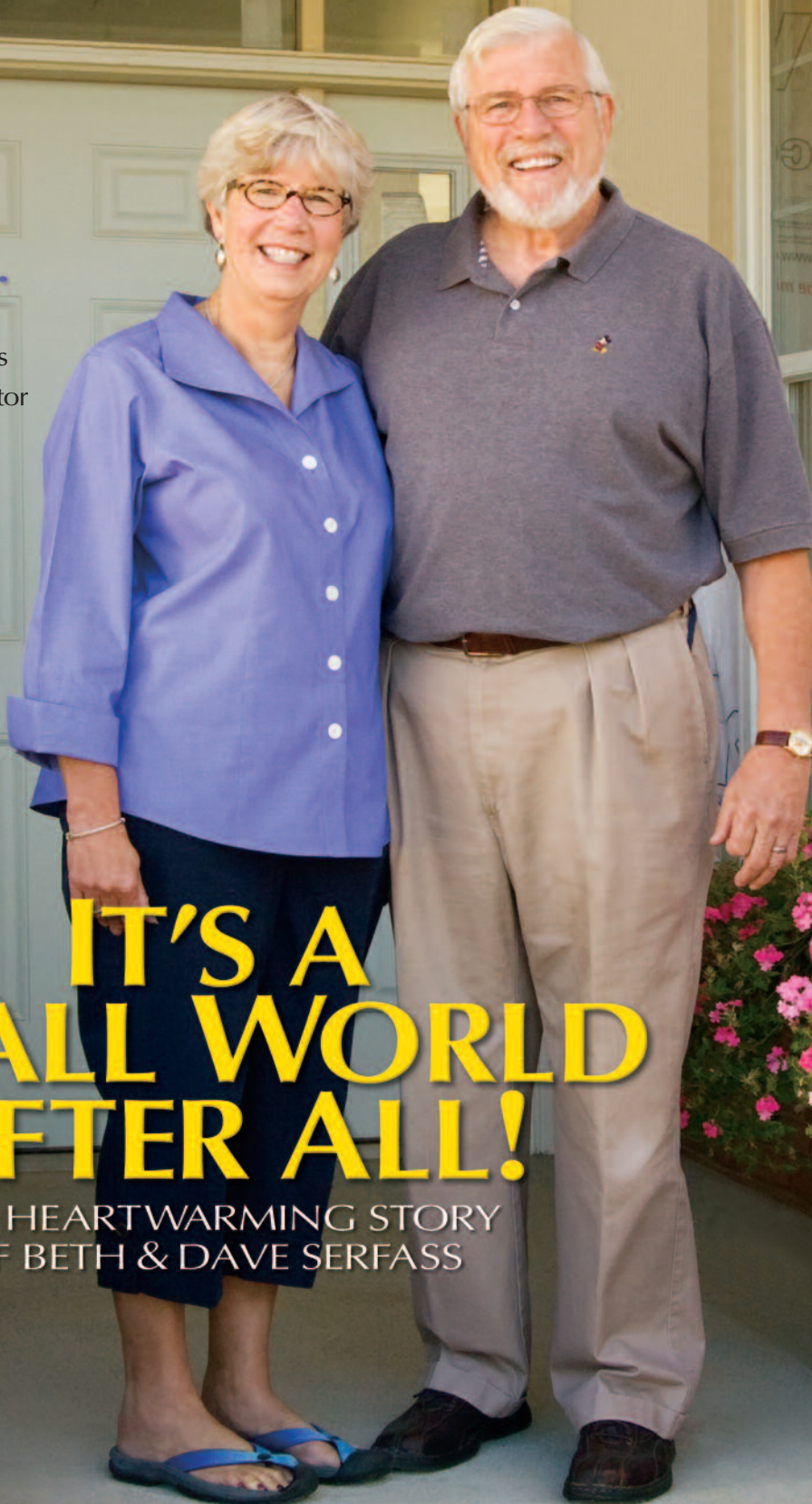


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IT'S A SMALL WORLD AFTER ALL!

THE HEARTWARMING STORY
OF BETH & DAVE SERFASS

Working with Beth and Dave Serfass throughout their move to Woodcrest Villa was a pleasure. They each have a genuine passion for life — Woodcrest Villa is fortunate to welcome them as residents! I invited Beth to share their love story.

— Kate Daniels, Retirement Counselor



The Newlyweds

I lived my entire life in Lancaster County and graduated from Millersville University with BS and MS degrees. My 33 years in a Middletown first grade classroom were truly a delight.

Dave grew up in the Pocono region and earned his BA from Albright College and MDiv from United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio. Dave retired from the UCC denomination in 1999, but he continues in interim ministry.

Throughout my career, I was known as MISS Wolf, while Dave was blessed with a loving marriage of 50 years and the additional blessings of three children and six wonderful grandchildren. I met Dave, a widower, just eighteen months ago. In July, we were married in a beautiful ceremony, happily surrounded by our family and friends. Our reception featured the Disney songs “When You Wish Upon A Star” and, for me, “Someday My Prince DID Come!”

Retirement is the best phase of life. After fulfilling careers, we are able to return to the place of childhood where “play” is essential. We spend a

good portion of every day enjoying life together, whether preparing a meal to share with friends and family, watching a movie, reading or traveling. Our other joy is active ministry - Dave serving God’s people in the church and me as a volunteer at Hospice of Lancaster County.

Woodcrest Villa appealed to us for several reasons. First are the positive experiences others have had at your community. Second is the care of the grounds, providing a lovely campus for all to enjoy. Finally, location, location, location! Having the Health Campus, the mall, major highways and Lancaster City so near makes Woodcrest Villa very attractive.

We are truly happy people; a gift we will share with the Woodcrest Villa community.



Beth & Dave

More Villas, Great Savings

Our Continuing Care Retirement Community is made up of a Care Campus, Mennonite Home, and our Residential Campus, Woodcrest Villa, which features villas and apartments.

Construction is underway at Woodcrest Villa on our 16 home Rubia Place villa expansion! We are proud to partner with E.G. Stoltzfus, a builder of custom homes and communities for over 40 years. They are known for their commitment to quality and service for their customers.

The Rubia Place homes are spacious new villas featuring two bedrooms and two full bathrooms. The floor plans range from approximately 1,600 square feet to 1,900 square feet. The Villas at Woodcrest provide care-free, one-floor living. We invite you to explore our exciting Rubia Place villa expansion.

Future residents are busy selecting their flooring and cabinetry choices along with making other pre-move arrangements! The first residents will occupy their new homes this fall. There are still villas available, some with two car garages. Marian, a Woodcrest Villa resident, commented, *"I know it's hard to give up your home, but once you are here, you'll say: Why didn't I do this sooner?"*

Discover how we can Help Save you Thousands

If apartment living better fits your style, various bright and cheery apartments are available immediately! For a limited time, a move to one of our apartments includes our complimentary "Welcome Home" moving program (an average savings of \$3,500 - \$4,000). We will guide you every step of the way, beginning with a Davcon Relocation Services consultation through your move to your new apartment. A Davcon representative will visit your home, upon request, and personally assist in making the downsizing and moving process a stress-free experience.

In addition to our "Welcome Home" moving program, you can live three months maintenance fee free if you choose a studio, one-bedroom or select two-bedroom apartments as your new home. This offer is available to individuals who move before the end of the year. Call our Marketing Department at 717.390.4103 to learn more!



Campus Features

- Computer room
 - Exercise equipment
 - Extensive library
 - Gardens & walking path
 - Life Trails exercise
 - Marketplace – offering fresh produce and all food needs
 - On-site banking
 - On-site pharmacy
 - Pool and hot-tub
 - Shuttle to the Lancaster General Health Suburban Outpatient Pavilion and local attractions
 - Special entertainment
 - Woodworking shop
- And much, much more!*

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Meet Our Marketing Director



We are pleased to announce that **Connie Buckwalter** has joined Mennonite Home Communities as Director of Marketing. Connie will provide leadership to the marketing program for both Woodcrest Villa and Mennonite Home. With 18 years experience in marketing and communications, we are excited about the increased focus Connie will bring to Mennonite Home Communities' marketing efforts.

- *Nelson Kling, President*

Hello. My name is Connie Buckwalter and I am delighted to join Mennonite Home Communities as the Director of Marketing. I've spent most of my life in Lancaster County, having graduated from Solanco High School and Millersville University with a bachelor's degree in English and a master's degree in Business Administration.

For over 12 years, I worked at Lancaster General Health, most recently as marketing manager for several medical services. I thoroughly enjoyed my experiences as a proud member of the Lancaster General Health team. The desire to serve seniors in a faith-based community led me to join the family at Mennonite Home Communities. Upon meeting everyone, I knew I made the right choice. Everyone clearly has a passion for helping others and my skills, leadership and experience will contribute to the team.

In our spare time, my husband, Marc, and I spend hours outdoors enjoying bicycling, kayaking and running. I have competed in several marathons, including Boston, but have recently gotten into biking. Last year I completed my first 100-mile bike ride (also called a century). Although I enjoy being on the go, I also like reading, knitting and spending time with Marc and our two dogs, Brooke and Chip.

As a long-time community member, I have watched Mennonite Home Communities grow to meet the changing needs and preferences of residents. People speak highly of the care and facilities at both Mennonite Home and Woodcrest Villa. My grandmother, Joyce Turner Brunk, worked here before her retirement. She was proud of being part of such a wonderful organization.

In a time of constant change, it is refreshing to see how Mennonite Home Communities remains committed to helping others. It is clear that the Board of Directors and Executive Leadership Team demonstrate tremendous vision and innovation through up-to-date facilities, designs and models of care. The recent national recognition from Long-Term Living magazine speaks for itself. Rubia Place is another exciting example! These spacious new villas offer care-free, one-floor living with multiple amenities. For people who would prefer something cozier, our apartments offer an excellent option. Current incentives make now an attractive time to check them out!

In closing, I am honored and excited to join the Mennonite Home Communities family. I am eager to meet current and future residents, team members, and friends and family. I feel blessed to have this opportunity to promote the mission and vision of such a well-respected organization.

Connie Buckwalter,
MHC Director of Marketing



Eagle Wing Renovations

The Eagle Wing apartment building of Woodcrest Villa is now completely transformed! Each floor is bright and cheerful, with a distinctive color theme reflected in new paint, carpet, wall coverings, pictures, and furniture.

At the Eagle Wing lobby, convenient automatic front doors greet our guests. The lobby features a beautiful wood floor with a Compass Medallion focal point. Comfortable new seating invites residents and friends to converse. Expanded restroom facilities, coat racks, and a drinking fountain complete the lobby amenities.



Sandy Hess, Community Life Coordinator, and **Mim Cruz**, Director of Pastoral Care, at Eagle Commons.

Eagle Commons is a beautiful gathering place for worship and special events. The brilliant golds, greens and blues enhance the room. A wood floor serves as an altar area for worship services and a stage area for programs. Beautiful one-of-a-kind stained glass panels coordinate with the carpet. The backlit windows appear to have sunlight coming through them. Resident Ray Hargraves created our wooden cross in the Woodcrest Villa Woodshop.

A state of the art sound system, projector, DVD/CD player and camera complete the room's renovations.

Residents and their guests will enjoy the renovations of Eagle Wing. We thank RLPS for the design and Simeral Construction for their work partnering with Mennonite Home Communities staff to achieve our vision. Thanks to all who collaborated on this project.

National Recognition

Long-Term Living magazine sponsored a national competition on remodel/renovation projects. Subscribers voted Mennonite Home first place in the Bathing Areas/Spas category. Residents enjoy the comfort of a relaxing soak in the whirlpool and the convenience of the shampoo sink.



Photo by Larry Lefever Photography

Volunteer Connection

Summer Picnics

What is better than a hot dog or hamburger fresh off the grill? Who better to answer that question than Henry Leaman, master of the art of slow cooking? Henry shares his grilling secrets: *“Go slow; take plenty of time. Approximately one hour slow cooks hot dogs and hamburgers to perfection. Then add your toppings; onions, tomatoes, lettuce, cheese, sauerkraut, mustard or ketchup.”*



If you visited Mennonite Home at lunchtime during July and August, you likely caught a whiff of one of our annual summer picnics. Volunteers Henry and Marian Leaman started this beloved tradition 26 years ago. The picnics are held in the MHC Courtyard and attendance by residents and staff continues to grow.

Nearing 64 years of marriage, Henry & Marian always work as a team, especially during the picnics. Marian says jokingly *“Henry has it easy behind the grill. My duties keep me moving, running*

around serving the food, and making sure that everyone gets as much as they want.” Side dishes of baked beans, macaroni salad, watermelon, and ice cream balance the hot dogs and burgers.

Henry explains how the picnics started; *“In the early 80’s, after 33 years of dairy farming, I was appointed Maintenance Supervisor of Mennonite Home. I had the notion to start an annual tradition of serving homemade vanilla ice cream to the residents. This evolved into full summer picnics.”*

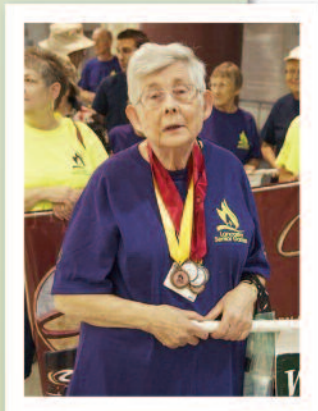
Marian is sharing her gift of writing by compiling 100 pages on the history of the Mennonite Church. Marian documented the timeline of the church’s history to include changes in the culture, such as mode of dress.

Henry shares the most exciting and rewarding aspect of the picnics; *“Whenever I visit MHC, residents stop me to thank me. The residents remember the experience of that one special picnic day. Everyone enjoys it so much.”*

When asked if they will be hosting the 2011 summer picnics, Henry replied, *“If God gives us the health; we’ll be back next year!”*

2010 Senior Games

In a unique twist on volunteering, 14 MHC employees volunteered over three days of Senior Games in June. Many Woodcrest Villa residents participate in the Games. Our volunteers traditionally staff the horseshoe competition. The Office of Aging is grateful for the dedication of the MHC volunteers and the employees enjoy representing our retirement community to Lancaster area seniors.



MHC’s own **Beth Rodgers** displays several medals she won at the 2010 Senior Games.

Summer Fun

Music filled the courtyard of Mennonite Home as residents and volunteers kicked off a summer of fun with a classic 'Sock Hop' featuring musicians Bill and Carol Lea. Manheim Central High School students escorted residents outside to enjoy a sunny afternoon of music and dancing.



Summer fun continued as residents welcomed family and friends to the first annual "Family Fun Fest." Due to the extreme heat, the festivities spread throughout the Mennonite Home buildings. Both old and young marveled at the petting zoo, with everything from fuzzy peeps and baby alpacas to an intriguing reptile exhibit. Bright balloons decorated the rooms as participants enjoyed a refreshing Ice Cream Social. The afternoon ended with the Malta Band filling the chapel with patriotic favorites. As the last note faded, smiling faces reflected lasting pleasant memories.

Picnics on the Patio

The Woodcrest Villa residents thoroughly enjoyed several picnics on the Bluebird Patio. Proceeds from the Marketplace acquired a large stainless steel grill that **Shaun Metzler**, Director of Dining Services, and his staff put to great use. The residents enjoyed the option of alfresco dining on the patio or the air-conditioned comfort of Bluebird Café.



2010 Golf Outing

In July, a record 208 golfers registered for our 15th Golf Outing at Par Line Golf Course. We raised over \$48,000 for the Benevolent Care Fund and enjoyed a beautiful day topped off with Delmonico steaks and crab cakes.



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Chaplain Dorcas Martzall and Reba Zook enjoy a lighter moment of remembrance.

Still Remembering...

Because we feel like family, losing a resident is an emotional time for the staff and residents, as well as the family.

To celebrate the lives of those who have passed thru our doors, Mennonite Home Communities holds an annual Service of Remembrance. Spouses, staff, and family members are invited to attend the service held in the Chapel for anyone who has passed away within the last year. Each resident's name is included in the program and read aloud. There are also special prayers, readings, songs and music provided by the trio of chaplains at Mennonite Home.

Chaplain Dorcas Martzall explains, *"The Service of Remembrance was well received and appreciated by many family members and friends. One family member, whom I have seen several times since the service, reiterated repeatedly how much it meant to her family. For me personally, it is wonderful to remember the residents and help their families reach closure."*

Esther Wolgemuth, a Woodcrest Villa resident, recently shared her thoughts, *"The Service of Remembrance occurred very soon after my husband John's passing. My family was able to attend and the whole service was very nice. I especially enjoyed the chaplains' singing, they always sound great."*