

Messages from SMP Health - Maryhill

A Newsletter for Maryhill Families

May 2022

Dear Family and Friends,

I wanted to share a small portion of Pope Francis's reflection of old age and the respect and honor we owe the elderly!

Dear brothers and sisters: With the help of the Word of God, we focus today on the fragility of old age. While reminders of our fragility can occur at any point in life, it seems that they only provoke a strong reaction when they happen to young people. In this regard, our common experience envisions love as something "descending", a gift freely given by parents and the elderly to younger generations. Divine revelation, however, shows us another way of loving: honouring those who came before us. This special love was made sacred by God through its inclusion in the Ten Commandments. The commandment is not limited to just one's own father or mother but extends to all the generations that came before us. The honour due to the elderly must never be forgotten regardless of their physical or mental condition, as today's Scripture passage from the Book of Sirach reminds us. This lesson is also evident in the way that Noah was treated by his children after he had too much to drink. Amid all the present-day resources dedicated to the care of the elderly, we must always strive to offer them that special form of love, that honour, which is due to them.

Note: Some of the Wording is in British Spelling.

May 9th through May 13th is Nursing Home Week. What makes this a special week, is we celebrate the essential role that skilled nursing facilities play in creating and nurturing connections for our residents. We pay tribute to all the staff who serve our residents through special fun events. The work of long-term care is a calling. It is about service to others. We work with the most vulnerable, and our true reward is the touch of a hand, a smile, and a thank you. Please be on the lookout for pictures on our Facebook page of the different fun events.

Happy Mother's Day to ALL the MOTHERS Past, Present, or Soon To Be Moms. May your day be filled with love, joy, and laughter.

Covid-19 Updates

We are in routine status (zero positive staff and residents). Testing requirements are in place for all not-up-to-date and symptomatic individuals at a frequency of twice a week. The screening machine upon entry is another protection to catch situations to reduce the spread as much as possible, so please continue to utilize the machine each time you visit. Please remember that masking is required while in the facility hallways and hand hygiene is extremely important. If you are experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms, please stay home to reduce any exposure to the residents. If you have any questions, please continue to reach out!!

CMS visitation guidelines from 11/12/2021 outlining indoor visitation, visitor testing/vaccination, and resident outings are still in effect. Once the weather is nice, you will be able to utilize outside places for visiting with your loved ones as well. If you plan to have a large group coming in and want to reserve a family room, please call and we can reserve it otherwise it's a first come first serve basis.

SMP Health – Maryhill has an active policy in place to be compliant with the federal mandate at this time and all staff working within the building are either vaccinated or have an approved exemption. Everyone with an approved exemption does need to follow additional guidelines for everyone's protection.

All residents who were eligible and consented to receive the 2nd booster (4th COVID shot) received it on April 21st. We continue to use our best methods of protection to keep everyone safe including vaccination, hand hygiene, and masking.



In Our Memories

We extend our sympathy to the families and friends of this special person who had become part of our Maryhill family and has died in the past month. We treasure our memories with them and pray that God will be with their loved ones at this time of loss. We will remember....

Merlin Fornes, 1939 – 2022

Stay healthy and God bless,
Bailyn Walz, CEO/Administrator



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