

## CONGREGATIONAL HOME

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# RESIDENTS' MONTHLY NEWS

January 2025

## Board of Directors - 2025

*Much Appreciation to Congregational Home's Board of Directors!*

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**Please consider "Leaving your Legacy" here at the *Congregational Home*!**

For the past 50 years, since our founding in 1974, *Congregational Home* has relied on the generosity of people like you to make a difference in the lives of our residents! What began as a dream about caring for one another became a reality thanks to the generosity of so many! The founding capital of our home began with our initial donors from *First Congregational Church of Wauwatosa*, from the first block of our foundation, to artwork hanging on our walls. That amazing generosity remains in the heart of our mission today!

Our residents directly benefit from your generosity! Your gifts have helped us over the years to improve our facilities with remodels and additions, as well as to provide wonderful, trained staff! All of this directly impacts the men and women who call our Retirement Community - HOME!

The 2017 completion of *Betty's Garden* made a significant difference in our residents' wellbeing and is widely used by all levels of care! We've improved our Chapel sound system, bought a new van and a new bus, and improved access for our residents to have better technology & programming. We continue to strive to innovate and implement the newest techniques and equipment. This was all made possible because of the generosity of very special people! The spirit of generosity that gave us a beginning, continues to move us forward as we lead and innovate to provide the best care for our elders.

By the end of 2025, *Congregational Home* hopes to begin a new improvement project, a full remodel of our first-floor skilled nursing units – Fireside East and Fireside West - not just a face lift and paint, but a full renovation including replacement of many walls, ceilings, windows, plumbing, air conditioning & mechanical systems. This involved process is expected to be done in sections, to avoid as much disruption as possible to our current residents, but the results should bring much joy to all!

Your support or any gifts you are interested in donating are always appreciated! Your donation would be a gift of *your legacy and could even allow you the honor of naming* rights for particular areas, lounges, or items! You will make the difference, and will always be remembered for it!

Please consider a donation to *Congregational Home's Renovation Fund*!

Great thanks for your consideration and my best to you always!  
Kris Sprtel LNHA, President, CEO



*January*


*Employee*

*Spotlight*

*Lorita Hawthorne*

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Congratulations, Lorita!  
Your hard work and  
dedication to  
Congregational Home  
Residents and staff does  
not go unnoticed!



**From the Chaplain's Heart**  
***A Message from Chaplain Maureen***

*Sharing my sincere wishes for a Blessed New Year for you and your loved ones. May this year unfold with love and peace!*



***A Prayer for the New Year***

Dear Father, for this coming year,  
Just one request I bring:  
I do not pray for happiness,  
Or any earthly thing—  
I do not ask to understand  
The way Thou ledest me,  
But this I ask: Teach me to do  
The thing that pleaseth Thee.  
I want to know Thy guiding voice,  
To walk with Thee each day.  
Dear Father, make me swift to hear  
And ready to obey.  
And thus the year I now begin  
A happy year will be—  
If I am seeking just to do  
The thing that pleaseth Thee.

<https://www.newyearwiki.com/christian-new-year-poems/>

*But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.  
They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary,  
they will walk and not be faint.*

*Isaiah 40:31*

# IN LOVING Memory

Please join us to celebrate, honor, and remember the lives of the following residents who have entered into eternal life:

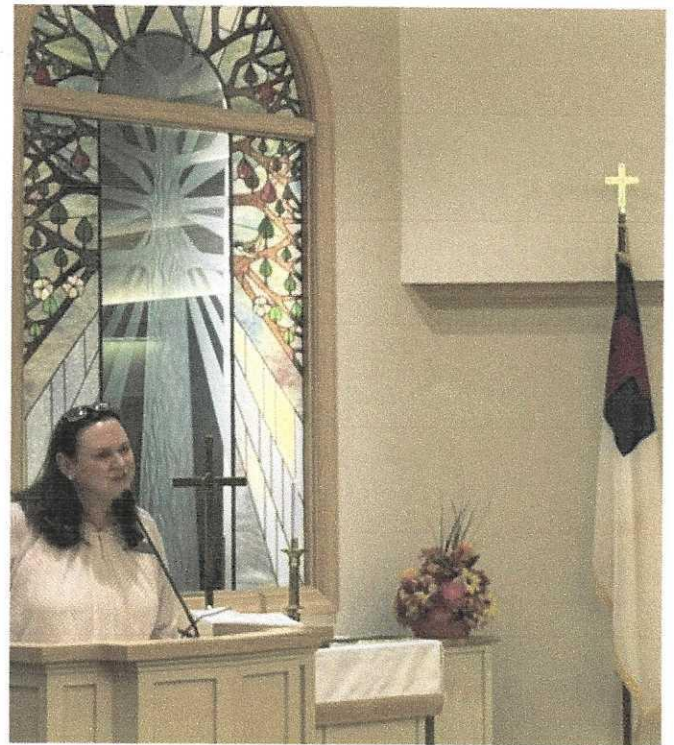
Dorothy Petersen ~ 11/28/24  
Ruby Bobbitt ~ 12/02/24  
Judith Adams ~ 12/12/24  
Fred Sheldon Johnson ~ 12/19/24

The Remembrance Service is open to residents, family, friends, and employees.

Thursday, January 9  
10:30 a.m.  
Chapel



# Thanksgiving Service



# Port Milwaukee Tour



Scenic  
Ride  
Candy  
Cane Lane



# Christmas Trees





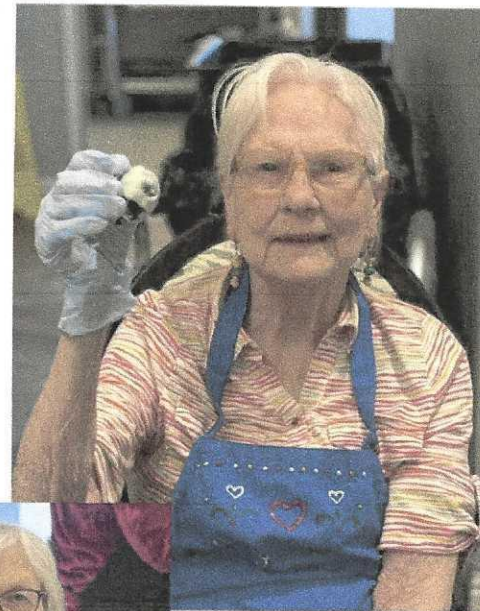
Piano Concert  
w/Heinzel Kunsmann

Restaurant Outing

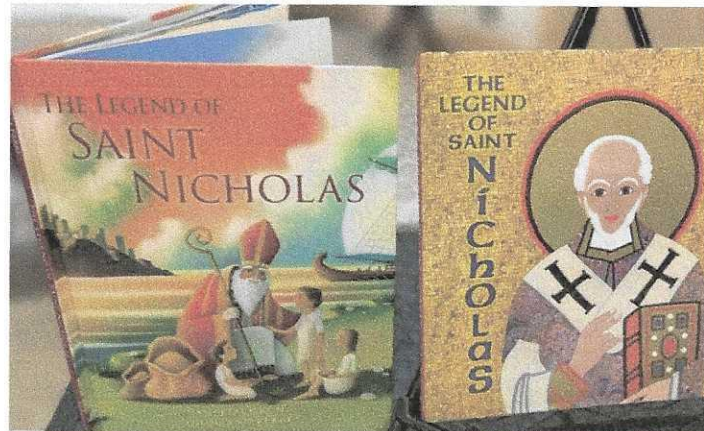
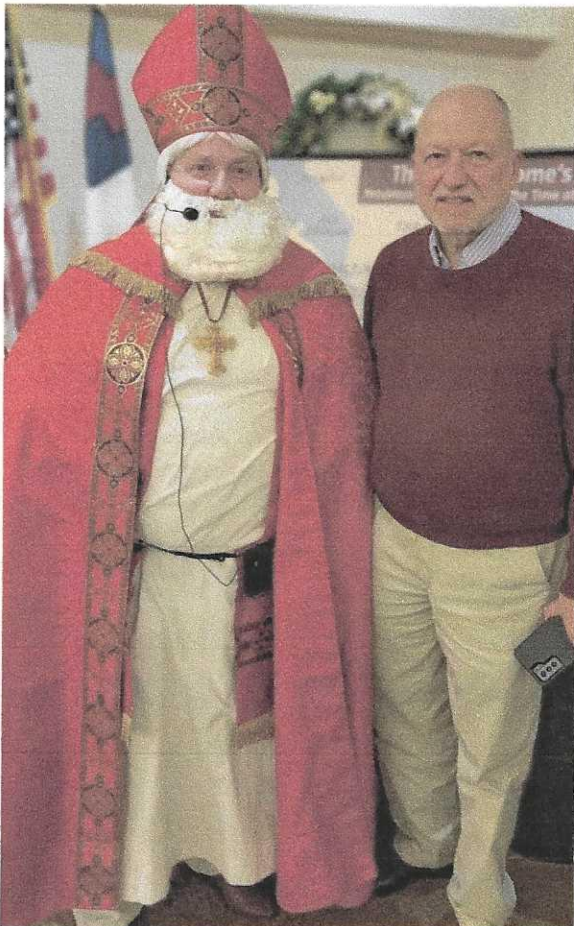




## Christmas Cookies Baking



## St. Nick's Visit



# Christmas Crafts



# Upcoming Events

**Safe Online Shopping**  
with  
Speaker Ben Merens

January 7



**Live Music**  
with  
Chuck and Dave

January 8



**Birthday Social**  
with  
Downtown Harrison  
January 15



**Violin Concert with Ada Trio**  
January 21



**Accordion Music with John**  
January 31





# Congregational Home

Retirement Community

Updated 4-29-24

- **MEDICARE'S** Highest 5-Star Rating for Quality Measures.
- Named a 2024 High Performing Short-Term Rehab Facility by **US NEWS & WORLD REPORT**
- Physician and/or Nurse Practitioner Onsite Daily: One to two of these medical providers is onsite here 5 days a week thanks to our Partnership with **FROEDTERT HEALTH** and the "Mobile Care Team" they have placed at Congregational Home. This level of care is rarely seen in most other facilities and is key in helping to keep our residents stable and out of the hospital.
- 24-Hour Onsite RN Nurse Coverage: We have multiple RN's on all 3 shifts
- We have one of the Highest Nursing Staff Levels in the state
- No Temp Agency Staff: We use only our own staff to ensure quality & continuity of care
- Our Dedicated Nursing Assistants focus only on the care of residents, they are not pulled away to perform duties in the housekeeping, laundry or kitchen departments
- 24-Hour Help Call System with TALK CAPABILITY: Just like the hospitals have!
- Full Continuum of Care: We are one of a small percentage of organizations in the region that offers a Full Continuum of Care for seniors and it's **All Under One Roof!**
  - Short-Term Subacute Rehab • Independent Living • Assisted Living (Both RCAC & CBRF)
  - Memory Care • Skilled Nursing Home Care • Hospice Care
- Rare Dual License allowing couples with different levels of care to stay together
- No Roommates! We are 100% private rooms, suites & apartments, so no worrying about getting an unwanted roommate or sharing a bathroom with the person next door (we can accommodate couples who want to be together)
- Apartment-Style Rehab Suites with living room, kitchenette, bedroom & bathroom. These suites are unparalleled in our region and they are **FREE** for our Medicare rehab patients.
- Tons of Amenities! Fitness Center, Coffee Bar, Theater, Salon, Chapel and more...
- Providing care the Non-Profit way by returning profits back into our organization for the betterment of those we serve ...**You Can Feel The Non-Profit Difference!**



**1974 – 2024**  
***Congregational Home is Celebrating***  
***50 Years of Caring!***

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