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Enabling residents to find meaning and joy in life, in a caring Christian environment

Front Door Security

Office Hours – Regular

The office will be open:
8am - 5pm -- Monday to Friday

Summer Poem

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Chaplain's Corner



WHERE IS A GOD OF MEANING IN A WORLD OF CHAOS? Part 3

People have their own ideas about God. They want a God who in some measure they can control—a God they can reduce to their own manageable terms. There are two extremes here. Some of us have grown up with the teaching that God is great and mighty and far away who does not want to be bothered except in cases of extreme emergency. Even then we are not sure if he will respond. Yet we draw a measure of comfort in knowing that God is all-powerful and that he may help us when we're in desperate need.

Others of us have grown up to understand God as a big *sugar-Daddy*; a soft and fatherly type with a *teddy bear* personality who will answer any prayer we make no matter how foolish. Both of these extremes have one thing in common—we have boxed God in to our own way of thinking. If God is so great that we don't want to bother him, then we basically live life the way we please. And if God is like a *sugar-Daddy*, then he is forced to respond to all our requests and again we go our way and live the way we please.

The truth is—God is not like anything or anybody. He is unique. He is completely outside the circle of our limited and finite mind to grasp. In fact, he is known not by the intellect but by the heart. We can talk to great length about who God is and what he is like but there is a point when we must close our mouths and stop the flow of words and in awe and silence worship him.

And that is how we get to know God. It is through worship. God is spirit; so we worship him when our spirit touches his spirit. We worship him by submitting our will to him; by refusing to use God for our own ends to solve a problem or salve our conscience and make us feel better. Sadly, that is why some people go to church or get involved in Christian ministry. They keep active so they will not feel guilty for their lack of knowing God; or they keep active so others will get the impression that they know God.

You might be at the point in your own spiritual life that you are weary of trying to use God. You want to be able to see your problems and life situations from God's perspective. You are tired of pretending to know God when you barely have a nodding acquaintance with him. You have this desire to live a life of peace and order and meaning in a world of violence and chaos and meaninglessness. You would like to try living for God and even do what he asks of you. If you are at that point, then I hope that these articles will help you move forward in your knowledge and experiences of God.

Dr. Floyd Grunau—Chaplain
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Fall Fling Fundraiser



The Woman's Committee of Markham is once again planning it's annual fundraiser for Markhaven Home For Seniors and Union Villa. The "Fall Fling 2010" luncheon and fashion show takes place on Wednesday October 20th at 11:00 a.m. at the Crystal Fountain in Unionville.

To purchase tickets (\$50.00) or additional information please contact:

Janet Whiteley - (905) - 294 - 1283, jvwhiteley@sympatico.ca

Or

Marg Calver - (905) - 201 - 5863, mwcalver@gmail.com

Program Department

Entertainment

The following entertainers have been booked for September 2011 in the Neely Auditorium. Here are the dates and times:

Friday Sept. 10th at 2:30 p.m. - Doug Peters Show

Monday Sept. 20th at 2:30 p.m. - Sandra Cohen Singing

Wednesday Sept. 29th at 2:15 p.m. - Suburbaniers Singing

Tai Chi Wednesdays

All residents are encouraged to join the Tai Chi program at 10:00 every Wednesday morning. Tai Chi is an excellent routine that helps build and maintain balance.

Birthday Party

Family, friends and all residents are invited to join the monthly birthday party on **Wednesday Sept. 1st, 2011 at 2:30 p.m.** Entertainment will be provided from "Heart by Wen" in honour of one of our resident's birthdays. Her family was kind enough to provide this service for the party. Thank you from the program department! Cake and refreshments will be served.

Family/Resident B.B.Q.

Baking

Something smells good! All residents are encouraged to join the baking group to lend a hand or just come for a tasty treat. This month's baking groups will be held on **Tuesday Sept. 14th at 2:30 p.m.** and **Tuesday Sept. 28th at 3:00 p.m.**

Management Team

Executive Director:

Noreen Kallai ext. 3301

Director of Care:

Karrie Brandt ext. 3303

Clinical Nurse Mgr:

Louise Alvarez ext. 3302

Director of Administration:

Laura Burns ext. 3304

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Resident & Volunteer Services:

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Admin Assistant:

Robin Drake ext. 3333

Recipe Of the Month

Verse of the Month