



Celebrating January

**International Brain Teaser
Month**

Mentoring Month

Get a Balanced Life Month

New Year's Day
January 1

**Someday We'll Laugh About
This Week**
January 2-8

Twelfth Night
January 5

Martin Luther King Day
January 16

**International Sweatpants
Day**
January 21

Compliment Day
January 24

Holocaust Memorial Day
January 27



In continued efforts to raise money for those residents or projects in need, please join us and/or support us in upcoming fundraisers! Watch your email and Facebook for updates! (A QR code to be developed.)

- *Dining at a local restaurant; % to us-**January**
- *Bowling- Saturday afternoon-**February**
- *Baruch Senior Ministries Wing Eating-**March**
- * Can-Drive-**April**
- * Flower and/or plant sale-**May**
- *Family Picnic & 50/50's-**June**
- *Berlin Fair Gate Workers-**July**
- * Early Bird Yardsale-Ice Cream Social-**August**
- * Baruch Senior Ministries Miles-**September**
- *Senior Walk/Rock-a-Thon-**October**
- *Dessert Buffet-Mem Tree Lighting-**November**
- * Angel Tree-Christmas Party-**December**

Pressing On

Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 3:13-14)

Many years ago, I went on a backpacking trip through the Boundary Waters. Seven days of traveling through rivers, lakes, and woods. It was very beautiful. And very hard. We would canoe a river or lake, and walk the trails between the waterways, carrying our packs and canoes over our shoulders. Carry our packs to the next destination, walk back, and repeat with our food pack and canoes. Sometimes it was just 20 feet or so. Other times, more than a mile. On the final trail, which by the way was about two miles mostly **uphill**, I was exhausted. I wanted to give up many times in those 6 miles of back and forth. I prayed, and repeated to myself..." step, one step in front of the other, one step, just one more step" until we were at the final lake. I remember saying to myself, "if I can make it through this, I can get through anything in life." And the trip was amazing! In Philippians, the people are being encouraged to focus on how to live well as Christians for the long haul. Taking on ways of goodness and leaving behind ways that no longer are needed. Pressing on in life; pressing on through struggles, pressing on through joys. Pressing on to the goal of living life alongside Jesus. We've just come through the Christmas season. The birth of Jesus. Reliving that God's love and light was and IS shining in the world. As we begin a new year, our devotions will be exploring the theme of **PRESSING ON** to offer us strength as we travel every day. **Blessed New Year!**

Chaplain Karen



Bobblehead Mania



In the 1960s, baseball teams began giving away bobblehead dolls that did not even resemble players. As ticket sales climbed on bobblehead giveaway days, the craze swept from park to park. And it wasn't children who wanted the dolls but grown men and women. Why would someone show up to a ballgame two hours early to wait in line for a wobbly-headed doll? Marketing psychologists chalk it up to escapism. People collect bobbleheads for the same reason they read tabloid magazines, go to the movies, and vacation in Las Vegas—adults use these outlets to escape the rigors and stresses of everyday life. And some are amassing bobblehead collections worth thousands! Some bobbleheads from the 1960s are worth \$10,000. Bobbleheads are so popular they have their own holiday on January 7.

2022 Memorial Tree Lighting





Like and follow us on Facebook to see all the exciting things going on here at Fountain View of Coopersville!



We will sadly miss...

James Riplo who recently passed away. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.



Carroll finds comfort with Mandy



- Bonnie Bonnema..... 9
- Walter Dill..... 13
- Karen Hop.....15
- Jerrie Eckert.....27



Logophiles Rejoice!



January 9 is a holiday for all the logophiles out there. A logophile is a lover of words, and January 9 is Word Nerd Day. Writers, those accomplished weavers of words, advise time and again to seek out simplicity. Mark Twain: "Don't use a five-dollar word when a fifty-cent word will do." Ernest Hemingway: "There are older and simpler and better words, and those are the ones I use." Stephen King: "Any word you have to hunt for in the thesaurus is the wrong word." But what do these writers know? Today is the day to ignore their advice and embrace the weird and wonderful words that make language so vibrant! Anneal your vocabulary by engaging in elocutionary gymnastics!

Welcome...

Elizabeth DeBone-Wall to Fountain View! We are so glad that you are here!

Christmas celebrations



Gifts from the Girls of Grace



New Year balloons donated!



Leadership Team

Connie Clauson
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Kelly Smith
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Lindsey Braun
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Nancy Brewer
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Andrea Steffes
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Maintenance Director

Tara Frazier
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Bearable Traditions



The first Monday after Twelfth Night, marking the end of the 12 days of Christmas, is Plough Monday, a day when ploughmen traditionally blackened their faces with soot to disguise themselves and carried a decorated plough door-to-door looking for alms, shouting "Penny for the ploughboys!" Work was generally scarce in the winter, and the handouts helped the farmers survive. The Tuesday after Plough Monday brought the Straw Bear Festival, when one of the ploughboys was dressed head to toe in straw to look like a bear. The bear was led through town on a chain and made to dance for gifts of money, beer, or food. It seems the ploughmen wanted to stretch their revels into a two-day affair. The straw bear may come from old harvest festivals, where "Old Man Winter" was driven away to prepare for the planting season.