



Assisted living & memory support

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Set on 12 beautifully landscaped acres with over 68,000 square feet of living and common spaces, Bell Tower is a friendly assisted living community where residents feel at home and live life well with purpose and dignity. We offer private apartments, religious services, activities, outings, delicious home-cooked meals and our caring and compassionate staff are always nearby to help.

For more information or to schedule a tour, please reach out to our Admissions Coordinator, Mikaela Meier.

Bell Tower Wish List

Thank you for your donations!
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The Season of SPRING

Celebrating April

- 1st– April Fools Day
- 8th– Solar Eclipse Day
- 11th– National Pet Day
- 12th– Day of Pink
- 13th– Scrabble Day
- 15th– Anniversary of the Sinking of Titanic
- 16th– Pajama Day
- 21st– Volunteer Appreciation
- 24th– Administrator Professionals Day
- 28th– Super Hero Day
- 29th– Dale Earnhardt's Birthday

In a Different Light: Joy Along the Journey

Have you ever stopped to see things in a different light?

I enjoy taking walks and photos shortly after sunrise or before sunset. The soft light of the “golden hour” bathes everything in a magnificent glow as time stands still for an hour, with a beauty perhaps not noticed before. I love taking in the colors of the leaves in the fall, but a friend once told me that he couldn't stand the oak leaves because “all they do is turn brown.” I said, “Look again.” “Look at the richness of the reddish browns against the crispness of the tans. The oak leaves add a sense of fullness to the fall colors that wouldn't exist if they weren't there.” A gray and gloomy spring day? Smell the damp earth, look at the thirsty soil soaking up the rain, and the green of the crocuses and daffodils pushing through.

We get busy in life, and our circumstances demand our attention. Before we know it, days and years have flown by. This year, as spring opens its eyes, take a moment to see things in a different light. When family comes to visit, don't take them for granted. Remember the days that the kids ran barefoot down the hall, and then appreciate the truly unique adults they have become. As you clean the house, look at the blessing of the roof over your head and the walls that heard laughter and tears for many years.

At Bell Tower Residence, see the light that streams in the windows, the smiles on the faces of the staff as they enjoy their interactions with the residents, and the residents tapping their feet to the music playing on Friday afternoons. Old friendships are rediscovered after many years. New friendships are made. Look at it in a different light. There's so much going on here—it's not just a senior-living facility, it's part of the journey, and we fill that journey with joy.

Thank you for being part of the Bell Tower Family. Join us as we enjoy the light and joy along the way. –Kris Mcgarigle

Staff Birthdays

4th– Mckenna B
6th– Janie A
18th– Journey B
21st– Alice P
30th– Audrey S

Staff Anniversaries

1 year– Isabelle H
1 year– Alexa V
2 years– Sierra M
2 years– Vicki S
3 years– Tammy H
4 years– Lissa R
4 years– Mckenna B
5 years– Mylene J
6 years– Audry S
8 years– Kris M
23 years– Michele S
27 years– Dawn I

Resident Birthdays

2nd– Larry H
5th– Marilyn F
10th– Charlette S
11th– Jean F
13th– Marlene S
23rd– Ellie B
26th– Donna G
27th– Gwen O

Resident Anniversaries

1 year– Joe F
1 year– Janice D
5 years– Carol H
5 years– Larry H
5 years– Janet H
6 years– Florence J
6 years– Mary Ann B

Welcome to Bell Tower!



Brady Eggebrecht

Culinary Aide



Jacob Ollhoff

Culinary Aide



Gina Milanowski

Caregiver



Gwen Olivotti

2 West Neighborhood



Yvonne Lezotte

3rd Floor



Ellanora Bessey

1 East Neighborhood

We would also like to welcome Martha and Walter Bahlow along with Marlene Sawczuk to our Bell Tower Family!

Bell Tower Residence Bonus Program!



Would you like \$1000 off of an upcoming one months rent at Bell Tower? If you or your family refer someone to live at Bell Tower Residence, you will receive \$1000 off your rent when that new resident moves in! We love our residents, let's expand our Bell Tower family even more! Contact administration for details!

Chaplains Corner

Signs of Spring are all around us especially with this warmer winter we have had this year. So, I took this opportunity to search out Springtime in the Bible. There are a few mentions of the season and there was a noticeable pattern with a few verses. The following are the verses that have similar patterns.

Deuteronomy 11:14 - "then I will send rain on your land in its season, both autumn and spring rains, so that you may gather in your grain, new wine and olive oil."

Joel 2:23 - "Be glad, people of Zion, rejoice in the LORD your God, for he has given you the autumn rains because he is faithful. He sends you abundant showers, both autumn and spring rains, as before."

James 5:7 - "Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains."

Do you see the pattern? The words "autumn and spring rains" are mentioned in each of these verses. When looking at a particular verse, it is always good to look at the verses before and after to get a fuller picture of what is going on and even some clues as to what it means.

For Deuteronomy 11:14, the verse is surrounded by a theme of love and obey the Lord. We get a better picture of what this verse means by reading the previous verse, 13. "So if you faithfully obey the commands I am giving you today—to love the Lord your God and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul" Deuteronomy calls us to be faithful to God and care for others. When we follow this calling, God will pour down blessings now and later. Like the seasons of spring and autumn, God's blessings are predictable and coming so watch out for them!

The context for Joel is similar to the verse from Deuteronomy as well. Verse 23 is part of the Lord's answer after a few of the not so happy things took place. God took pity on the people and promised blessings again, just like the predictable rains of autumn and spring.

James 5 is a little different. It is calling all to be patient with God, just like we await the refreshing rains of spring to water the earth and autumn rains to clean the year away.

In conclusion, what can one say about a sign of Spring in the Bible? I would answer that rain is a sign of Spring. As the seasons change, may we watch out our windows and see the Spring Rains and know that God blesses us and renews us each day.

Happy Spring! - **Chaplain Phyllis Smoot**