

Radiant Care Tabor Manor

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WE REMEMBER...

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WE WELCOME...

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WE CELEBRATE THE JANUARY BIRTHDAYS OF...

Betty Unruh — 2nd
Martha Wiens — 9th
Mary Stepien—23rd
Lanora Hevenor— 25th
Hilda Martens— 25th



Community Relationships – Norma Restivo

December marked the end of term for our community connection with Brock University students. The students were paired with 17 residents and engaged in virtual video calls collecting information on their social histories and interests to create a sensory box. The boxes were designed to stimulate the resident's senses, and provide meaningful engagement aimed to improve their social, cognitive, physical, and spiritual well-being through sensory stimulation and reminiscing. The boxes were delivered at the end of December and were very well received. What wonderful learning experience for the class to be able to connect with older adults and grow their skillsets and creating new friendships. These interactions are beneficial to everyone involved and we truly enjoy fostering these relationships every year.



CHRISTMAS WISDOM—Stephen Mason

A humorous article was written about what would have happened if there had been wise *women* instead of wise *men*...suggesting that the women would have: asked for directions, arrived on time, helped to deliver the baby, cleaned the stable, made a casserole, and brought practical gifts. The whole story would have been much different!

For me, the most intriguing characters in the Christmas story are the wise men. About them we read: *After Jesus was born in Bethlehem...Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." When King Herod heard this he was disturbed... (Matthew 2:1-2)*

Do you notice the stark contrast here? The wise men are looking for a king. Herod wants to be king.

Herod's primary goal was to stay on his throne. In his world, Herod was master of the universe and he had no intention of resigning. Herod, in his paranoid suspicion, is disturbed because his title was "King of the Jews," so if he hears someone else claim that title, then there's going to be a problem. For you see, in Herod's kingdom, in Herod's life, there is only room for one king.

Truth is, in any life, there is only room for one King. Every life...my life, your life...comes with a throne. And the question with which each one of us must grapple is: *Who is sitting on the throne of my life? Am I going to try to be the one in control or am I going to say, "God, I want you be in charge of my life."*

The wise men give us a picture of wisdom; for while Herod wanted to be the king, the wise men are looking for a king. And perhaps, following their example, this is the Christmas season where you say, for the first time or a renewed time: "God, I do not want to be on the throne of my life anymore. And with considered intention, I surrender to you my will, my time, my gifts, my words, my future." For each one of us has to decide who's going to be king in our heart. The invitation of wisdom is to say: "God, I choose to bow to you as the king of my life."

May God speak to our hearts...



We captured these beautiful smiles during cookie decorating and creative art activities.

