

# Pleasant Manor Post

Heritage Place



## Celebrating December

**Bingo's Birthday Month**

**Universal Human Rights  
Month**

**Hanukkah Continues**  
*December 1-6*

**Saint Nicholas Day**  
*December 6*

**Pearl Harbor  
Remembrance Day**  
*December 7*

**Poinsettia Day**  
*December 12*

**Yaldā**  
*December 21*

**Christmas**  
*December 25*

**Kwanzaa**  
*December 26-January 1*

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*December 31*

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Tim Siemens

## December Birthdays

- Ed Andres- 20<sup>th</sup>
- Gertrude Klassen- 23<sup>rd</sup>

## We Remember

- Patricia Cousens

## Preachers Ponderings

Patience. It's quite the appropriate virtue considering we are now in the season of Advent which is all about waiting. We'd like to celebrate Christmas all month long, but I suspect that's more about a distaste for waiting; a quickly pushing through the dark to get to the light. But we know that sometimes, darkness can't be avoided. It's why we need this season. Advent teaches us about waiting and how to do it. Just like the people of God prior to Jesus' birth, they couldn't jump ahead to the manger, and neither should we. Rather we are called to practice hope. It strengthens us in our waiting and gives us courage to face the uncomfortable. This is not an anti-Christmas stance but just a slight delayed gratification. Jesus arrived just in time and his plan is to come again. This is what we hope for and will celebrate in due time. ~ Michael Dyck

### *A Christmas Prayer*

*Lord,  
You came upon  
A Midnight Clear  
to bring  
Joy to the World  
and draw us near.  
It was a Holy Night,  
when you came from above,  
to fill our hearts with hope and love.  
Thank you,  
Sweet Jesus Boy,  
for clothing us with  
Comfort and Joy.*

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## December Events

December is such an exciting time in Heritage Place. Residents and recreation staff have been busy the last few days with Christmas Decorating, and it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

There are a bunch of festive activities planned for the month of December such as gingerbread men baking, make your own floral centerpiece, photoshoot, sing a longs, and more. There will be a lunch banquet for residents only on December 22, as well as festive meals planned for Christmas day and New year's.

The Niagara on the lake 4 you organization have collected and will be providing every resident with a stocking full of gifts. These will be handed out to each resident on Christmas Day.

If you are brining clothing as gifts for residents, please make sure that they get labeled by dropping the items off at the nursing station.

Merry Christmas!

### Christmas Decorating





## November Photos

We were very grateful to have two therapeutic recreation students during the month of November. Brittany and Lilli assisted with running programs and creating and implementing new Montessori activities.



Balloon Tennis



Candid's



## December Celebrity Birthdays

Bette Midler (entertainer) – Dec. 1, 1945  
 Lucy Liu (actress) – Dec. 2, 1968  
 Sammy Davis Jr. (entertainer) – Dec. 8, 1925  
 Raven Symone (actress) – Dec. 10, 1985  
 Frank Sinatra (entertainer) – Dec. 12, 1915  
 Jamie Foxx (actor) – Dec. 13, 1967  
 Beethoven (composer) – c. Dec. 16, 1770  
 Cicely Tyson (actress) – Dec. 18, 1924  
 Samuel L. Jackson (actor) – Dec. 21, 1948  
 Clara Barton (nurse) – Dec. 25, 1821  
 John Legend (musician) – Dec. 28, 1978  
 LeBron James (athlete) – Dec. 30, 1984

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### Happy December Birthday To...

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|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| -Edith Heinrichs- 2nd      | -Mary Rempel- 21st       |
| -Marion Perry- 4th         | -Doris Smith- 23rd       |
| -Elvira Hildebrandt- 8th   | -Donald Legere- 23rd     |
| -Adine Enns- 9th           | -Fae Freure- 25th        |
| -Jack Halliday- 15th       | -Jacob Hildebrandt- 27th |
| -Marie Lepp- 20th          | -Dorothy German- 27th    |
| -Ken Goertz- 20th          | -Alice Janzen- 28th      |
| -Gertrude Hildebrand- 20th | -Cornelius Reimer- 29th  |
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### Scavenger Hunt

There are 10 Radiant Care elves hidden around the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of Creekview, Oakview and Arborview. See if you can find all 10 and submit your list of where the elves are located to the main office. See the activity page for more info.

### Zoom Activities

Music with Mendel and exercise classes will be held virtually on the platform Zoom. Please see the calendar for dates and times. If you would like to be added to the email list, please email [chelseab@radiantcare.net](mailto:chelseab@radiantcare.net)

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### Christmas Dinner

On the evening of December 7th all tenants will receive a complimentary Christmas Dinner. The meals will be prepackaged and delivered to each tenant's door.

### DIY Christmas Crafts

You can make your own Christmas crafts! Pick up your free do-it-yourself kit by the mailbox areas or the Creekview Link, while supplies last!

