## Radiant Care Tabor Manor

WE REMEMBER ....

Marta Funk Jutta Wegener

#### WE WELCOME...

Nina Edward Wilhelma "Helma" Nickel Lois Cuda

#### CELEBRATING THE BIRTHDAYS OF...

Christine Taylor Helen Yeo Lois Cuda Kathleen Gingras Nelly Vanderwerf Isabel McQuillin John Barrett



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### NIAGARA SERVE PROJECT

Each summer, the Niagara Serve Project hosts youth and adult leaders from all over Ontario who come to the Niagara region because they want to share Christian compassion by serving others. The young people expect nothing in return; in fact, they each pay for the opportunity to participate in this week-long mission trip.

We are delighted that a small group of the Serve Project teens will be coming to serve at Tabor Manor from July 17-21. Along with outdoor clean-up and yard work, creative and interactive times with our tenants and residents is being planned for the youth.

Let us, together, pray for God's blessing on the many young people and leaders who will take part in this mission trip, and let us look forward to enthusiastically welcoming and engaging with a group of them later this summer!

#### Wishing this special lady, Annie, a very Happy 103rd Birthday!







Glimpse of Us Celebrating in June... Strawberry Socials, Gardening, Musical entertainment with John Pebble...



If you have not already done so, checkout our Facebook page Facebook.com/radiantcareniagara

#### Family Council Members Wanted!!

Currently Tabor does not have a family council and is looking for family members, relatives, or friends of residents to start a council and be apart of the Family Council Team!

#### How do I start a Family Council?

• If you are interested in starting the committee, please contact Norma Restivo, Therapeutic Recreation Supervisor for more details.

#### How Can I Make a Difference?

- Family Council provides an opportunity for families to participate in enhancing the daily life of our residents. Council is a great way to inform and educate families.
- Council members would host regular meetings to maintain interest in and momentum of the group.

#### What does a Family Council Do?

Family Council works with the Home to improve the quality of life of our residents. It allows families ongoing mutual support and encouragement. Sharing thoughts, feelings and experiences provides a forum for learning and an opportunity to become more knowledgeable about the Home's operations, policies and rules. This can be very helpful to new families and residents.

#### "Do-It-Yourself" Living

"Abraham said to God, 'If only Ishmael might live under your blessing!'" (Genesis 17:18)

I admit it. I would be the first to line up with Abraham as one of those guilty of buying things from the Do-It -Yourself Depot of life. I like to try and fix everything myself! How about you?

When it comes to living our Christian lives, we tend to try and work everything out on our own. When we aren't sure of God's plan, we come up with our own. If we're still waiting for an answer to prayer...we tend to work out our own answers in the meantime.

That's what Abraham did! It's too bad Abraham didn't listen to the Lord. Though he had been promised a son, Abraham sought a solution apart from God, because God was taking too long. And Abraham knew he had made a mistake in his haste to please God and help Him out. You can hear his regret in those words *if only*: "If only my solution were pleasing to you. If only my way had been the right way. If only my idea were good enough." Ever felt that way?

But God did not need Abraham's help nor his solution. It was to be done God's way, as He had promised... Abraham and Sarah would have a son. He ultimately fulfilled that promise, but Abraham's 'solution' seeded the ground of strife between Isaac and Ishmael.

#### Abraham's 'do-it-yourself' solution has had repercussions even in our day.

#### The Middle East might be a safer place had Abraham trusted fully.

What has God promised you? Are you attempting to fulfill that promise with a 'do-it-yourself' approach to life? No matter how tempting a solution appears, always, always stop to ask God. Compare it with His Word, His character, His Spirit. Anything short of complete trust in God's instructions will ultimately lead to regrets. "If only" living is no living at all.

#### The Christian Life is not a 'Do-It Yourself' project!

We need to follow the instructions that came along with our new life in Christ! Here are some of the blueprints that map out the Christian's Construction Project...

- 'I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go. I will counsel you with My eye upon you!' (Psalm 32:8)
- 'Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths.' (Prov. 3:5,6)

### The Lord does not need a helping hand to do His part. He wants a humble heart that trusts Him no matter what, or no matter how long it takes!

Let's make sure we trust and obey the Lord in everything, and not try to live an 'if only life' with a 'Do-it-Yourself' attitude! Remember...

> The Christian Life is not a 'Do-It-Yourself' Project! It's to be a 'Made In Heaven' Masterpiece!

**Pastor Jim**