As we enter this holiday season, it is my pleasure to extend my sincere gratitude to all staff, residents, children, and families of the Morrow Home Community that have made the past four months a pleasurable experience. On a daily basis, I witness a hardworking and dedicated team of individuals with one shared goal—to provide quality care for all those we serve. I am truly blessed and honored to be a part of this Christian community.

In my 25 years of working in the long term care industry, I have witnessed firsthand the transformation of varied levels of care wherein individuals can transition out of nursing homes to a less restrictive environment like assisted or independent living environments. We, here on the Morrow Home Community campus, provide a wide range of options from independent living, assisted living facilities to our skilled nursing home and let’s not forget our youngest at heart, the children at Young at Heart Daycare.

With all of these options available, our residents and their families can be confident in making a decision that is right for them. As we plan and budget for 2018, our goal is not only to continue to provide the quality of care we are known for but also strive to be the facility of choice for Sparta and the surrounding community.

Currently and with much excitement, we are planning for our 100 year celebration to which I would like to personally invite you. We extend a warm welcome to our Open House scheduled for December 2, 1:30 to 3:30 pm. Join us for a tour of our campus, refreshments, and door prizes for some lucky winners. We hope to see you then.

May you be blessed with the spirit of Christmas this season as you celebrate with your family and friends.

In Partnership
Dan Meyer, Chief Executive Officer

Morrow Home Community serves as a tangible expression of God's love through a continuum of services to all who enturist us with their care. We strive to enhance quality of life by preserving the dignity, independence, and uniqueness of each individual while meeting their physical, social, & spiritual needs. We endeavor to be a faithful steward of resources recognizing both the needs of those we serve and those who serve.
RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT

Meet Homestead resident Jim Appel. Jim likes the fact that he is pretty well known, not just throughout Morrow Home, but throughout the surrounding community as well. Lots of people, even the city street workers know who he is. He loves to interact with everyone, whether it’s here walking the corridors of Morrow Home, or out on his bike. He always stops to help people when he can, like unlocking doors for them, or helping with small tasks that might make their day better. He likes to see people smile. He walks across campus working on all the different puzzles. He visits a lot of the other residents, and always prays for those who are ill. He strongly believes in the power of prayer. Jim’s favorite part of living at Morrow Home Community is the staff. Every single staff member is always willing to help him with whatever he needs. They are all kind, supportive and respectful. Thank you Jim for being part of our Morrow Home family!

FAMILY IS FOREVER

In September during National Assisted Living week, residents and staff dressed in pink to honor those who have been affected by cancer. Heartfelt donations were also made to the Sparta Area Cancer fund.

Front: Parkview residents Dolly Heintz, Betty Burnett, Carol Haville, Alice Manke, and previous Adult Living Services Director Chris Nordberg. Center: Parkview Manager Theresa Jerome, Parkview residents Liz Dwyer, Jean Evans, Leona Leis. Back: CEO Dan Meyer, Parkview residents Lucy Kowalski, Phyllis Christiano, Mary Palubicki, Marilyn Roerig, Lorraine Winchel, Janell Hendersin, ALS Administrative Assistant Inga Barnes, and ALS Activities & Volunteer Coordinator Kim Braatz.

MORROW HOME CELEBRATES ANNUAL INSPECTION RESULTS

Morrow Home’s Nursing Home received a citation-free state survey this summer. Keep up the amazing work! The big ice cream cones were on loan from Sparta’s FAST Corporation, premier manufacturer of fiberglass statues. The state surveyor was also at Homestead Apartments in October, finding no deficiencies. A BIG thank you to the Assisted Living Team for all their hard work and dedication!
Morrow Home Community began their celebration of 100 years in Sparta’s annual Butterfest Parade! Mary Morrow donated a home to serve the elderly back in 1917. Now buildings span South Water Street: Morrow Memorial Home, Parkview Apartments, Homestead and MaryCrest Assisted Living, BridgePath Advanced Assisted Living & Memory Care. Almost 200 residents are served around the clock. Over 30 children are cared for weekdays at Young at Heart Child Center. Volunteers deliver over 40 delicious meals to home-bound seniors every week and dedicated volunteers help at Mary Morrow’s Attic Thrift Store. Morrow Home looks forward to their Second Century of Service!

Pictured: Nursing Home Social Services Director Lindsay Weibel, Recreation Therapy Director Lindsey Taylor and her son Bennett, Nursing Home Administrator Jen Brieske with her husband Steve, Morrow Home Maintenance Director Dan Hesse, Culinary Aide Michael Lawrence, previous CEO Michael Bonello. Seated on the float is retiree from Health Information Anne Snell, representing Miss Mary Morrow.

“Wow! Thirty years plus of memories. My first connection was applying for a part-time job in then the nursing home Activity Department. Bev Maser was the Activity Director. Bob Perl was the administrator. We all ate the noon meal together in what is now Groves Hall. The Administrator rang the dinner bell, said a prayer, and we all dined family style!” from Kathy Schmitz, retiree, Nursing Home Pastoral Care Coordinator

“I got a part-time job at Morrow Home after I had my daughter, Heather. I loved that job!!! I did the finances then, but did so many other things too. One of my favorite things was getting the mail from the post office, sorting it, and delivering it to the residents. If a resident could no longer see, I would read their mail to them. I enjoyed each resident so much!” from Carla Newquist, Former Finance Director and Nursing Home Administrator.

“To try & think of my earliest memory of my employment…..YIKES…..that was over 42 years ago! I began at Morrow Home, as a fill-in, for employees’ vacation time. (VERY part time, which ended up to be almost full time) I kept telling myself, “I wasn’t staying here, as my career.” Well, 42 years later, I’m still here enjoying the senior population! My earliest memory, would probably be….ALL THOSE DISHES to wash & meal trays to set up for morning breakfast, & so much food to prepare. Good ole home cookin’. White table/napkin linens were used at every meal. Each resident had their personal silver napkin ring,. They would roll up their linen napkin after each meal & put it back in that ring, ready for the next meal.” Theresa Jerome, Parkview Manager and Adult Living Services Housekeeping Supervisor
From the Desk of Mary Morrow...

How grateful I am to see that my heartfelt desire to care for the elderly is still happening at the Morrow Home! The torch has been passed on to many willing hands and the Morrow Home Community has grown by leaps and bounds! Just look at what you can accomplish in 100 years! We celebrate this 100th year with excitement...

1917...Mary Morrow donated frame house and $10,000 to the Western Conference of the Methodist/Episcopal Church in memory of her parents, Judge Joseph and Olive Morrow.

1938...New building constructed-A 3 story brick facility where the residents lived and were cared for at Morrow Home.
1957-1993...Morrow Home grew substantially through various additions to the 1938 building, providing modern rooms that serve as “home” to our residents.

1963...Chapel added to enhance the spiritual lives of our residents.

1988...New Nursing Home Dining Room, full basement, laundry, new kitchen and enclosed courtyard.

1994...Homestead-24 Independent Apartments with services began from remodeled nursing home area, with 16 later approved for assisted living.

2001...Parkview-22 Independent Apartments with services constructed north of the facility on the bank of Beaver Creek. Morrow Home became Medicare Certified to provide short term rehabilitation care.

2004...Olive Branch Special Care Household opened to serve those with dementia. Later transitioned to BridgePath.

2005...MaryCrest-24 Assisted Living Apartments opened attached to the nursing home building.

2006...Morrow Meals in Motion began. Weekday noon meals delivered to seniors in the community.

2007...Young at Heart Child Care Center opened its doors to accommodate families of employees as well as the community.

2009...Morrow Home Auxiliary opens a resale shop in downtown Sparta called, “Mary Morrow’s Attic.” All proceeds are directed to the Home and the needy in the community.

2010...BridgePath-28 Advanced Assisted apartments with memory care was constructed to serve the frail elderly and the elderly with dementia.

2012...Bev Meissner Rehab Wing opens in the nursing home to serve residents who need short term care before returning home.
"Everyone was so nice: the cleaning staff, the nurses and CNAs. I knew many of them. They always had a smile on their face. The therapy was great too. They got me home." Phil Dammen, Sparta

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• Donations of resaleable items accepted during business hours •

Our Culinary Services Department is looking for volunteer drivers for our Meals in Motion program (weekend noon meals delivered to local homes.) PICK YOUR DAY! TAKES ONLY 90 MINUTES. MAKE A SENIOR VERY HAPPY FOR THE VISIT AND THE FOOD. DRIVERS RECEIVE MILEAGE AND A DELICIOUS MEAL AS WELL. Please call 269-3168 and ask for Renee Thurston. Thanks so much for your support!
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PUZZLES Terry Terrell; Calvary Baptist Church; Eleanor Mull; Richard Pachner, crossword puzzle books.

QUILTS, BLANKETS Christ Lutheran Church, handmade Fidget Blankets; Ontario Quilters, handmade lap quilts

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT /SUPPLIES Stephanie Haas, bag for walker

TREATS Bill Nussdorfer in memory of his mom, Mary Nussdorfer, catering of food for staff meeting; Carol & Jeff Brown and Cynthia & Keith Carlson, treats for assisted living staff members

GIFTS AND MEMORIALS
To all who have remembered Morrow Home Community with your prayers and with your gifts, we are forever grateful and promise to be good stewards of the funds you have entrusted.

Since the last issue of the Messenger, we have received the following memorials and gifts:

In memory of Eva Clay from Mr. and Mrs. Dwain Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Dean Warren

In memory of Harriet Ewers from her daughter Beverly Walker

In memory of Della Gebhardt from Betty Burnett

In memory of Myrtle Geier from Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Caulum

In memory of Sid Helgesen from Mr. and Mrs. Glen Heide and other friends and family

In memory of Clara Herold from Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Bissinger, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Slotten

In memory of David Jones from Mr. and Mrs. Russell Bernet, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Kann, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Kenyon, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Newquist, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Rickert, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith, Mary Werner, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wittmann

In memory of Doris Meyer from Earl Tichenor and family, Mr. and Mrs. Milo Abbott, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Bernet, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hanratte, Gale Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Peterson, Linda Thayer Mr. and Mrs. Don Vandervort

In memory of Mary Nussdorfer from Betty Burnett and Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Lakowske

In memory of Mary Rice from Mr. and Mrs. Dale Hoefer

In memory of Della Wilcox from Mr. and Mrs. Don Wilcox

Other monetary donations were received from Mr. and Mrs. James Harrie; Mr. and Mrs. Ken Rhymer; Katy Reedich; and Jenny Koehler.

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Celebrating 100 Years!

"Return home and tell how much God has done for you."
Luke 8:39

Saturday
December 2nd
1:30 PM - 3:30 PM
OPEN HOUSE

Tours of the entire Morrow Home Community including Adult Living Services & Young at Heart Child Care Center.

Refreshments in the Nursing Home Dining Room with displays of Morrow Home’s ministries and history.

Door Prize boxes at every entrance!

COME CELEBRATE WITH US!