

PROVIDING...

- * honor, help & hope for homebound seniors, wherever they call home;
- * encouragement for widows & caregivers;
- * awareness & action opportunities for the community.

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Koinonia Senior Care Newsletter

February 2021



Confidence, COVID, and Koinonia

This month's newsletter was difficult for me to put into words. (I know—many of you are laughing as I am seldom speechless!) I've had a lot on my heart; but I'm still trying to process and pray over it before I put a pen to it. What I DO have is confidence in God's Word and His Story—History: **LEARN** from His story, **LOOK** at the future in His Story, **LOVE** like His story says, and **LIVE** like His Story says.

COVID hit close to home and my God-confidence was tested. After praying with my loved one, receiving the POSTIVE result, reviewing solutions, buying supplements, and asking for prayer from prayer warriors, I went to God's Word for comfort, peace, and words to encourage my loved ones. I am in awe of how the studies I am in had already prepared me for this diagnosis. (See the BOOK CHAT article inside for more). I am in awe of God's love, peace, and presence shown through His Word and His people.

Koinonia Senior Care is in its 9th year of *enriching the lives of homebound seniors and their caregivers and inviting our community to join us* in our opportunities. We enrich the lives of homebound seniors socially and spiritually, while reminding them of their significance to their family, church, and community. We enrich their lives by implementing the 5 Love Languages while meeting non-medical physical needs:

- Christian fellowship
- Assistance
- Respite
- Errands and transportation

We strive to walk alongside these families, bringing honor, hope, help, and a little bit of heaven on earth. Won't you join us?!

Christine

May the God of HOPE fill you with all JOY and PEACE as you TRUST IN HIM so that you may overflow with HOPE by the power of the Holy Spirit.
Romans 15:13



February

1, 8, 15, 22 GriefShare
ONLINE 9:30 am & 7:00 pm

2, 9, 16, 23 Book Chat 2:00
ONLINE "Never Alone"

3 KSC Training ONLINE

24 KSC Blessing Gift Make
& Take

Thursdays @ 3:00
ONLINE Bible study at
Oxford Grand

National  Month

"Aunt Babe" is our guest columnist, writing about her reflections on life. She is 97 years young and using her gifts to bless our readers. She is an inspiration to me because she lives in a land of silence since her hearing loss six years ago, yet she so wisely encourages others to "Keep a song in your heart." See her article on page 2.



Aunt Babe's Reflections

FOUR LETTERS

L stands for helping a burden to **lift**
and for each and every precious gift.

O is for the service to all or to **One**
the balm of healing—a sweeter song

V is for **varied** peoples of earth
also for **value** of the “new Birth.”

E stands for **every** grace from above.
Put them together, the word is LOVE!

From Aunt Babe's book, “Spice of Life” written in 1970.

Thought for the day: *LOVE one another, as I have loved you.* John 13:34

Caregiver's Corner

Caregiver Resources



TWO GIFTS OF LOVE

These **SONY MDR RF985RK Wireless Headphones** were donated to our ministry by the family of a very special couple whom we had the honor to



serve until 2018. I remember when visiting the Slacks, Charles would have these headphones on watching TV while Martha would sit on the couch reading a book in the quietness of the same room. I thought what a great gift for them BOTH! Today, Elaine uses these donated headphones while watching TV at a level that is comfortable for her while others in the room can have the sound at a level that is comfortable for them. **Another gift idea** are these *Medustry* disposable commode liners with a packet insert that turns liquid to gel.



Opportunities

4 U held at

Tyler Road Baptist Church

571 S. Tyler Road

February TRAINING

February 3 ONLINE

BLESSING GIFT

Make-&-Take TBD

Wed. Feb. 24

1:00 pm

The Alzheimer's Association offers many informational resources online at www.alz.org. Click on “Alzheimers & Dementia” and choose your topic.

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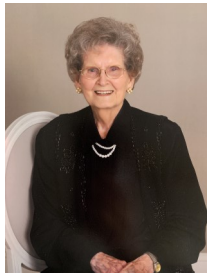
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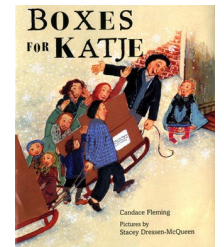
Three very special people in my life are celebrating on the 18th of this month. Elaine turns 99 and my parents are celebrating their 60th anniversary. I am blessed by the example of love and faithfulness my parents have lived out. I am honored to serve Elaine,



whom I learn so much from as well. **I invite you to share in their celebrations with a card shower.** You can send cards to our Koinonia address on the outside of this newsletter and I will get the cards to them.



*A new command I give you: Love one another.
As I have loved you, so you must love one another.*
John 13:34



I asked my friend DeeAnn for a story about LOVE to share with our readers. This is one of the beautiful, true love stories for fellow man that she shared. It is called, Boxes for Katje by Candace Fleming

After WWII, Katje's town of Olst, Holland had little left. Most Dutch families wore patched old clothing and went without everyday things like soap and milk. One spring morning when the tulips bloom "thick and bright," the postman biked to Katje's home to deliver a mystery box from America—a box full of soap, socks and chocolates from a girl named Rosie from Mayfield, Indiana. The package was part of a goodwill effort to help the people of Europe during these difficult times. Katje was so delighted that she returned a note of thanks to Rosie. This began an exchange that swelled with so many surprises that the girls, as well as the townspeople, will never be the same. The schools, churches, civic organizations, and others showed love by sending more boxes for the entire village to enjoy: canned goods, mittens, hats, toothbrushes, etc. The gifts helped the people of Olst survive one of the coldest, harshest winters on record. In return, the people of Olst sent Rosie a box full of tulip bulbs, all they had to send. To this day, in all the public spaces in Mayfield, you will find tulips!

Test Your Knowledge:

What time of year should you plant tulip bulbs? _____
 What is the name of one of the groups in America who sent items to Europe? _____
 Holland is in what country? _____
 What is the logo of this country? _____
 What are 3 things this country is known for? _____

NOTE: of the 12 provinces that make up the Netherlands, there is a North Holland (Noord) and a South Holland (Zuid) that make up 2 of the 12.

Answers: fall, Children's Aid Society, Netherlands, the tulip, wooden clogs, gouda cheese, and tulips



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— JOHN 13:34 —

February's Touch Someone Challenge

Color the LOVE Scripture, or make copies and color with a friend and deliver it to your senior loved one(s) for Valentine's Day



Our *Grief Share* class is well under way with 17 people in 2 classes. The experts and stories on the videos, workbook, and sharing as a group is helping us each to move forward in our Grief Journey. I have listed some of the highlights for me from this study and from other sources, hoping it will bring help and hope in your time of grief or when you are helping others as they grieve.

JESUS CRIED. He knew Lazarus was dead before He got the news. But still, JESUS CRIED. He knew Lazarus would be alive again in moments. But still, JESUS CRIED. He knew death here is not forever. He knew eternity and the kingdom better than anyone else could, yet JESUS WEPT because knowing the end of the story doesn't mean you can't cry at the sad parts.

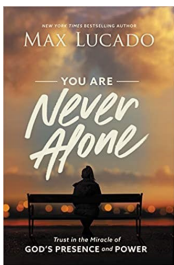
Grief is the price you pay for loving someone.—Zig Ziglar We wouldn't grieve if we didn't love.

Blessed are they that mourn; for they shall be comforted. Matthew 5:4

Keep a journal. Write out a prayer to God. Have index cards with helpful Scripture or quotes on it.

Prayer: *God, the pain of my grief is pressing in on me. Sometimes I can hardly breathe with the weight of this grief. I'm exhausted. I need Your strength. Hold me, Jesus. Comfort me with Your Presence, and guide me on my journey through this.*

BOOK CHAT



Six of us have been meeting online to discuss Max Lucado's book, *Never Alone*, focusing on the miracles of Jesus. I have encountered Jesus in a whole new way from these miracles. Now I know God was preparing me for what we are currently experiencing in our family. Below are a few of those insights:

Water to Wine Miracle: Mary poses the problem to Jesus, turns to the servants with confidence and trust in His unrevealed solution, and tells the servants to do what Jesus tells them to. Jesus far exceeded everyone's expectations! Pose your problem to Jesus and confidently wait.

Healings of Nobleman's Son & Man at the Pool of Bethesda: The purposes and timing of Jesus' healings are far deeper and greater than what meets the eye: There were people watching whose lives were changed. Do you take God at His Word like the nobleman who trusted Jesus and went home? Do you really want to be healed and how will that healing change your life?

Feeding the 5,000: *If God can turn a basket into a buffet with food to spare, don't you think He can do something with your 5 loaves and 2 fishes of faith? We can't, but You can, Jesus! Give God what's in your basket.*

Jesus Walks on the Sea: Be cautious of focusing on the storm and missing what is happening in the midst of it. Invite Jesus into your lifeboat. Your greatest need is Jesus' presence. The great I AM is with you in your storm.



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This newsletter has articles of encouragement for widows, homebound seniors, caregivers, and the local church/community who reach out to the needs of widows, caregivers & homebound seniors, wherever they call home.

OUR MISSION

Christian Fellowship
Assistance
Respite
Errands & transportation

**Enriching the lives of
homebound seniors and
their caregivers, and
inviting our community to
join us.**

Community Projects
Action Opportunities
Resources
Education & awareness

OUR MOTTO

To captivate our community
with the character of Christ
through compassionate
CARE

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OUR VISION

To be a model community of churches, neighbors and businesses who bring moments of joy, honor, help and hope to widows, the aging and their caregivers through personally providing **CARE** for those God puts in their path.

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