

INDEPENDENT LIVING APRIL REFLECTIONS

Pastors for The Month of April!

April 1st, 2020

Pastor Dwain Doyal, Berlin Baptist Church

April 8th, 2020

Pastor Rev. George Morris,
Haddonfield United Methodist Church

April 15th, 2020

Rev. Michelle Allen
Williamstown Presbyterian Church

April 22nd, 2020

Dr. William Wilson, Chews Landing United
Methodist Church

April 29th, 2020

Rev. Henry Jansma, All Souls Anglican
Church, Cherry Hill

April Birthday's

April 2nd: Mary Reynolds

April 2nd: Elizabeth Spirit

April 11th: Nancy Johnson

April 11th: John McBride

April 11th: John Voorhis

April 12th: Peter Tuitt

April 13th: Dorothy McFadden

April 14th: Doris Edmond's

April 14th: Dolores Tierney

April 20th: Donna Smith

April 22nd: Rose Moffa

April 24th: Mildred Brown

Have a Wonderful Birthday!

Count your life by smiles,
not tears.

Count your age by friends,
not years!

Happy Birthday to all our residents
celebrating this month.

Beatitudes for Friends of the Aged!

Blessed are they who understand my faltering step and palsied hand.

Blessed are they who know my ears today must strain to catch the things they say.

Blessed are they who seem to know my eyes are dim and my wits are slow.

Blessed are they who looked away when coffee spilled at breakfast today.

Blessed are they with a cheery smile who stop to chat for a while.

Blessed are they who know the way to bring back memories of yesterday.

Blessed are they who make it known that I am loved, respected and not alone.

Blessed are they who know I'm at a loss to find the strength to carry my cross.

Blessed are they who ease days of my journey home in loving ways!



Spring Jokes

Q: What do you call a mischievous egg?

A: A practical yolker.

Q: Did you hear about the Easter Egg hunt for Alzheimer's patients?

A: They hid their own eggs.

Q: Why is the letter A like a flower?

A: A bee comes after it.

Q: What did the big flower say to the little bud?

A: You're really growing, Bud!

Q: Why is everyone so tired on April 1st?

A: Because they just finished a long 31-day March!

Q: Do you know all about April 1st?

A: Yes, I'm fooly aware of it!

Q: What is the difference between Thanksgiving and April Fools' Day?

A: On one you're thankful and on the other you're prankful!

Q: Why did the farmer plant a seed in his pond?

A: He was trying to grow a watermelon

Q: Can bees fly in the rain?

A: Not without their little yellow jackets!

Q: Why are bees so happy?

A: They eat whatever bugs them.

Happy Easter

- *Easter Sunday* is the first Sunday after the first full moon after the first day of spring.
- The name "*Easter*" has Pagan origins. Though it's one of Christianity's most important events today, the name "Easter" is believed to have originated from Eostre, the Pagan goddess of spring and fertility.
- *Easter eggs* are considered a symbol of new life and rebirth
- *Eggs* contain almost every single nutrient essential to humans.
- *The Easter Bunny* was originally the Easter Hare. He functioned as a sort of Easter Santa Claus, evaluating children's behavior and rewarding the "good" ones with colorful eggs.
- Originally, children-built nests so the *Easter Hare* could leave eggs inside them. The twig-and-leaf nests and egg gathering evolved into the Easter baskets and egg hunts of today.
- *Colored eggs* have been in use for 5,000 years. They first were used around 3,000 BC in Persia, where people exchanged red-dyed eggs on the first day of spring to celebrate rebirth and the beginning of springtime.
- The tradition of *decorating Easter eggs* more ornately originated in Ukraine and was called "pysanka". The brightly colored eggs were believed to protect homes from evil spirits and disasters such as fires and lightning.
 - *\$14.6 billion* is spent on Easter items each year.
- *\$2.1 of that is spent on Easter candy*. This makes Easter the second-largest candy-consuming holiday of the year, trailing only Halloween.
 - *120 million pounds* of Easter candy is bought every year.
 - Each person *spends an average of \$28.11* on Easter Candy.
 - *16 billion jellybeans* are manufactured for Easter
 - When eating chocolate bunnies, *76% of people eat the ears first*.

Passover

At sundown on April 19th (traditionally, all holidays as well as the Sabbath start when the sun sets), the Jewish culture begin the eight-day festival (seven days in Israel) known as Passover.

One of three widely celebrated festivals in the Jewish calendar, Passover commemorates the Exodus, the escape of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. More significantly, their eventual arrival in the Promised Land marks the people's emergence as a nation.

The exciting details of this biblical event are retold every Passover at the Seder, a ritualistic family dinner consisting of drinking wine, blessings and prayers in 14 highly structured episodes. The ritual is passed from generation to generation.

During Passover, leavened products, such as bread, cookies, cake, beer, whiskey, and pasta, are forbidden. Matzo, unleavened flat bread, is featured at the Seder and is eaten throughout the holiday in place of bread. When the Israelites fled Egypt, they left in a big hurry, and before the Pharaoh, who gave them permission to leave only after being persuaded by God's infliction of 10 plaques on his people, could change his mind. There was not enough time for people on the run to bake bread, so Matzo became the only bread of choice. It's a good thing the Israelites didn't slow their flight to bake bread, because the Pharaoh, and original flip-flop politician, did indeed suddenly change his mind; he revoked his permission for the slaves to leave, and sent his army chasing after them. The rest of the story is familiar- Moses called on God to part

the Red Sea long enough for the Israelites to pass through safely, then close the waters on the pursuing Egyptians, destroying their army and camp followers to the last man (and woman). As the legend goes, only the Pharaoh himself was spared, in order to spread the word to the rest of the world not to mess with the Israelites.

- By: Irv Rappoport (A Former Fountain Resident)



Happy Easter

In Christian countries Easter is celebrated as the religious holiday commemorating the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the son of God. But Easter has many customs that are pagan in origin and have nothing to do with Christianity. Traditions associated with the festival survive in the Easter rabbit, the symbol of fertility, and in colored eggs. The Christian celebration of Easter has many traditions related to Passover. Many of the early Christians were of Jewish origin and regarded Easter as a new feature of Passover festival.

Easter is observed in churches of the West on the first Sunday following the full moon

that occurs on or following the spring equinox. It can occur as early as March 22nd or as late as April 25th. Lent covers a 46-day period, 40 days plus 6 Sundays; Sundays are excluded from Lenten fasting. Holy week, the last week of Lent, begins with Palm Sunday, the day Jesus entered Jerusalem and the crowds laid palms at his feet. Holy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper; Good Friday is the anniversary of the Crucifixion. Holy week and the Lenten season end with Easter Sunday, the day of resurrection of Jesus Christ.



Community Services

Café: Open Monday through Saturday 7:30am to 3pm, Sunday 3pm to 6pm, Phone Ext: 7229

Dining Room: Open Monday through Saturday 4pm to 5:30pm

No assigned seating, please sit at a cleaned, reset table only!

To reserve seating for outside guests, call 7228

Monday through Saturday room tray orders call 7228 by 3pm

Sunday room tray orders call 7228 by 10am.

Daily Menu: Call 8400

Sunday Meal and Holiday Schedule: Open seating 11:30am to 1:30pm

The Fountains Salon: Beauty and Barber Services: Appointment Only, Call 7230 to schedule

The Fountains Concierge Service!

The Fountains concierge service enhances living experiences for our residents and truly helps make our community feel like home. But it's so much more than a service; it is a supportive, easy-to-use amenity that helps residents manage their schedules, activities, and daily tasks.

Call Jenna to order services: 856-809-7679, for yourself or your family member living here at The Fountains.

Each resident can use the Concierge Service at his or her discretion, making it a truly personal experience.

As a Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC), we believe that quality service does make a difference, and we work hard to provide that quality in all we do. That's why we created this unique, quality-focused service for our residents. ***Please allow at least 3 days' notice for all services!***