

Happy January Birthday!!!

Thomas Dosemagen	01
Peter Wurzer	01
Olive Crawley	03
Robert Malewicki	05
Judy Hack	07
Everett Long	08
Dave Potter	08
Donna Marshall	09
Judy Porter	09
Tom Christofferson	13
Clyde Johnson	13
Melanie Ryan	13
Gary Fry	21
Linda Tangney	22
Binnie Malewicki	23
Richard Lentz	25
Roger Kuhnke	27
Patricia Peters	30
Doris Findlay	31
Rose Mary Leaver	31
Sue Potter	31



Catholic Services

Catholic Mass: Wednesday, January 7th at 10:00 am in Olm Fellowship Hall

Catholic Communion: Tuesday, January 20th at 10:00 am in B Lounge



Thank you to all residents, families, and friends who donated to the 2025 Employees Christmas Fund.

Because of your generosity, 122 employees received this acknowledgement and appreciation gift on December 5. A total of \$59,150 was distributed.

If you have any questions about the Employees Christmas Fund, contact Fairhaven resident Neil Aiken or Prairie Village resident Kathy Ross.

Again, our thanks - Resident Council



In Loving Memory...

Stephen Thorngate
Marlene Strait

Programs with Chaplain Luke Bocher:

Tuesdays: Devotions with Chaplain Luke
10:00 am—Piano Lounge

Wednesdays: Worship with Chaplain Luke
11:00 am—Olm Fellowship Hall

Bus Update

We are excited to share that we have raised over \$112,000 towards our goal of \$215,000. With Full Board Member financial support, gifts/pledges from residents, staff, vendors and community members we say THANK YOU!!! Hitting the half-way mark is exciting, but we have work to do. As 2026 rolls around, we kindly ask you to think about this fund and the benefit that we all know it will bring to yourself and those that live here at Fairhaven. Any questions, please see Brian or Paul. Thank you again!



Fairhaven Little Free Library Update

As many of you may have already seen, we have separated the large print books in the Main Lobby Little Free Library from regular print books. We believe it'll make it easier for everybody to find their preferred type of books. This Little Free Library is used a lot. Thanks to everyone who takes a book, returns a book* or leaves a book!

*Please remember that Fairhaven Library books and any other libraries' should not be left in the Fairhaven Little Free Library.

Transportation

If you need a ride, please make every effort to give the front desk 24 hours notice or more. This allows time to make sure we have enough drivers each day. Walmart shopping is available every Monday afternoon, but you must sign up at least 24 hours in advance. Please do not come to the desk at the last minute on Monday. We may not be able to accommodate your request. Also, please understand that medical appointments take precedence over requests to go shopping. Thank you all for your understanding and cooperation.

These kinds of thanks only come this time of year!

We are grateful to Neil Aiken and Prairie Village resident Karen Christofferson for their dedicated “behind the scenes” work year round on behalf of the Employees Christmas Fund. Thanks to Prairie Village residents Carol Cobb, Carolyn Behrens, and Beth Eberhardt for addressing the employees’ envelopes. Those envelopes were stuffed by Neil, Karen, Rich and Susan Schilt, and Fairhaven residents Sharron McCarthy and Chris Lange—a job that requires precision and concentration and was certainly done well again this year! Karen served as the Fund’s chairman and Prairie Village representative since 2023. She decided to pass these responsibilities on, and with the Resident Council’s approval, Kathy Ross will now try to fill Karen’s “big shoes”. We can’t thank Karen enough for her detailed and conscientious work on behalf of the Christmas Fund!

What do Fairhaven resident Neil Aiken, Chaplain Luke Bocher and his wife Lori, our friends Charlotte Kuenning and Betty Schelb, and Prairie Village residents Gary and Lyndia Fry, Rich and Susan Schilt, and Barb Jaquith have in common? They are the dedicated volunteers who put up the Christmas Village in Fairhaven’s Main Lobby and will take it down on January 8. We thank them VERY much for the time and energy it takes to ensure we continue this tradition.

The Prairie Village Community Center was beautifully decorated for Christmas. Prairie Village’s decorating elves includes Shirley Kurth, Sue Brey, Barb Jaquith, and Judith Moldenhauer. Thanks to Bob and Mary Ann Ehrike for donating a brand-new Christmas Tree. Many neighbors shared their holiday spirit with outdoor decorations – some lit, some not – all great!

Mary Loomis, Housekeeping Supervisor, provides the following thanks for Fairhaven and Hearthstone decorating: Chaplain Luke Bocher and his wife Lori, Paul and Charlotte Kuenning, Jess Ward, Nicole Mildenstein, helped with Christmas trees and other decorations throughout both buildings. Tena Engels and Shannon Schoville decorated Fairhaven’s Main Lobby. Shannon helped spread Christmas cheer on the Assisted Living floors. Hearthstone was decorated by Terri Thies, Joylyn Peterson, and Juvi Knuteson. Fairhaven resident Gladys Ellerman helped with the tree on the second floor of the E building. None of this would have been as easily done as it was without Housekeeping support and Maintenance delivering the decorations and retrieving the decoration containers. (And we’ll get to do it all over again after the holidays!) Thanks, too, to all residents who decorated their doors!

During November, Fairhaven, Hearthstone, and Prairie Village residents and friends and Fairhaven staff donated over 500 non-perishable food and toiletry items during our Food Drive. Some residents made financial contributions. All this benefited the many people served by The Community Space. If you have more to contribute, you can leave items at the Front Desk or in the donation box in the Prairie Village Library. The Community Space address is PO Box 213, Whitewater WI 53190.

Fairhaven Clothing Pre-Order- Monday, January 5th from 10:00-12:00- there will be a table set up in the Piano Lounge with Fairhaven T-shirts- Long Sleeve Shirts and ¼ Zip Shirts that will be available to be looked at and pre-ordered. Each item does come with a Fairhaven Logo on it. This sale will be available for staff and residents, and payment will NOT be due when ordering. Any questions please see Brian.

Farewell, but not goodbye.

I have truly enjoyed the last 5+ years working as a driver here at Fairhaven. I have met some wonderful people, both residents and staff. I will be leaving my position in late January, and moving into Fairhaven as a resident. I am glad that I will still be seeing all of your smiling faces as I cruise the hallways behind my walker.

- Dave Maurer, Transportation

Fairhaven Happenings in January

Friday, January 2nd at 1:15 pm in Olm Fellowship Hall—Bingo until 2:00 pm

Friday, January 2nd at 2:15 pm in the Skylight Dining Room—95th birthday celebration for Olive Crawley

Monday, January 5th at 10:00 am in Olm Fellowship Hall—Bean bag baseball

Monday, January 5th at 1:15 pm in Olm Fellowship Hall—Earth-One Amazing Day DVD. Experience the unexpected wonder of one full day on earth.

Monday, January 5th at 6:00 pm in Olm Fellowship Hall—Bugs That Rule the World DVD- Insect Apocalypse- Scientists and enthusiasts reveal the crucial roles bugs play on the planet and what the future would be without them. 1 hour

Wednesday, January 7th at 10:00 am in the Piano Lounge—Pet therapy with Maria & Oakley

Wednesday, January 7th at 10:00 am in Olm Fellowship Hall—Catholic Mass with St. Patrick's Catholic Church

Wednesday, January 7th at 1:15 pm in Olm Fellowship Hall—Remarkable Homes of Wisconsin DVD- Wisconsin Public Television- 1 hour

Thursday, January 8th at 2:30 pm in Olm Fellowship Hall—Information presentation with Bristol Hospice. This is a hospice service that Fairhaven has added to those we have contracts with and could be of service to our residents. There will be ice cream served for those that attend.

Thursday, January 8th at 5:30 pm in the Piano Lounge—Pet therapy visits w/ Janesville/Beloit Kennel Club

Friday, January 9th at 10:00 am in Olm Fellowship Hall—My Garden of a Thousand Bees DVD from PBS. 1 hour

Friday, January 9th at 1:15 pm in Olm Fellowship Hall—Bingo w/ special guest Dana from Rainbow Community Care

Monday, January 12th at 10:00 am in Olm Fellowship Hall—Bean bag baseball

Monday, January 12th at 1:15 pm in Olm Fellowship Hall—Dog treat making with Whitewater High School students

Monday, January 12th at 6:00 pm in Olm Fellowship Hall—Bugs That Rule the World DVD- Lifegivers- The colorful world of Earth's essential pollinators -- bees, moths and butterflies. 1 hour

More January Happenings...

Tuesday, January 13th—Lunch Outing to Rick's Eastside Pub & Grill- Transportation will leave the front lobby at 10:50 am and it is asked that you sign up at the front desk if you would like to go.

Wednesday, January 14th at 10:00 am in the Piano Lounge—Pet therapy w/ Cheryl and Aoife

Wednesday, January 14th at 1:15 pm in Olm Fellowship Hall—Memorial service for Dr. Stephen Thorngate

Thursday, January 15th at 9:30 am in Olm Fellowship Hall—Resident Council meeting. All are encouraged to attend.

Thursday, January 15th from 10:00-11:00 am in the Whitewater Conference Room—Free blood pressure screenings with Fort Wellness staff

Thursday, January 15th at 1:15 pm in Olm Fellowship Hall—Join Edgerton Hospital & Health Services Staff for an introductory presentation on the services that they provide throughout the area. Did you know that here in Whitewater, the Edgerton Clinic has an Urgent Care???

Thursday, January 15th at 2:15 pm in the Skylight Dining Room—Mini taco social

Friday, January 16th at 1:15 pm in Olm Fellowship Hall—Community Drum Circle w/ Christine Hayes. This will be the only drum circle for January, and we will not have Bingo on this date.

Saturday, January 17th from 10:00-12:00 in the Piano Lounge—Fiber arts group

Saturday, January 17th at 4:00 pm in the Piano Lounge—Saturday Social

Monday, January 19th at 10:30 am in Olm Fellowship Hall—Listen In w/ Paul Kuenning. No bean bag baseball on this date.

Monday, January 19th at 1:15 pm in Olm Fellowship Hall—Art & Craft project with Kaye Eckert and Terrie Munger

Monday, January 19th at 6:00 pm in Olm Fellowship Hall—Bugs That Rule the World DVD- Eat or Be Eaten- The ruthless realm of some of the stealthiest and cleverest insects in the animal kingdom -- from praying mantises and aquatic insects to dragonflies. 1 hour

Tuesday, January 20th at 10:00 am in the B Lounge—Catholic Communion

Wednesday, January 21st at 10:00 am in the Piano Lounge—Pet therapy with Karen and Ezzy

Wednesday, January 21st at 1:00 pm in Olm Fellowship Hall—Matinee movie

More Happenings in January...

Thursday, January 22nd at 2:00 pm in the Piano Lounge/Skylight Dining Room—Resident Tea! This social is the chance for Fairhaven staff to say thank you for the generous gift they received at Christmas time in 2025. Come hungry and ready to socialize.

Thursday, January 22nd at 5:30 pm in the Piano Lounge—Pet therapy visits w/ Janesville/Beloit Kennel Club

Friday, January 23rd at 1:15 pm in Olm Fellowship Hall—Bingo w/ special guest Marc Augsburg-er, President and CEO at Edgerton Hospital and Health Services

Monday, January 26th at 10:00 am in Olm Fellowship Hall—Bean bag baseball

Monday, January 26th at 6:00 pm in Olm Fellowship Hall—Bugs That Rule the World DVD-Beetlemania- The crucial ecological roles that beetles play in nearly every environment, and why they are often regarded "the most important species on the planet." 1 hour.

Wednesday, January 28th at 10:00 am in the Piano Lounge—Pet therapy w/ Shari and Suzi

Wednesday, January 28th at 1:15 pm in Olm Fellowship Hall—City of Whitewater business update with Mason Becker, City of Whitewater Community Development Director

Wednesday, January 28th—UW-W Women's Basketball Game Outing vs UW-Oshkosh. Transportation will leave the front lobby at 6:20 pm for this 7:00 game. Please sign up at the front desk if you would like to go.

Thursday, January 29th at 10:30 am in the Piano Lounge—Lutheran church service

Thursday, January 29th at 1:15 pm in Olm Fellowship Hall—Art & Craft project with Kaye Eckert and Terrie Munger

Friday, January 30th at 1:15 pm in Olm Fellowship Hall—Bingo w/ guests Bridgette and Malayna from UW-W Health Services

Current Events and Ideas

Tuesdays 2:00 - 3:00 pm in Olm Fellowship Hall

CURRENT EVENTS & IDEAS The New Year brings to us a vast array of discussion topics including world affairs, political upheavals, religious questions, health concerns, racial conflicts, and life here at Fairhaven. We invite you to join us for intellectual stimuli and good company!

New Year - New Insurance???

Just a reminder that if you have gotten new Insurance or had changes in your Health Insurance plan, Fairhaven needs to know and also needs a copy of your Insurance Card.

You can bring your card to the Reception Desk to have your copy made. If you have questions, contact David Gackstatter in the Business Office.

Friends of Fairhaven/Mini Mart Update, January 2026

As we begin another year

The Friends of Fairhaven and our many volunteers thank you for another fine year. We are grateful to continue to provide everything that makes the Mini Mart a valuable service for residents, employees and guests. And here's to another great year!

You'll find information elsewhere in this newsletter about the distribution of Epiphany Fruit, one of our most enduring projects.

Please come bargain shop with us during our December 29-January 8 Christmas Sale!
Please remember we are closed on Wednesday, December 31, for New Year's Eve.

The Mini Mart, located on Fairhaven's Lower Level, is open Monday and Wednesday afternoons 12:30-3:00. It is open to all residents, employees, and guests. A long-time project of the Friends of Fairhaven, it is an all-volunteer effort. We appreciate your support since your purchases fund our donations that benefit all residents.

January Safety Reminder from Fairhaven SEP Team:

This winter, take your time driving when the roads are snowy and slick. If you don't feel comfortable driving in the winter weather don't hesitate to check in with reception to use Fairhaven's transportation services. If you are going to venture out on your own, please go through the safety checklist below:

1. Winterize your vehicle. Make sure that your brakes, headlights, and windshield wipers are working properly. Also, check on the antifreeze levels, oil levels and tires. It is important, especially for seniors, that the heater and defroster are fully functioning as seniors are more susceptible to the frigid winter temperatures.
2. Always have a full tank of gas There is nothing worse than running out of gas when it's freezing and snowing outside.
3. Travel with a companion when possible.
4. Prepare for an emergency. If you're traveling during the winter months, especially for several miles or in the country, it is helpful to be over-prepared. Put together an emergency kit to store in the trunk of your car, including (but not limited to):
 - Blanket
 - Food and water
 - A flashlight with extra batteries
 - A first-aid kit
 - Jumper cables
 - An ice scraper
 - Sand, salt, or non-clumping kitty litter to provide extra tire traction
 - Extra clothing, boots, and gloves

Winter weather can be challenging for all drivers, but if you plan accordingly and are aware of the dangerous conditions, you can arrive safely at your destination.

Epiphany Fruit Available from Friends of Fairhaven on January 6

One of the Friends of Fairhaven's long-time traditions is providing fruit to all residents on Epiphany. This is provided to "to commemorate the visit of the Magi to the Christ Child."

We are grateful to Jasmyne Hauger and the Dining Services staff who make careful selections and manage the set-up or delivery so all residents can participate. On January 6, apples, bananas, and oranges will be available as follows:

One bag per resident, please.

- Independent Apartment residents can pick up their fruit in the Piano Lounge after 10:00 a.m.
- Assisted Living residents can pick theirs up in their dining areas after 10:00 a.m.
- Hearthstone residents' will be delivered with their lunch.
- Prairie Village residents will find theirs in the Community Center after 10:30 a.m.

Happy New Year from the Friends of Fairhaven



January Resident Council Update 2026

Front Lobby Christmas Village

Special thanks to all the residents from Prairie Village, Fairhaven, and the employees who put together this year's Christmas Village in Fairhaven's front main entry lobby. It is a labor of love that is awaited every Christmas season and always looks spectacularly new and is a wonder to behold. Back in November, 2026!

Another Successful Annual Employee Christmas Fund

The 2025 Employee Christmas Fund was another success. Thanks to all the Fairhaven staff whose work and service inspired donations. Special thanks to Karen Christofferson (PV) and Neil Aiken (FH) for guidance and commitment to the process, and to First Citizens State Bank for helping them through the processes. Funds donated by residents and/or their families, and other friends provided a significant cash bonus to our employees at the exciting time of year Christmas creates for everyone.

New "Silver Star" Award

Mary Loomis, Director of Environmental Services, has proposed a Silver Star Award to recognize and reward residents who are "caught in the act" of going an extra step helping others, being kind, or just being noticed for the extras so many do each day. (Similar to the Shining Star award for staff.) The Resident Council is currently working out a few kinks and hopes to have something to report, explain and hopefully implement soon.

New Face of Resident Council Leaders

Chris Lange has decided to relinquish his seat at the Resident Council President, announced at the December meeting. Don Sorenson was nominated and approved for that position beginning in January. Chris will stay on the council to help Don as he gets acclimated to his new position. Also, Karen Christofferson will be stepping away from the Christmas Fund committee, and Kathy Ross has agreed to step into that position.

Come Visit With Us

The next Resident Council Meeting will be held January 15, 2026 at 9:30am in Olm Fellowship Hall. We would be glad to see you as a visitor while you observe what happens in a meeting, what we try to accomplish as your representatives to Prairie Village and Fairhaven, and demonstrate our commitment to all of you.

Happy 2026 New Year to ALL from the Resident Council

From the Chaplain

Welcome to Worship

Each Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. chaplain Luke has a half-hour worship service. It is not denominationally oriented, meaning it is for people of all Christian faiths. At the worship we sing hymns, pray, read the scriptures and hear a brief sermon. Whoever you are, whatever faith you are, you are invited to join us to worship God. This service is open for all Fairhaven and Prairie Village people.

In Memory

On Wednesday, January 14 at 1:15 p.m. we will have a memorial service to remember and give thanks to God for longtime Fairhaven resident, Dr. Steve Thorngate. Included will be a time for you to share memories if you wish. You're invited to come and remember Steve.

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Happy New Year!



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