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# CHERRY HILL NEWS

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**“The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.”**

Never has there been a darker year that I can remember than 2020. Social injustice, rioting, COVID-19, political division, isolation, loneliness, mental health decline, the list could go on and on. The world right now and even more specifically the United States of America, the world in which we live, is a very dark place. It seems in a lot of ways that the world we once knew is a distant memory. And yet it was in a world of darkness not too dissimilar from ours that a great light entered our atmosphere...

...1st century Palestine was a world full of social injustice, murder, power, greed, political division, crippling taxation, this list could also go on and on. This dark world seemed to find and squash any goodness or light that dared enter it, and yet, in a little town called Bethlehem, our Savior was born into an ordinary family and into a world that had no room for him.

As we enter this season of Advent in the Christian calendar, which in simple terms is a season of preparation and expectation of Christ’s coming (past and future), I extend an invitation to you and your family to take time together to reflect upon and notice things that are good and beautiful in and around you, things that bring light to our dark world. These things can be very simple things such as a smile, an encouraging word, holding the door for your neighbor, an intentional act of kindness for a stranger, naming things you are thankful for as a family or taking time together to pray and enjoy one another’s company. Whatever leads your hearts towards light and goodness this Advent season, I invite you in that direction.

I have personally witnessed all the beautiful things listed above in our homes from residents and staff to one another this year. Christ’s life and light continues to shine very bright in the hearts and lives of our residents and staff. I echo the words of St. John concerning the light he saw in Christ, “In him there was life, and that life was a light for the people of the world. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.” John 1:4-5 May we allow Christ’s light to shine in our hearts this Advent season and be the light we wish to see more of in the world.

On behalf of Baruch Senior Ministries, I wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Chaplain Clint

## Celebrating December

**Universal Human Rights Month**

**Bingo’s Birthday Month**

**Cookie Cutter Week**  
*December 1–7*

**Hanukkah**  
*December 10–18*

**Gingerbread House Day**  
*December 12*

**Christmas Bird Count**  
*December 14–January 5*

**Free Shipping Day**  
*December 17*

**Christmas**  
*December 25*

**Kwanzaa**  
*December 26–January 1*

**New Year’s Eve**  
*December 31*

## Comedy Corner



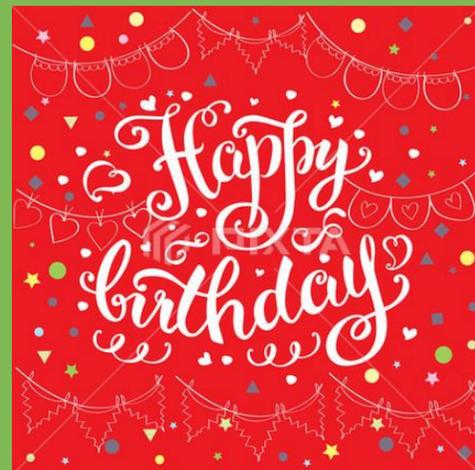
## December Birthdays

**Residents:**

- Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> Hugh M.
- Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> Denny P.
- Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> Gert R.
- Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> Ira W.

**Staff:**

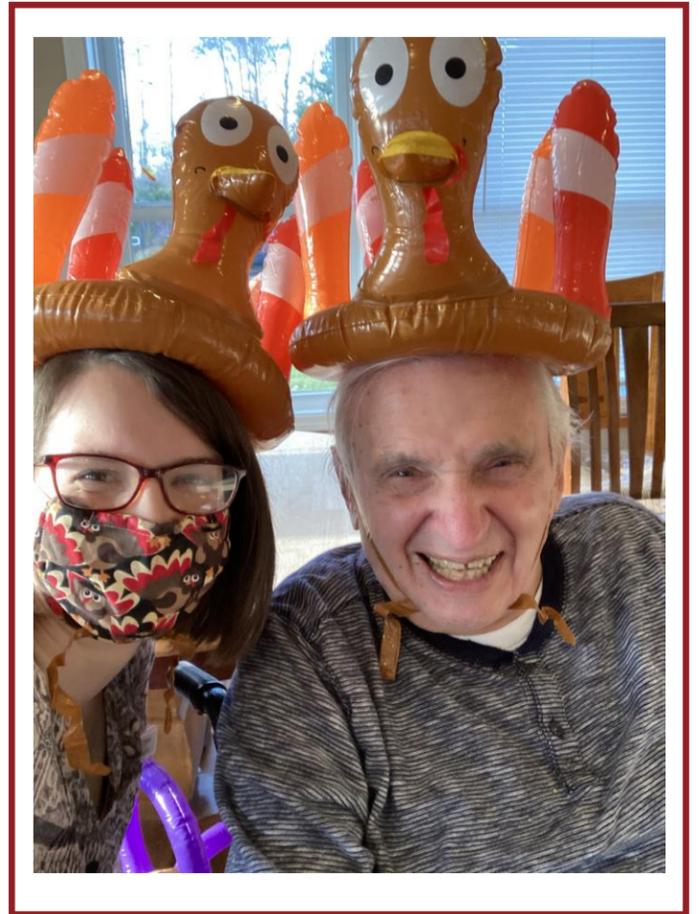
- Dec 13<sup>th</sup> Megan Bryant
- Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> Helen B.



Dress-Up Fun at the Nest



Silliness with Friends Brings Lots of Smiles!



Game Time at the Lodge



Silver Linings



We're all in this together!