

**PARKER PLACE  
JANUARY  
EVENTS**

**Jan 1-Happy New Year!**

**Jan 5-Music w/Don &  
Carla**

**Jan 6-Epiphany**

**Jan 10-BCS Champion-  
ship Game**

**Jan 17-Martin Luther  
King Day**

**Jan 19-Maintenance Day**

**Jan 20-Carson Family**

**Jan 21-Birthday Dinner**

**Jan 24-Butler Co Cons**

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A Place that  
Feels Like  
Home!

# The Parker Place Post

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## Parker Place Retirement Community



## LOOKING BACK ON 2010, LOOKING FORWARD TO 2011!

The memories of 2010 here at Parker Place are many and this is the time of year to reminisce. The occupancy of the Parker Place community more than doubled during the year, so there were many new friendships developed between residents and staff. Some of the highlights for the year included a Valentines' Day Brunch, rides in the country, St. Patrick's Day party, the addition of a salad bar, a trip to the iScallion Art Gallery, the Ladies High Tea and Style Show, shopping trips uptown, the Parkersburg Christmas parade, picnics on the back patio, music from Don & Carla, programs from the Butler County Conservation, the Wednesday morning exercise ladies and who could forget the sights & sounds of RAGBRAI passing right in front of Parker Place! The first annual family potluck in September brought in such a record crowd that we ran out of chairs, but had plenty of delicious food. Our One-Year Anniversary Open House brought in close to 100 people to help celebrate the milestone and to tour our newly opened Memory Care area. The Holiday season brought in several groups to entertain us including the Parkersburg Kindergarten kids, carolers from Pleasant Valley Church, the Johnson Strings from New Hartford, the A-P Jazz Choir, carolers from United Methodist Church, our preschool friends and a private mini-concert from Karyn Brinkmeyer the night before she performed at the A-P High School Auditorium.

What will 2011 bring? Hopefully more of the same! New activities are being planned as well as continuing some old favorites. More outings are being added to our calendar, weather permitting and we will still offer our weekly uptown run and transportation to appointments. Menus will be expanded to give residents more choices and to include some old family recipes. And we look forward to filling up the remaining apartments with new friends!

## Sue's Corner

One of the things we do here at Parker Place to make it feel like home is to make sure **residents' favorite foods are included** in our menus. Upon admission, we ask residents about favorite dishes as well as their dislikes. Then at our monthly resident meetings, we encourage our residents to voice their opinions about the food we serve and what additions they would like to see.

**As a result, on New Year's Eve**, the residents are taking over the kitchen! They are planning a good old fashion specken-decken supper complete with the special ingredients from the family recipes they will be using. The anticipation has brought about much conversation of how best to make the unique German treat and the family traditions celebrated in the past. What a great way to ring in the New Year!



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## Health Care News

I was at a close friend's house recently and while we were exchanging gifts, I happened to look up at the wall and there was a plaque on the wall that said "Every Day is a Gift". I told my friend that I really liked that saying. We agreed that the meaning of the verse is so true. My friend and I have had many losses of close loved ones in our lives and you never know when it will be your last day or someone you love's last day. "Every Day is a Gift". My friend and I do know, even with our losses, that we have so much to be grateful for. We are thankful for all of the days (gifts) that we did have with our loved ones and we are thankful for the gift of a tiny baby boy born in Bethlehem who made it possible for our loved ones who are no longer here to still live on - Forever. As we approach the new year of 2011, we need to be ready to receive the start of 365 gifts. Hopefully, we can live each day to the best of our ability and return the favor to others all around us by gifting back in whatever way will make someone else's day better. I want to wish you all a very happy, healthy and blessed New Year. May the memories of your loved ones gone, be forever in your hearts.

*"Every Day is a Gift".*

Teresa Ackerman, RN  
Healthcare Coordinator



## FROM THE MANAGER:

As manager of Parker Place, I wear many hats; but one of my favorite parts of this job is transporting our residents to their doctor's appointments, uptown Parkersburg shopping, out in the country to check on the crops, around town to look at the Christmas lights or wherever they are needing to go. These outings give me a great opportunity to visit with the residents as we drive along and I learn so much about their past life, their families, the surrounding area and even the local gossip. I thoroughly enjoy these leisurely drives and the fascinating conversation that goes with them. These times remind me of driving with my dad in my younger days; in fact, that is exactly how I learned to drive! Dad would quite often take drives on Sunday afternoons to look over the countryside and when I was old enough, I got the privilege of driving while he looked. My dad was a man of few words, but sometimes he would remark about someone's farm place or go into who was related to who or tell me the latest gossip from the elevator. I loved those times together! Now I get the chance to do it again. It is just another service we make available to our residents here at Parker Place and one that I am thrilled to help provide.

# Parker Place Happenings



## RESIDENT BIRTHDAYS

- Blanche Dahn - January 1st
- Lucille Nelson - January 15th
- Babe Simon - January 21st



## Staff Birthdays

- Jackie Schipper, Kitchen - Jan 4th
- Dan Hemann, Maintenance - Jan 21st
- Karolyn Roose, Universal Worker - Jan 27th



## IN MEMORIAM-

- Herb Johnson - 12/10/10
- Daryl Hippen - 12/23/10



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## *Parker Place Announcements*

Senior Dining Monday thru Friday at noon. Call the morning before for reservations. Anyone 60 or over free will donation.

Community Bingo Wednesdays at 6:00 PM in our dining room. Everyone is welcome.

Like to walk? Come walk our halls during the winter months! Eight times around = One mile!!

Have family in town & need a place for them to stay?  
Why not try Parker Place?  
Our Guest Room is Available!  
Give us a call!!  
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Apartment Availability!**