

After the Winter, God sends the Spring

Springtime is a season
Of hope and joy and cheer,
There's beauty all around us
To see and touch and hear.
So, no matter how downhearted
And discouraged we may be,
New hop is born when we behold
Leaves budding on a tree.
Or when we see a timid flower
Push through the frozen sod
And open side in glad surprise
Its petalled eyes to God.
For this is just God saying:
"Lift up your eyes to Me,
And the bleakness of your spirit,
Like the budding springtime tree,
Will lose its wintry darkness
And your heavy heart will sing."
For God never sends the winter
Without the joy of spring.

--Author Unknown

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Happy Birthday

Adrian "Curly" Konings—April 11, 1937
Catharina Versteeg – April 13, 1928
Sharon Brooks – April 14, 1944
Happy Birthday from all your friends!

In Loving Memory

Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Clarence Dietz. He will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by all. A Celebration of Life for **Clarence** will be held on **April 14th** at 2 p.m. with Rev. Jeff Hawkins officiating via Zoom. Please contact Barb Wakeford at 519-335-3168 or Barbara.w@fordwichvillage.ca by April 13th for Zoom invite information.

Family Council

There will be a Family Council meeting on **April 7th at 6:30 p.m.** We will be holding this meeting via Zoom for those wishing to attend. Many updates will be provided as well as an opportunity for you to ask questions. **Please let Barb Wakeford (Barbara.w@fordwichvillage.ca or 519-335-3168) by April 6th if you wish to join this event or if you have any questions.**

You may be asking yourself "What is Family Council?". **"Families working together to provide support, share experiences and seek solutions to common problems."** It is an organized, self-led, self-determining, democratic group composed of family and friends of the residents of Fordwich Village Nursing Home. The Activity Director supports and facilitates the Council.

What is the Role of the Family Council?

To support the work of the Residents' Council as a separate entity;
To focus on resident care and resident needs;
To bring about positive change.

To demonstrate its support by:

- Welcoming and supporting families.
- Acting on issues.
- Informing and education.
- Sharing ideas.

What are the Benefits of a Family Council?

Allows families to give each other the support and encouragement they need. Provide a forum for education and information regarding residents' rights and to become knowledgeable about Fordwich Village Nursing Home's operations, policies, rules, health conditions and inspections.

Family Council involvement can benefit residents who are physically or mentally unable to voice their concerns and needs as well as those without family. Council involvement helps provide family members with an opportunity to express their ideas and concerns and a way to work for a positive change for all. Open lines of communication is established and maintained between FAC and Fordwich Village Nursing Home.

Volunteers Appreciation Week— April 18th – 24th

Our volunteers are very special and are greatly appreciated for all they do in helping to enrich the lives of our Residents! This year's theme is "The Value of One, The Power of Many". Some of our volunteers have visiting us via Zoom or Skype over the past year which has helped to keep us in touch with community news and spiritual guidance. Sadly, due to Covid-19 restrictions we are unable to have a group event as in the past years. However, we wish to give a big Salute to our volunteer friends! We miss you and hope to see you again in person in the future. Take care everyone!