

April 2025

# Our Lady of Hope

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## Calendar Highlights

- 4/4 Kevin Sings the Classics
- 4/8 Nuckols Farm Elementary Art Show
- 4/10 Mobile Library
- 4/15 La Petite Egghunt
- 4/16 Meadowgate Farms Alpaca Visit
- 4/18 New Performer: Michael Gunter!
- 4/22 Guitar Billy



Jack loves to tend the garden!



## Spring is in the Air!



We are so excited to greet Spring with open arms after some very cold weather! Even March had us bundled up and running through the rain drops for most of the month. Hopefully though, you were able to enjoy some of the fun activities on the March calendar. The Christopher Wren Acapella Choir from William and Mary College was the highlight on the performance schedule. We also welcomed new guests Debbie Conley with Mary Kay and John LaPointe from Heartland Hospice. Debbie brought the "Eyes of March" with games and Mary Kay products as prizes! John brought Irish Coffee, coffee cake and his personality to the St. Patrick's Day social. It was so much fun to gather with you all!

Now, we can enjoy the budding trees, warm breezes and longer days filled with sunshine. We look forward to chats on the front porch and other outdoor activities.

It is so special to have children visit OLOH. They bring such light and joy to us. This month, we will host the Nuckols Farm Elementary Art Show and La Petite Academy for an Egghunt!



## A Sense of Purpose



I'm sure we can all agree that everyone needs a sense of purpose. We need something to look forward to, to take pride in and to keep us going. Our Lady of Hope is dedicated to getting to know our residents and learning what sparks their interests. We have so many residents that enjoy gardening! We've heard such wonderful descriptions of the beautiful gardens that have been tended through the years. With that in mind, a new vegetable garden is in the works! We'll build raised beds and begin planting vegetables. Our harvests will be donated to local food banks who continue to need food for the many they serve. What a wonderful way to connect with our community. Doing a service for others, while enjoying a favorite pastime, is just what the doctor ordered!

April will feature several pop-up opportunities to help get the garden beds started and to tend to the seedlings. Please let Life Enrichment staff know that you'd like to be a part of this wonderful project!

## Artist Search

We hope you've had the opportunity to stop in the newly renovated OLOH library. You may have noticed the Resident Artist featured on the top shelves. We'd like to continue to feature resident and local painters, carvers, sculptors, photographers etc. throughout the year! If you are or know someone who would be interested in displaying artwork in the OLOH library, please stop in to see Katie Carter, Director of Life Enrichment.

## New Performer



**Michael Gunther** has been playing for his church for many years and is an author!

He is building his non-secular playbook and will share his talents with us  
April 18, 2:00pm

In the Sullivan Center

The Alpaca are coming!  
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April 16, 2025 10:30am  
on the Front Porch

## Nuckols Farm Elementary Annual Art Show

Tuesday, April 8, 2025

Sullivan Center

3:30pm-5:00pm



Arbor Day April 25, 2025

Arbor Day is a special day set aside for planting trees! We'll be adding new trees to the OLOH property on April 25, 2025

See your daily for information on a special dedication to the new trees bringing life and beauty to our surroundings.





### **Garden Tool Drive**

We've got purpose, Yes we do!  
We've got purpose and we need you!

If you find yourself cleaning out that garden shed or stopping by your favorite Home and Garden shop, please think of us. We're collecting garden tools, watering cans, gloves, seed starting trays, vegetable plants, clippers etc.



### **Riddle Me This!!!**

I fall, but I don't get hurt. I pour, but I'm not a jug. I help plants grow, but I'm not the sun. What am I?

What is seen in the middle of March and April that can't be seen at the beginning or end of either month?

### **National Tea Day**

You know how much we love our tea.



Check your daily for tea tasting times!

### **Food for Thought**

An artichoke is actually a flower. The part we eat is the flower bud before it blooms. If left to grow, the artichoke transforms into a beautiful purple blossom. This makes it both a delicious vegetable and an ornamental plant. Additionally, the vibrant flowers attract pollinators like bees and butterflies, supporting local ecosystems.



## **Spring Thoughts from Chaplain Bob**

I love this time of year. The trees are budding, the flowers are blooming, and the grass is growing. I love this because we are in a season of new beginnings and hope. That which was dead is coming alive. It is also during this season that we celebrate Easter, which represents a time of fresh starts and new beginnings. Because of Easter and the Resurrection, we all have the opportunity to start anew, to leave behind what was and embrace what could be. The past is behind us, and we look to a new day filled with hope and optimism.

-Chaplain bob Odom, Pastoral Director



### **NEW!!! Visitor Parking**

Our goal is to have our residents and their guests feel comfortable while spending time at OLOH. We are so popular around here that parking can be a bit difficult.

There are 20 newly marked VISITOR ONLY spaces in our lot! We hope that you will utilize them by letting your guests know we've got a spot saved just for them!



### **Food for Thought**

**Garlic has natural sticky properties that allow it to work as a temporary adhesive. Historically, it was even used to mend glass. This unique characteristic highlights garlic's versatility beyond cooking. Its strong bonding ability comes from the sulfur compounds present in the cloves.**



## **Happy Birthday!!!**

4/3 Edith D.  
4/11 Betty W.  
4/11 Carly C.  
4/11 Leona F.  
4/11 Patricia S.  
4/12 Helen K  
4/13 Betty G.



4/13 Marian R.  
4/13 Dolores B.  
4/14 Betsy G.  
4/14 Jean C.  
4/14 Barbara P.  
4/18 Susan G.  
4/19 Maura F.



4/21 Grace T.  
4/21 Viola M.  
4/22 Larry G.  
2/24 Arthur B.  
4/27 Liz J.  
4/29 Clifton C.

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