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How children perceive their Grandparents:

I didn't know if my granddaughter had learned her colors yet, so I decided to test her. I would point out something and ask what color it was. She would tell me and was always correct. It was fun for me, so I continued. At last, she headed for the door, saying, "Grandma, I think you should try to figure out some of these colors yourself!"

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DECEMBER
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Newsletter



Executive Director's Note . . .

December has arrived with twinkling lights, Christmas trees, and the joyful anticipation of lively and mystical celebration. We especially look forward to honoring the birth of Christ, gathering with family, exchanging gifts, listening to Christmas music, and sharing the warmth of well wishes.

At Sierra View Homes Retirement Community, the holiday spirit begins right after Thanksgiving with our lively Reindeer Games. As the month unfolds, we're delighted and entertained by various groups coming through to share their Christmas carols. On December 9, we will host our third annual Ro and Friends Christmas Talent Show. I've invited friends to join me in presenting a Christmas music program that will include both vocal and instrumental performances.

I also look forward to the holiday treats! Our family has favorite cookies and dishes that we prepare only at Christmas. Since our children live far away, we pack a Christmas box to send to them—and we love receiving videos of our grandchildren opening it. This year, we'll be visiting them right after Christmas, so we'll enjoy Christmas after Christmas! For those of us here, the Auxiliary Bake Sale on December 10 will give everyone an opportunity to share their favorite baked goods and sweet traditions.

As we celebrate the season, we also remember those that faced challenges this year due to the government shutdown. Many people had been left wondering how to put food on the table. Some of our residents and staff were affected. In response, Sierra View Homes established a "Give and Take Pantry", stocked and supported by both residents and staff. I am so proud of our community in dealing with this temporary challenge. As we know the holiday time can be stressful for some that have experienced tough health issues, family or friend loss, or family members that seem more distant. We hope the generous spirit at this time will bring you the realization that God is with you during your earthly journey

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

— Isaiah 9:6 (KJV)

May the peace and joy of Christ fill your heart and home this Christmas season. May His love shine through every act of kindness and every gift given in His name.
Merry Christmas and blessings to all!

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Auxiliary bake sale

Our Bake Sale will take place in the Kings Canyon Room beginning at **9:00 a.m., Wednesday, December 10, 2025**. Donated baked goods may be dropped off at the office on December 9, or brought directly to the Kings Canyon Room by 8:00 a.m. on the morning of the event. Thank you for your support!



Ro and Friends Third Annual Holiday Music Show.

Join us on Tuesday, December 9, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. in the Kings Canyon Room for Ro & Friends' Third Annual Holiday Music Show! Their beautiful voices and festive melodies are sure to fill the room with Christmas cheer. Stop by, enjoy the music, and celebrate the season with us!



Christmas Lunch – Thursday, December 25, 2025

Join us for a festive Christmas Lunch in the Kings Canyon Room! Residents not on the meal plan, and all guests or family members, are welcome to attend at a cost of \$12.00 per person.

Please sign up in the Administration Office.

Advance notice is required—reservations must be made by December 19, 2025.

Come enjoy a warm and joyful holiday meal together!

Legacy and support

Many of you have already responded to the Sierra View Homes fundraising campaign, and we are deeply grateful. Your generosity helps us continue feeding those in need, reducing operating costs through solar power, and supporting residents who struggle to meet their monthly expenses.

To everyone who has contributed—thank you for being part of the legacy of care and compassion that keeps Sierra View Homes strong. Your kindness truly makes a difference.



Reindeer Games –

December 1, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

Get ready for some holiday fun! Join us on December 1 at 10:00 a.m. for our annual Reindeer Games, a festive tradition we enjoy before decorating Christmas trees around the facility. Our staff will suit up as playful reindeer while residents take aim with soft Nerf blasters to “catch” them.

It’s always a joyful, laughter-filled event—come enjoy the holiday spirit with us!



Holiday fun Days

Let’s make the season merry and bright! You’ll find our Holiday Fun Days marked in red on the calendar in the center of this newsletter. We encourage all residents and staff to join the fun by dressing up for each special day. Whether it’s festive colors, silly sweaters, or holiday accessories, every splash of spirit brings extra joy to our campus.

Let’s celebrate together and make this season sparkle! 🎄 ✨

GENTLE AND KIND



We have been studying Paul’s letters to Timothy in our weekly Sierra View Bible Study. It is hard to imagine what life was like for Timothy as a young missionary, entering into the squabbles and debates of fledgling churches. There would have been a lot for him to overcome: “Where is Paul? Who sent this guy? What does he know about the way we do things around here?”

What do we need to do to be taken seriously and thoughtfully when we enter into new spaces? To receive criticism and skepticism regarding things we feel called and convicted about can be a tough pill to swallow.

Paul first tells Timothy to remember who he is and whose he is. Timothy is the inheritor of a tradition that goes back generations. He is to remember his grandmother, his mother, Paul himself and most importantly, the example of Jesus. This is the well he is to draw from and return to when the work becomes stressful and discouraging.

The second part will depend not only on his words, but in the manner he responds to the negativity he receives. Paul writes in 2 Timothy 2:24-25:

“And the Lord’s servant must not quarrel; instead, he must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful. Those who oppose him he must gently instruct, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth.”

We do not live in a particularly kind or gentle world. But kindness and gentleness can be so disarming, especially when our critics come expecting a battle of words. How do we balance being kind while also being people of conviction? Can we be curious and humble in our questions while also holding to the truth revealed to us in Jesus? People seem to know when they are truly being listened to and cared about. Timothy will discover that the fruit his work bears will emanate from this compassionate presence. Finally, it is worth noting in these verses, that granting repentance is for God, not for Timothy. It is not an arm wrestling match, Timothy is to set the table for the banquet that only God can provide.

In our callous and increasingly hostile world, may we take Paul’s advice to heart, surprising a suspicious and divided world, and in the process, embodying the love of Christ, which heals and makes all things new.

Caley Ortman

ACTIVITY CALENDAR December 2025

(MK)=Mineral King Room (KC/FR)=Kings Canyon Room or Founder's Room (SW)= Sequoia Welcoming Room

Daily activities are posted on the white boards in the Residential Care Facility

TURN YOUR TELEVISION TO CHANNEL 2 FOR A LIST OF DAILY ACTIVITIES.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 	1 10:00am-Reindeer Games(SW) 2:00pm-Crafty Creations(MK) 	2 9:30am-Men's Coffee 10:00am- Spring into Action(MK) 10:30am- Marden's Visit 2:00pm-Bingo (MK) 	3 10:00am- Spring into Action(MK) 10:30am- Resident Council(MK) 2:00pm- Bible Study (KC) 2:00pm- Tree Decorating 	4 10:00am- Spring into Action(MK) 2:00pm-Bistro & Board Games (SW) 	5 9:00am- Chats with Chaplain 10:00am-Spring into Action(MK) 2:00pm-Bingo (MK) 	6 10:00am- Spring into Action(MK) 2:00pm-Arm Chair Travel (MK) 
7 9:00am-Church Service 2:00pm-Nails (MK)	8 10:00am-Spring into Action(MK) 2:00pm- Residential Care Birthday Celebration (MK) 	9 9:30am-Men's Coffee 10:00am-Spring into Action(MK) K10:30am- Crafts with Kris 2:00pm-Ro & Friends Holiday Music Show(KC) 	10 10:00am-Spring into Action(MK) 10:30am-Weekly Brew 2:00pm- Bible Study(KC) 2:00pm-Crafty Creations (MK) 	11 10:00am-Spring into Action(MK) 2:00pm-Bistro & Board Games (SW) 	12 9:00am- Chats with Chaplain 10:00am-Spring into Action(MK) 10:30am-Name that Tune 2:00pm- Bingo (MK) 	13 10:00am-Spring Into Action(MK) 1:30pm-Cinemas Saturday(MK) 
14 9:00am-Church Service 2:00pm-Nails (MK)	15 10:00am- Spring into Action(MK) 10:30am-Pet Therapy 1:30pm-Movie Matinee Featuring "Miracle on 34 th Street" (1994) (KC) 	16 9:30am-Men's Coffee 10:00am- Spring into Action(MK) 1:30pm-Movie White Christmas (MK) 	17 10:00am- Spring into Action(MK) 10:30am- Weekly Brew 11:45am-Ron Surabian(KC) 2:00pm- Bible Study(KC) 	18 10:00am- Spring into Action(MK) 10:00am-Food Committee Meeting(KC) 2:00pm-Bistro & Board Games (SW) 3:00pm-Communion Service(MK)	19 10:00am- Spring into Action(MK) 10:30am-Trivia 2:00pm- Bingo (MK) 	20 10:00am- Spring into Action(MK) 2:00pm-Table Top Cooking(MK) 
21 9:00am-Church Service 2:00pm-Nails (MK) 	22 10:00am- Spring into Action(MK) 10:30am-Trivia 2:00pm-Magi Party 	23 10:00am- Spring into Action(MK) 2:00pm-Bingo (MK) 	24 10:00am- Spring into Action(MK) 10:30am-Crafts with Kris 2:00pm-Christmas Eve Service (KC) 	25 12:00pm-Christmas Day Lunch (KC) 	26 10:00am- Seated Yoga (MK) 10:30am- Arm Chair Travel 2:00pm- Bingo (MK) 	27 10:00am- Spring into Action(MK) 2:00pm-Jingo (MK) 
28 9:00am-Church Service 2:00pm-Nails (MK)	29 10:00am-Spring into Action(MK) 10:30am-Memory Jogger 2:00pm-Arm Chair Travel(MK)	30 10:00am-Spring Into Action(MK) 2:00pm-Bingo (MK) 	31 10:00am- Spring into Action(MK) 10:30am- Weekly Brew 			