



PLEASANT MANOR RETIREMENT VILLAGE

Preacher's Ponderings

The Book of Psalms is a literary, spiritual sanctuary. For the Jewish people, for Jesus and his disciples and for the church, the Psalms opened up a heart for worship providing a language (words) and attitude (authenticity) of prayer and praise to God.

This continues to teach us as individual and communities how to respond to God's voice. For our next Oakview Bible studies series we will explore the Psalms and their role in our spiritual lives. **Please note the time change** – we'll be meeting Thursdays at 3:00 PM.

Jumbo-Sized

On April 9, 1882, reknowned showman P.T. Barnum arrived in New York City with the largest spectacle ever to grace his traveling circus. Jumbo the African elephant, weighing 6.5 tons and standing over 11 feet tall, stepped from the British steamship H.M.S. Assyrian Monarch. The massive beast, as gentle and clumsy as a child, instantly endeared himself to audiences. Thanks to Jumbo's many stunts, such as promenading across the Brooklyn Bridge, Barnum's circus earned the nickname "The Greatest Show on Earth."

The name Jumbo was a cross between two Swahili words, jumbe meaning "chief," and jambo meaning "hello." We can thank Jumbo the elephant for adding the word jumbo to our vocabulary.

Dietary's Dish

Spring is here -now if only the weather would agree. We have put comment boxes in the dining rooms to hear people's comments, complaints and compliments. We will be having some spring influenced décor popping up in the dining room. I hope everyone is keeping warm and looking forward to the warmer weather that is sure to be here soon.

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Highlights

- April 1st** – Sing along with Rena in Heritage Place
- April 3rd** – Worship Time with Irene and friends
- April 5th** – Volunteer Appreciation Tea in CV Meeting Room
- April 15th** – Music with Mendelt in Heritage Place
- April 18th** – Family Council
- April 24th** – Palliative Care Memorial Service in the Pleasant Manor Chapel



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From the Director's Desk

I grew up in the Jordan area, on a peach farm. It was a way of life for us to actively watch for, and delight in, the arrival of blossoms to all the fruit trees, and especially those pink beauties that were the promise of peaches in the months ahead. April is the month where we see nature come back to life

– every day gets greener and more colourful. Our Pleasant Manor grounds are no exception. Please join me in enjoying the blossoms and blooms that are about to burst open all around us. We do indeed live in a beautiful part of the world!



Fun at our St Patrick's Day celebration.

Passover - When the sun sets on Friday, April 22, Jews the world over will begin their holiest eight-day holiday, Passover. The exact day varies on the Julian calendar, but the start of Passover always falls on the 15th day of Nissan on the Jewish lunar calendar. The Seder plate is one of Passover's dearest traditions. This supper, conducted at sundown before the first day of Passover, involves many important rituals—including six foods symbolizing the plight and salvation of the enslaved Israelites.

