



COMMUNITY BRIEFING

February 21, 2023 • 2 p.m.

- **Good afternoon, Fowler Family!**
- **COVID UPDATES:**
 - After nearly 3 years, we believe the COVID pandemic will soon transition to an endemic.
 - What's the difference?
 - Pandemics are known to cause widespread illness, death, and hardship. An endemic means a disease is spreading in a community at the normal or expected level. A pandemic shifts to an endemic once the disease becomes more stable and manageable.
 - As a result, CMS has modified our response to a COVID instance and has reduced the reporting processes.
 - We will now respond in the same manner as we do with any other communicable disease.
 - We will see COVID vaccines move to a routine annual shot with the intent to minimize illness and death
 - COVID is still threatening to those with compromised immune systems and older adults who are not vaccinated – we strongly encourage that you get vaccinated and maintain your vaccination status.
 - We will continue our screening at all entrances through our visitor management system.
 - The visitor management system was developed to track all visitors, volunteers, and vendors.
 - Please continue to monitor all visitors and encourage them to check in and secure a name badge.
 - With that, today is our last Briefing!
 - We started the Briefing on March 11, 2020 at the outbreak of the pandemic and after 3 years, it is time to sunset this form of communication
 - We are developing a new communication piece that will launch in April to provide community-wide news. This Briefing format will no longer exist.
 - The communication will be available to residents, families and team members.
 - Thank you to those who have been faithful in watching, listening, and reading the Briefing.
- **FOWLER UPDATES:**
 - An update on The Peak:
 - We currently have 26 residents; 10 more move-ins are scheduled; 10 more are in the process of being scheduled and 18 applications are being processed.
 - This means that we will soon have 60+ residents at The Peak with a goal of 144.

- Remember to share the availability of The Peak with all you know and meet. You never know when someone is considering a move – your positive words and encouragement may be just what they need to hear!
 - Our massage therapist, Loretta Scott will be back on Friday the 24th at JLC and will rotate every other Friday from there! Loretta does 15-minute chair massages for \$22.50 and 50-minute full body massages for \$90.00! How great is it that we can have this service onsite for teammates and residents! Massages may be booked by text Loretta directly at 214-405-1511
 - More than 30 residents and team members have contributed to the America Connects Mural project.
 - America Connects is part of an international project to ***(Re)connect people through the joy of art***
 - There will be a total of 5 murals in the United States in the following regions: Northeast, Southeast, West, Midwest, and Southwest
 - Fowler will be home to the Southwest mural for 2 years.
 - **Each artist was asked to paint an important and iconic image that holds meaning to the participant.**
 - **Many Fowler groups have completed their contributions – they look great!**
 - The Grandfriends group will gather this week to complete the last of the 50 tiles allotted to Fowler.
 - Thank you to all who have participated!
 - We have received a letter from Venessa – It has been included at the end of the briefing – be sure to read it. She is adjusting to the cold and is loving her short commute. She shared her address and welcomes any letters.
- **UPCOMING EVENTS**
 - **Today**, we welcomed area ministers for our annual Shrove Tuesday worship service and Lenten Luncheon. The service was held in the Chapel and the Luncheon followed at The Peak.
 - **This Thursday and Friday**, we will welcome our Board of Directors who will meet in the Means Dining Room at FCA.
 - **Friday, March 3**, we will host Deloitte Intern's Service Day, 9a-12 noon. We anticipate 60-70 college students throughout Fowler for volunteering.
- **RESIDENT MEMORIALS:**
 - Kristen Venable has gone to her forever home in heaven. Kristen joined the Fowler Family in November of 2016. She has won a long battle and is now at peace with Jesus. Let us remember Kristen's family, friends, and staff in our prayers as they mourn her passing.
 - Tom Petrick has fought the good fight and has gone to his heavenly home. Tom and his wife, Neila, joined the Fowler family last October when they moved into PNCC assisted living. Tom moved to the Carroll neighborhood in January. Tom was surrounded by family at the time of his passing. We pray for peace that is beyond our understanding for Neila, the Petrick family, Tom's friends, and the staff that cared for him.

- **TEAMMATE TUESDAY – Pam Coit**

- Lindsey – thank you for being so organized and efficient! You answer every call with a great attitude and have a great personality for #LovingPeople !
- Pree – Thank you for being you! You are amazing at handling situations calmly and professionally. There was a walk-in last week that gave her a run for her money, but she handled the situation with grace and poise!
- Marisela – Thank you for representing Fowler so well and emulating how we #PursueExcellence in everything you do! You are just as charming as you are organized! Congrats on your new role and excelling at it!

- **DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION SHARED STORY – Pam Coit**

- A poem from Amanda Gorman called **New Day's Lyric**
 - May this be the day
We come together.
Mourning, we come to mend,
Withered, we come to weather,
Torn, we come to tend,
Battered, we come to better.
Tethered by this year of yearning,
We are learning
That though we weren't ready for this,
We have been readied by it.
We steadily vow that no matter
How we are weighed down,
We must always pave a way forward.
 - This hope is our door, our portal.
Even if we never get back to normal,
Someday we can venture beyond it,
To leave the known and take the first steps.
So let us not return to what was normal,
But reach toward what is next.
 - What was cursed, we will cure.
What was plagued, we will prove pure.
Where we tend to argue, we will try to agree,
Those fortunes we forswore, now the future we foresee,
Where we weren't aware, we're now awake;
Those moments we missed
Are now these moments we make,
The moments we meet,
And our hearts, once all together beaten,
Now all together beat.
 - Come, look up with kindness yet,
For even solace can be sourced from sorrow.
We remember, not just for the sake of yesterday,
But to take on tomorrow.

- We heed this old spirit,
 In a new day's lyric,
 In our hearts, we hear it:
 For auld lang syne, my dear,
 For auld lang syne.
 Be bold, sang Time this year,
 Be bold, sang Time,
 For when you honor yesterday,
 Tomorrow ye will find.
 Know what we've fought
 Need not be forgot nor for none.
 It defines us, binds us as one,
 Come over, join this day just begun.
 For wherever we come together,
 We will forever overcome.

- **Make it a great day on purpose!**

A Letter from Rev. Venessa Harmel:

Hello Fowler Family!

As I am sure you know, I am up here in the mid-west town of Danville Indiana. I began a Pastoral Call with Danville Christian Church, DOC on Jan. 1st. Never think you know what God will work out for your life. But, do know it will be a wonderful surprise!

I have been busy getting to know people and places. Adjusting to the colder weather, the 8am sunrises (late for me) and the 11pm local news. Not to mention the looonng distance from Texas.

The Town of Danville reminds me of Georgetown Texas back in the 1990's. It is the county seat of Hendricks County, just about 12 miles outside of Indianapolis. The population is around eleven thousand. They are planning for lots of growth, which proves to be headed towards Danville, but at the same time they are selective with the zoning laws. – just like GT back in the day.

DCC has 60-70 folks in Worship each week, and the church building is located on the square, so it is an historical building in Danville and very well known in the center of town.

I have only lived in Texas or New Mexico, so this is a very different experience for me, mostly all good, thankfully, I learned a long time ago to simply embrace change and look forward to experiencing God in new and different ways – but always with the faithfulness of God, which never changes.

The food is different, they are not sure what tex-mex means...but I did find a "Chuy's" about 20 miles from my house – that made me very happy! And yes, it has been cold, even snowed a couple of times, but they know how to treat the roads and it does not do the ice thing that happens in Texas.

Zeena (my dog) and I are doing well, she loves the cooler weather and wants to walk often. We have a three-bedroom condominium in a quiet neighborhood. The property management company does the lawn maintenance and that includes shoveling snow!

The members of DCC are extremely hospitable –and willing to help each other in any way they can. I am excited about the opportunities for both physical and spiritual growth and to partner with the congregation to move us forward.

EVERYTHING I have learned from you at JFC helps me through each day and I continually hold you in prayer and think about you often. Especially, as I move into this parish ministry position. Thank you for always supporting me! I love you and miss you and will see you whenever possible!

My new address is:
118 Meadowbank Ct.
Danville IN 46122

See Blessings,

Rev. Ve

P.S. – So far, in 2023, I've spent \$40.00 on Gasoline. Hahahaha....