

TRUE VINE TIMES

Visit to Vinecroft

I first visited with Violet Donlavage, who recently moved into Vinecroft. I did not let her know I was coming, but she seemed very happy to have me show up. She was expressing some sadness, as earlier that day her long-time pet cat had to be put down due to an illness. She shared some great memories of her cat, Jessy. It seemed like the cat really loved her, as it would follow her around everywhere. Violet and I talked about how we are all missing each other. She said she is especially missing her church family, as well as her grandkids and great-grandchildren. We reminisced about the outdoor church services and talked about the promise of a beautiful Spring. Violet feels like she getting more settled each day, as she adjusting to her new surroundings. We prayed together, which ended a very pleasant visit.



Quarantine Remedy ~ by Matt Keough

This pandemic has certainly been interesting to say the least. It has brought about changes that have made our normal days a lot less normal. Lock down was hard, physically and mentally for many. We were forced to find new things to entertain us while we sat at home wondering if the world was ending or if it was all just a bad dream. Depending on your age you were affected a little differently. Ranging from not being able to see love ones and spend time with them to missing out on big coming of age events such as graduation or prom. Either way it was hard for all of us. Thankfully due to streaming services, we had a good amount of entertainment to help distract us from the chaos engulfing the world. Crazy series like Tiger King were most certainly great time killers! For some people I don't doubt that they were content with just sitting in front of the TV or screen all day for the months of lockdown, but as a young adult trying to figure his life out I wasn't. Now I'm not saying that binge watching TV is bad! On the contrary, whatever helped get you through lockdown is great. It just didn't work for me. Music was my cure for the quarantine blues. I'm sure it was for others as well. During lockdown, music came into a new light. We had performances via zoom, collaborations between artists to give us something new, and we even saw different sides of some artists that we had never seen before. All of this to help people get through what was happening. Musicians are people too and they were going through the same experiences that we were going through. You could hear that in their music. I am most certainly appreciative of what musicians did during lockdown, providing music to help get people through such a strange event in our lives. Music is such a great gift. It can help you escape in a way that media can't and it can help with honing in on yourself. Having nothing but time, during lockdown we were given the opportunity to focus on ourselves. Music was the tool I needed and could've been for many other people. With the new adaptations of music that was being provided during lockdown I think that it gave the music a new sort of power that it did not have previously.



Continuing my visit at Vinecroft, I made my way to meet up with Arlene Snyder. Thankfully, she was happy to see me. Arlene remains very busy, which includes morning exercises, various group activities and special sewing projects, as shown below. I really appreciated our visit. We expressed our mutual hope to be reunited with everyone.



Both Violet and Arlene send their love and well wishes to our church family.

Created in the Image of God - Become like Jesus

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. ~ Colossians 3:12-17

Pastor Chuck Swindoll writes, "We have also been raised with Christ; therefore, we must live well in Him and put on qualities that are motivated by Christian love. And because He is Lord over all, the life of the Christian is a life of submission to Jesus. Are you following after Jesus as you should? Our faith in Jesus Christ should transform the relationships we have in every area of our lives—in our homes, our churches, and our world."

PRAYER PUPS BY JEFFREY SMITH



