



Celebrating September

Hispanic Heritage Month
September 15–October 15

Labor Day (U.S.)
September 5

Yard Sale
September 10

Grandparents' Day
September 11

World Alzheimer's Day
September 21

Rosh Hashanah Begins
September 25

September Birthday's

Timothy Seeley
September 3

Doug Macphee
September 6

Lou Ann Shaw
September 22

Growing a Community

Our Hen House Garden has left us with more than full tummies. This season we have nurtured independence, developed lasting friendships, and have grown a community.



Accessible to all, the “Farmers Market Program” (AKA The Hen House Garden) offered opportunities for every resident to enjoy the outdoors and participate to the best of their ability. Beginning in April with the arrival of 6 baby chicks’, residents have been given independent activities that showcased their unique skills and personalities. From chicken care-taking to farm management, everyone had a chore that they looked forward to doing.

Friends and flowers grow together. Planters, weeders, and bouquet crafters, were all in it together. Long before the first seed went into the ground, our resident gardening experts formed a planning committee to discuss the ins and outs of the season. It didn't take us long to discover that nothing fosters good conversation better than sipping ice tea in a community garden.

Building community starts with people. All of the residents that participated in the 2022 Farmers Market Program came with passion and purpose, putting their best foot forward.

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Thriving in God's Protection

Our focus for the month of September is Thriving in God's Protection. Isaiah 43.2 is the verse we will use to focus on God's protection. We read, "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you".

In Isaiah chapter 42, we see God reminding the Israelites they are his "chosen people in whom he delights" (v. 1) and in verse 6, he tells them he "will take you by the hand and keep you.." As chapter 42 continues, God also reminds Israel of their failure to hear and see what God is doing in their life. In chapter 43, God reminds Israel that in spite of their failure to hear and see, God has redeemed them and called them by name. He will not allow them to be overwhelmed or consumed by the waters and fires of life.

We see examples of God's people thriving in his protection. Exodus 14 tells of how, at the Red Sea, God parted the waters for his people to pass through and then let them fall upon the Egyptians, drowning them. In Joshua 3, God held the waters of the Jordan River back while the priests stood there with the Ark of the Covenant until all the people had passed through the river. We see God's protection of Daniel and his friends from the heat of the fiery furnace in Daniel 3. All throughout scripture, God is protecting his people.

I challenge you to ask yourself how you are thriving in God's protection this day, this week, this month. Are you feeling overwhelmed, consumed? If so, remember, God has called you and he is transforming you with the power of His redeeming grace.

Rest in his grace,
Chaplain Val

Partners in Christ and Our Aging Population

Calling all Kalamazoo Pastors & Chaplains. You are invited to join us September 14th.

We will be discussing Christian care-giving, church ministry and partnerships. Chaplain Jeff Meyers and Life Enrichment Director, Christine Brown are looking forward to connecting with you. Sarkozy's pastry's & coffee provided. If you are interested please RSVP by responding to Christine @ (269) 910-4625.

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Park Place
ASSISTED LIVING

**COFFEE
CONVERSATION**

You're Invited
SEPTEMBER 14, 2022

10am - 11:30am
**WITH CHAPLAIN JEFF MEYERS &
CHRISTINE BROWN**

Discussing Christian care giving, church ministry & partnerships with
Park Place Assisted Living.



Apples

WORD SEARCH



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APPLESAUCE
BASKET
BUY
FLOWER
GOLDEN

JUICY
LEAVES
PEELER
POUNDS

ROTTEN
SLICES
SMOOTH
SOUR

SPROUT
TART
VITAMIN
WEIGH

Living the Sweet Life

Milton Hershey, born on September 13, 1857, is remembered for giving the world its most famous chocolate bar. But Hershey was much more than a chocolatier. He was a passionate philanthropist who built an entire community for the benefit and well-being of his workforce.



Hershey failed at two confectionary businesses before finally moving to Lancaster, Pennsylvania, where he started making homemade caramels. He had learned the key to making delicious caramels in Denver, Colorado, and fresh milk was his secret ingredient. He also devised a plan to sell caramels in bulk. When he secured a huge order to sell his caramels in England, Hershey was able to pay off his debts, buy more equipment, and expand his business to chocolate.

Just as Hershey had perfected his own recipe for caramel, he concocted his own recipe for milk chocolate. In 1903, he built a factory that employed the latest technology and mass production techniques. He could now sell his chocolate bars nationally, and his Hershey bars became the first nationally marketed chocolate bars in America.

Just as Hershey understood the importance of developing his own recipes, he also understood the importance of nurturing his workforce. He established the Hershey Industrial School in 1909, a private boarding school that offered educational opportunities and work training for orphans. This was the first step in building an entire community around the factory that included housing, businesses, churches, and even a public trolley system. Buildings enjoyed the luxury of full electrification, indoor plumbing, and central heating. Hershey built a school to educate the children of his employees. He established a charitable foundation to provide educational and cultural opportunities for residents, including the construction of the Hershey Museum, Gardens, and Theater. Hershey gave America sweet treats, but he gave his employees something more: a sweet opportunity to live the American Dream.



Park Place
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YARD SALE

SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2022
7AM - 1PM

Coffee Bar & Baked Goods
Enjoy breakfast while you shop

Furniture Arts & Crafts Baked Goods
Crafting Supplies Holiday Decor ...and more

4222 S. Westnegde Ave. Kalamazoo, MI 49008

**Growing a Community continued*

We were blessed this season to have almost every resident participate in some way or another, and yet there are a few key leaders that made it all possible.

John Cousins, thank you for sharing your farming knowledge. Larry Halbert, Faye Yore and Brad Shmidt, thank you for your weeding consistency. Nelson Morris thank you for your overall expertise and continued care of the chickens. Eleanor DeVito, thank you for being the guiding force, through rain and shine you've helped bring our program together. A generous thank you to all of the friends, family and grandchildren that have come to visit and support us in our garden progress.

We end our Hen House Garden season with shared laughter, memories and a delicious meal.

*Watch our Hen House Garden slide show on Facebook

