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NEW ORGAN FOR HEALTH CARE CHAPEL ALREADY INSTALLED

Although the multi-purpose auditorium and health care chapel portion may not be up and running for some time, the new electronic organ for that chapel was temporarily installed, in time for Christmas, in the existing health care dining room. It supports the worship services held there every Sunday and Wednesday for Deerfield residents whose health prevents them from attending services at St. Giles' Chapel...they can't go to the chapel, so the chapel comes to them! The undersigned plays on Sundays, and Deerfield resident Grace Duerr is our Wednesday organist.



Shortly after the expansion plans (including the greatly-needed auditorium/chapel for health care residents) were announced, Assisted Living resident Frances Simonds generously offered to fund the cost of a new organ that would be essential for the new worship space. The instrument was selected and purchased months ago. Realizing it could be put to good use now, the happy choice was made to get it "on board" sooner rather than later.

Built by the same firm (Rodgers Organs, Hillsboro, Oregon) that made the wonderful organ for St. Giles' Chapel, installed in 2001, the new organ is smaller in size and tonal resources, yet it has many of the same stops and other features as its "big brother." This includes user-adjustable tonal voicing, adjustable combination buttons for changing stops, and a built-in loudspeaker system that lets the organist tailor the sound, from intimate room acoustics to vast cathedral. When it is moved into the future facility, additional external speakers, purchased at the same time as the organ, will be installed also. All residents are welcome to attend the health care services (9:30 a.m. on Sundays and 11:00 a.m. on Wednesdays) to see and hear another example of what makes Deerfield special!

-submitted by Noel Heinze
Organist, St. Giles' Chapel

A CAUSE WORTH SUPPORTING

Eleanor, not her real name, receives Meals on Wheels on a route served by Deerfield volunteers. Wanting to show appreciation, she urged the resident who brought her meal to accept a bowl of grapes. "They're good for you, but I can't eat them," she said. Pondering what to do with the grapes, the resident added them to the meal for Clifton, also not his real name, who was next on the route. "GRAPES!" exclaimed a delighted Clifton. I haven't had any grapes for years!"

The incident brightened the day not only for Clifton, but for those who drive and deliver Meals on Wheels, a service Deerfield volunteers have performed since 2004, and for which **John Reinhold** has been coordinator.

Mondays through Fridays, Deerfield volunteers deliver packaged meals to approximately 15 homes in the Shiloh neighborhood. The clients, needy and often in poor health, depend on the program for meals they cannot prepare for themselves.

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