

January 2024

# Fremont Fountain View

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## Management at your service

“Baruch Senior Ministries seeks to honor God by serving people as they age.”

Administrator  
Shelley McDonald

Resident Care Manager  
Latasha Robinson

Activity Director  
Nicole Wandzilak

Director of Food Service  
Lorraine Wellman

Director of  
Housekeeping  
Sue Cotton

Director of Maintenance  
David McDonald

Pastor  
Joan Cornelison

## It's a New Year, Baby!

Baby New Year, a symbol deeply rooted in the traditions of welcoming the new year, carries with it a fascinating history. The concept of Baby New Year dates back to ancient Greece and Rome, where it was associated with the god of time, Cronus or Saturn. In these ancient civilizations, it symbolized the cyclical nature of time and the renewal of life that comes with each passing year. Over time, the concept evolved and found its place in various cultures and traditions.

In modern times, the image of Baby New Year has become synonymous with the transition from December 31 to January 1. You've likely seen illustrations of a plump, diaper-clad baby sporting a sash bearing the year's new number. This charming figure embodies hope, renewal, and the endless possibilities of the year ahead.

Beyond the symbolic figure of Baby New Year, many cultures celebrate the birth of New Year's babies in a more literal sense. It's considered an auspicious sign to be the first baby born in the new year, with parents often receiving special attention and gifts. These “New Year's babies” serve as a reminder of the perpetual cycle of life and the promise of fresh beginnings.

In the United States, the tradition of selecting a Baby New Year to represent the upcoming year is a common practice in media and advertisements. This tradition allows for creative interpretations of the baby's persona, reflecting cultural trends, hopes, and aspirations.

Baby New Year, with its rich historical roots and modern symbolism, reminds us of the continuous flow of time and the opportunities that each new year brings. Whether portrayed as a cherubic infant or celebrated through the birth of actual New Year's babies, this tradition serves as a heartwarming reminder that with each passing year, we have the chance to start anew and make the most of the time that lies ahead.

## Gingerbread Houses

The residents had fun making gingerbread houses, really showing their creativity as each house is unique.



## January Resident of the Month Scott Reum



Scott is always kind to residents and staff, always encouraging others and bringing smiles and laughs to cheer others up. He is well loved by everyone. Congratulations Scott



Birthday treats for our Resident Care Manager Latasha. Staff also brought in pizza as well as other gifts. This lady is well loved by staff and residents. (pictured left)



### See Ya Later Katrina

Katrina had decided in December to further her education while pursuing a career in dental. She did agree however to remain contingent to help us here at Fountain View. She did receive a card and a few gifts as well. We are very thankful for that as we don't know what we would do without her. So...see ya later. We appreciate you so much!



## Cookies for Carolers

Two of our residents had a lot of fun decorating Christmas cookies to be given to the carolers.

They even had some as well



We've been blessed to have several groups come to sing Christmas carols this year. One was Lionheart Productions, The Lionheart Carolers from Grant, MI (pictured below)



## Tree Lighting Ceremony

Thank you to everyone who came as we remembered those who have passed and honored those still with us. Was a very special evening. And a special thank you as well to Pastor Steve Witter for a wonderful devotion.





## *In Loving Memory of: Shirley Eppink*

A wonderful lady and a woman after Gods own heart. Her Christmas wish had been granted as she had passed shortly before Christmas. This sweet and gentle soul was always so good about showing appreciation and gratitude to all the staff. She enjoyed many activities and has given us so many fond memories. Rest in Heaven dear friend.



In December, we were gifted beautiful pointsettias from the students at the Newaygo County Career Tech Center. Thank you very much! Was such a nice surprise



## January Birthdays

**Staff:**  
Troy Stout.....1-19

## Anniversaries:

**Staff:**  
Sue Cotton.....1-17-2005

## Christmas Crafting

The residents did a wonderful job decorating these Christmas bulbs





## ***Christmas Spirit Week 2023***

Day 1: Hat/Headband/Tie

Day 2: Pajama Day

Day 3: Red and Green Day

Day 4: Christmas Character

Day 5: Ugly Sweater





## *Resident Christmas Party*

A great time of food, fellowship, music, presents, and a visit from Santa. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help with the party, you all made it extra special for the residents and it was much appreciated!





## Staff Christmas Party

Good food, fun games, and gifts. Was so much fun and with such an amazing group of people.

