

Together We Care

Menno Place Summer Newsletter 2026



Canada Day Car Show

The Canada Day Classic Car Show is the unofficial start to summer at Menno Place.

Our friends from two local car clubs - The Hot Rods and The Pharaohs - showed off their beautiful vehicles to the delight of residents, families, and staff. All around the event you could hear the excitement as many residents recognized cars from their own history.

Aylssa Nielsen performed a tribute to Patsy Cline that had everyone singing and dancing along. Our dining services team fired up the barbeques for lunch with ice cream for dessert. It was a beautiful day to celebrate our country!

"One of the greatest privileges of my work is witnessing the **remarkable community** that gathers each day to care for the seniors at Menno Place. **Staff, volunteers, donors, families, and faithful supporters all play a part**—reminding one another that this campus of care is not the work of a few, but a **calling shared by many.**"



Sharon Simpson
Director, Community Enrichment

Twins With Twin Classic Cars

Alan, a member of our Menno Place community, has always been a fan of cars, specifically Buicks. His collection of classics includes a Roadmaster, an Electra, and 1962 Buick Wildcat that once landed him a spot on TV.

Alan and his twin brother each owned a Wildcat - his brother's is one of only 105 ever built in Canada. The brothers were displaying their cars side-by-side at the Langley Cruise In when producers from *Driving Television* saw them. As Alan remembers, the producer said, "Twins? With twin Buicks? That's a story!"



Over
100
Car Show
Attendees

At the Menno Place Canada Day car show, Alan shares his lifelong passion for classic Buicks.



*Menno Place Chaplains:
Andy, Kerry, Scott and Ralph.*

162
Residents
Honoured

Menno Place Remembers

Family, friends, and staff gathered at our annual memorial service to honour 162 members of our community who passed in the last year. The service combines music, readings, prayer and a time of remembrance as each name is read out loud.

According to Ralph Hardy, one of the chaplains who lead the service, it is an important touchstone for both residents and their loved ones. He explains, "We believe every life is significant and deserves to be dignified, especially in death."

10th Annual Butterfly Release

Blue skies and sunshine set a perfect scene for the tenth annual butterfly release. Each year following the memorial service the broader Menno Place community gathers in the Menno Home courtyard to release butterflies together. This event is a beautiful and meaningful way to remember our loved ones who have passed and be reminded of God's redeeming work. After a short program the butterflies were set free to settle on flowers, and hands, and drink from fresh orange slices. It was a joyful time of remembering!



100
Butterflies
Released

A Menno Place residents delights in the beauty of the butterfly and the gathering of community.



Christian Values
how we live them



Home of Choice
welcoming, comfortable & trusted

Christian Values Matter to Me

Chaplaincy affirms every life is worthy of care



Kerry Dyck, Chaplain, Menno Apartments

Chaplaincy at Menno Place is rooted in presence, relationship, and deep respect for every resident.

Christian values are lived out in the moment. At Menno Place, those moments are resident-focused. The chaplains take the time to show up and be there, meeting residents where they are and allowing their stories, questions, joys, and grief to lead the conversation.

Trust is built through everyday interactions—often beginning with simple moments of connection over meals or casual conversation—creating space for meaningful dialogue about what truly matters.

For Kerry Dyck, a chaplain at Menno Place, “Small talk leads to big talk. And big talk is where we talk about things that matter.”

As relationships deepen, chaplains walk alongside residents and families through moments of loss, transition, faith, and end-of-life reflections. This ministry is not about providing quick answers, rather it’s about offering companionship, listening, and providing spiritual care that is grounded in compassion and dignity for all.

“It’s a privilege to step into these holy moments,” adds Kerry.

Whether through prayer groups, quiet conversations, or simply sitting together in silence, the chaplains honor each resident as a whole person. They affirm that every life at Menno Place is valuable and worthy of care, presence, and respect—from the first conversation to the final moments.



Service Excellence

resident-centered, continuous improvement



People & Culture

supportive, engaged, & empowered workforce



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At the FOMP Dinner in 2025!

\$101K

Raised by 41
FOMP donors

41 Friends of Menno Place members raised \$101,403 to impact lives!

Friends of Menno Place (FOMP) members are the core group of supporters who give \$1,000 or more annually, providing steady funding that directly benefits the seniors who live here. Together, we can accomplish so much more!

Will you join us?

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Together, We're Making an Impact

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, **four new Arjo Maxi Move 5 lifts** were funded through the Let's Rise to Lift Others Giving Tuesday and Christmas campaigns.

Donor support continues to play a vital role in helping us provide safe, respectful care and maintain the sense of home our residents deserve.



\$64,939

Raised for 4 Lifts!

Menno Place staff receive training on the new Arjo Maxi Move 5.



Menno Place will celebrate 75 years of compassionate Christian Care in Fall 2028. **As we prepare to mark this milestone we want to hear your stories.** If you lived, worked, or loved someone at Menno Place please tell us about your experience:

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