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## Holiday Happenings, Feeling Festive

Sharing laughs, making memories, and spending time with family and friends, that is what the holidays are all about. At UHISL, we make it a priority to create opportunities for our UHISL member-family to come together to celebrate. Whether we are toasting the holidays, welcoming a new neighbor, or simply chasing away the winter blues, we are always looking to bring people together.

The UHISL Holiday Celebrations were more than merry! Members enjoyed a luncheon, a lively gift exchange, musical entertainment featuring Mark Darou, and, of course, the company of friends.

Specials thanks to Chefs Matt and Brian and all of the staff members who helped to make our holiday celebrations bright.

Pictured right are Janet Stitt, Fran Miller, Richard Miller, and MaryJane Purves enjoying the meal at the Holiday Luncheon.



Pictured above are Ruth and Paul Coon sharing a laugh at the Holiday Luncheon.

Pictured left, Mary Jane Purves gets into the holiday spirit.

## Christmas Jazz with The Five Dots

We love jazz and the music of Tim Savage and the Four Dots is always a holiday favorite. This year's ensemble featured vocalist Haley Hodge, John Danis on the electric winds, Tim Savage on the keyboard, Rev. James Galanski on the bass, and Ben Ritchie on the drums.

The quartet played a variety of holiday favorites and had members tapping their toes and singing along.

Thanks for the visit! We look forward to your next performance!



Pictured above is Haley Hodge, John Danis, Tim Savage, James Galanski, and Ben Ritchie.

### Looking Forward to:

#### Village Diner

Tuesday, January 14th

8:30 am

Lobby

\* Register by January 8th

#### Wine & Cheese

Wednesday, January 15th & 29th

3:30 pm

Lobby

#### Trivia

January 9th & 23rd

11:00 am

Dining Room

#### Bingo

Every Friday

1:00 pm

Dining Room

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## NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES

Welcome 2025! Phew! The holidays certainly kept us busy. Members enjoyed the antics of "Clark" our mischievous holiday elf that kept us all on our toes for the months of December. A variety of musical entertainment offered something for everyone. Performances from the children of St. Catherine's Academy, Tim Savage & the Four Dots, Mark Dariou, Jenn Kessler & Michael, and the Barbershoppers also helped to make the season bright.

We enjoyed holiday crafting, spirited BINGO games, holiday movies, and dozens of coffee hours together.

Don't worry, we won't be hibernating for the remainder of the winter! There are plenty of activities planned for January!



Clark Returns! - Members enjoyed the holiday antics of UHISL's very special elf.



### Santa's Helpers

With the help of some very special elves, each member received a healthy holiday fruit box.

Pictured left are Ruth Coon, Jane Daby, and Janet Stitt assembling the boxes. Thank you to all of our elves for helping to bring the holiday spirit to life.

### Holiday Painting Class

Members explored their artistry with their special instructor, UHISL's own, Jenn Dean. Members spent an afternoon creating a festive ornament painting.

Pictured is Ruth Coon creating the foundation for her Christmas Bulb painting.



Happy Birthday to:

January

Mr. B - 4th

Vernice Church - 16th

Bob Fraser - 26th

Joan Kepes - 29th

### An Evening with Jenn Kessler & Michael Welch

The North County is home to many talented individuals and UHISL is very fortunate to host some of the very best.

Jennifer Kessler currently teaches foundations courses in Music Education and is a supervisor for the General Music Practicum at the Crane School of Music. She is also a Crane graduate, where she earned her Bachelor of Music Degree in Violin Performance. She later earned a Master of Arts degree in Elementary Education from the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, VA.

Michael Welch is a singer, guitarist, and the musical director for the Edwards Knox Opera House. Before his retirement in 2017, people may remember Michael for being a mail carrier in Potsdam for many years.

The duo created a magical evening for members, playing everything from holiday favorites to the Beatles. We can't wait until they join us again!



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