

Our Mission: Enriching Individual Life Journeys.

Ways to Celebrate the Holidays with Family and Friends from Afar

The holidays mark a time of family, friends, community, and overall togetherness.

While you may have to be more creative in planning the “together” part this year, there’s no reason you can’t keep your holiday traditions alive and thriving. These traditions could look like running marathons on Thanksgiving, baking a batch of your family’s signature cookies in the days leading up to Christmas, or gift exchanges ahead of one of the winter holidays. Whatever ignites your excitement for this season, know that it can still be accomplished with a little coordination between friends and family. Here are a few suggestions to get you going.



Cook a virtual meal together.

One of the best parts any holiday is sitting around the table with your loved ones over a meal. While it might be difficult to physically gather for such an event right now, you can host a virtual Thanksgiving or Friendsgiving meal with the help of technology. Swap recipes for your virtual turkey bake together. Then simply place a laptop, cell phone, or any device with video capability at the end of your table, and using Skype, Zoom, FaceTime or a host of other applications, to “connect” your table to those of your loved ones.



Bake your family’s favorite recipes.

Perhaps it’s the recipe that’s been passed down through generations or the tantalizing scents that drift from the oven, but there’s something nostalgic about baking that captures the holiday season. Even if your loved ones are scattered about, baking can bring you together. For instance, you could exchange recipes for your favorite desserts—sufganiyot for Hanukkah or bûche de Noël for Christmas—between several friends and family members, and send them in a mailing swap.



Don matching pajamas.

If your family owns a dozen sets of holiday-themed pajamas ranging from penguins to winter plaid, you can still wear them even if you’re not together on Christmas morning.

Purchase matching pajamas for your extended family celebrating from afar, take lots of photographs, and share them with everyone.



From Around Our Communities



Sunset Village | Wii Bowling

Wii Bowling brings an excitement to the village that's palpable! Wii bowling Wednesdays take place every Wednesday in the community room.



Sunset House | HOBO Bash

We had a GREAT day celebrating Halloween at The Woodlands! The Halloween HOBO Bash included themed bingo, music by Matt Richardson, Halloween Happy Hour and a HOBO Halloween themed dinner.



Fieldstone Villas at Otterbein Sunset Village | Switzerland

Last month our residents "traveled" to Switzerland on their monthly passport stop! They had exquisite local to Switzerland and learned all about the culture.



Sunset House | Spooktacular Parade

Thanks to all who came out for the Spooktacular Parade at Otterbein Sunset House! Rain or shine, we had the best time with you. With special guests Spider-Man and Elsa on campus for the Drive Thru Trick or Treat event, it was surly a day to remember.

Upcoming Events

Sunset Village | Santa Claus

Santa Claus is coming to town: Come meet Santa and his reindeer at Otterbein sunset village Friday, December 17th from 5PM to 7PM. This unforgettable event is sure to add a magical touch to your holiday season!



Sunset House | Old Fashioned Christmas

December 6th from 5-7 pm

An outdoor event featuring local and regional music groups, our Toledo Santa is going to be here, guests will enjoy a hot chocolate stand for treats and to stay warm, along with a campus filled with holiday lighting to kick off the holiday season.

