

## From Our Administrator

### Greetings Beacon Hill,

Well, fall is in full swing and we are quickly approaching the holiday seasons. With each holiday comes different significance and activities on which we focus.

The mission of Presbyterian Homes & Services is, "To honor God by enriching the lives and touching the hearts of older adults." I start with this statement because I believe every act should be started, followed through and ended with the love of God. My service to you is initiated by God's love. John 4:19 states, "We love because he first loved us."

This month is filled with opportunities and activities that remind us to be thankful. Veterans Day is on November 11. Be thankful that we are blessed to live in a country where we are free to pursue life, liberty and happiness. It's because of God's grace and the many sacrifices of veterans that we can live free, without fear of persecution. I want to personally thank all the men and women who have served this great nation. John 15:13, "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."

Along with the liberty we are afforded by these men and women is the right to vote. November 3 is election day. COVID-19 has created an obstacle this year and it is encouraged that we vote early by mail. Take the time to practice this civic duty.

Thanksgiving is on November 26. As I reflect on the purpose of this holiday, I think about how blessed I truly am. There are many in this world who are much less fortunate than I. Even with all of the limitations due to this pandemic. Often I find myself wondering if I have done enough to serve others, questioning whether I am fulfilling God's will and plan for me. I am thankful that I have been given an opportunity to serve daily, in a job that I truly love.

Blessings,  
Barry Spiers, Campus Administrator

## Thoughts from Chaplain Gene

Peter wrote, "Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul." 1 Peter 2:11

During this recent election season one of the political parties has been advancing socialism. Do you know that during the pilgrims' first years in America they struggled to survive? In great part because of their communistic economy. About half of them died; the rest neared starvation.

Later, as the Pilgrims turned to a system of free enterprise, God blessed them with a tremendous bounty. On the thanksgiving days in their prosperous times, the Pilgrims put five grains of corn on their plates to remind them of the time five kernels of corn was each person's daily ration. But in good times and bad, the Pilgrims celebrated days of thanksgiving.

As we approach Thanksgiving Day, let us too, give thanks to the Lord, in good times and in bad, for He is good. What blessings can you thank God for today?

Any comments or questions please see me.

In Christ's service,  
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Happy  
Thanksgiving

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## NOVEMBER EVERYDAY HEROES

Beacon Hill will be nominating three employees each month who have been working hard during this pandemic!



**BETHANY**  
Nutrition & Culinary  
Supervisor has been with  
Beacon Hill for 2 years



**SARAH**  
Nutrition & Culinary Server  
has been with Beacon Hill  
for 1 year



**SHELLI**  
Nutrition & Culinary Server  
has been with Beacon Hill  
for 2 years



**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS!**

**Sunday, November 1, 2020**

Remember to turn your clocks **BACK** one hour  
before going to bed on Saturday, October 31.

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## ACTIVE AGING WEEK ENDS WITH VOLUNTEER COLLABORATION



In collaboration with Every Third Saturday (ETS), a Minneapolis-based organization dedicated to supporting veterans and their families, Beacon Hill residents packed street outreach bags for homeless veterans. ETS provided the backpacks and supplies for the volunteers to assemble. Resident volunteers filled 150 backpacks with hats, mittens, socks, hygiene kits and other essentials.

Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgivings, turn routine jobs into joy, and change ordinary opportunities into blessings.

- William Arthur Ward



### REMINDER TO STAY SAFE

- \* Wear a mask around others
- \* Wash and sanitize your hands frequently
- \* Refrain from touching your face or mask/wash hands, if you do.
- \* Continue to keep 6 feet apart from others (social distance)

Wednesday, November 11, 2020  
Give a big Thank You to all veterans!

Call today for information or to schedule a personal tour, 952-988-8810



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EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY.  
ALL FAITHS WELCOME.

## *Showing Love for One Another: Presbyterian Homes Foundation*

**G**enerosity knows no season, but November and December are historically the months that many people are most likely to give to favorite charities. Now is an ideal time to review your philanthropic goals for this year and beyond. Some choose to tie their goals to expressions of thanks for the blessings in their lives.

If you are so inclined, please know that your charitable support of PHS helps you, your neighbors and your community in very real ways. You may choose to direct your gift to a priority at the community of your choice such as greatest needs, employee appreciation or resident benevolence. During this especially challenging year, your gifts lift up your neighbors and employees and show your love. These giving reminders may be helpful to you as you plan your charitable giving.

Complete your **cash gifts by December 31** to enjoy tax savings for 2020.

Gifts of **stock, IRA qualified charitable distributions (QCD)** and **grants from donor**

**advised funds** are great gifts. They do take time to process—it is best to start your gifting process now. The company that you work with generally will not share your name with us and we are left to match a gift with a donor. Please let us know to watch for a gift from you.

An **IRA QCD** is a withdrawal from your IRA that is sent directly to a charity. Using a QCD will also satisfy your required minimum distribution (RMD). For most, gifting a QCD will lower your tax liability. Ask your advisors if this would be a good gift option for you.

**If you plan to gift stock, an IRA QCD or a grant from a donor advised fund**, please contact the Presbyterian Homes Foundation (numbers below) so that we can help track your gift and attribute it to you.

For assistance with your year-end giving, please contact Janene Connelly at 651-631-6408 or Jill Kane at 651-631-6418 or Camille Schafer at 651-631-6105.

*Blessings and thanks to you!*