

From the Housing Administrator's Desk

For many, Thanksgiving is a time for family and friends to gather, reflect and express gratitude. I would imagine these gatherings might be slightly different this year as we all adjust to a new normal. 2020 has brought many challenges with COVID-19, social unrest and a very interesting election year. Despite these challenges, there is still a lot to be thankful for; like family, friends, and good health, to name just a few.

On another note of giving thanks, I would like to express appreciation and gratitude for the many veterans who have served our nation throughout the years by sharing with you the ceremony of The Table Set for One which honors the thousands of American servicemen and servicewomen, POWs and MIAs who are still unaccounted for.

“We call them comrades. They are unable to be with their loved ones and families, so we join together to pay humble tribute to them, and to bear witness to their continued absence.

The table is small, symbolizing the frailty of one prisoner, alone against his or her suppressors.

The tablecloth is white, symbolic of the purity of their intentions to respond to their country's call to arms.

The single rose in the vase signifies the blood they may have shed in sacrifice to ensure the freedom of our beloved United States of America. This rose also reminds us of the family and friends of our missing comrades who keep faith while awaiting their return.

The red ribbon on the vase represents an unyielding determination for a proper accounting of our comrades who are not among us.

A slice of lemon on the plate reminds us of their bitter fate.

The salt sprinkled on the plate reminds us of the countless fallen tears of families as they wait.

The glass is inverted. They cannot toast with us at this time.

The chair is empty. They are NOT here.”

They are missing but will never be forgotten.

Blessings,
Isaac Rue



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Spiritual Care

by John Cordova, Pastoral Care Director

November is here! What has happened to 2020? It seems like we were just celebrating the start of a new decade with the joyous sound of the band playing, “Auld Lang Syne,” as we ushered in the New Year and a new decade.

“Should auld acquaintance be forgot and never brought to mind?
Should auld acquaintance be forgot and days of auld lang syne?”

Now, the year is almost over. Some years it feels like time flies; this is one of those years. Soon, 2020 will be in the history books. For us, back to November and reality. What makes November a month to remember? I discovered that Americans are quite creative about what they like to celebrate in November. Here is a short list of daily celebrations during the month of November. You can read the entire list on the internet.

Nov. 1: World Vegan Day

Nov. 2: Deviled Egg Day

Nov. 3: Sandwich Day

Nov. 4: National Candy Day

Nov. 5: National Doughnut Appreciation Day

Nov. 6: National Nachos Day

Nov. 7: Hug a Bear Day

As I read through the entire list, however, I found only two observances that paused all other celebrations in order for us to give thanks for our country, for our freedoms, for each other, and for our Creator: Veterans Day and Thanksgiving. I did not read about celebrating family members on All Saints Day, November 1. I did not read about taking time to start the preparation for the Advent of Our Savior on November 29. On the other hand, I did find out that November is a month that gives men an excuse not to shave by growing out their beards.

What I find is that November is a month to slow down. It is a month to consider seriously the command in Psalm 46:10, “Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.” November can help us to remember God and what He has done for us. I find these four significant dates to stop and give God thanks:

- On November 1, to remember our friends and family members who were faithful to God and have gone to be with Him in heaven.
- On November 11, to remember our military men and women who sacrificed their time and lives for our freedoms.
- On November 26, to remember with humility the great many blessings that God has given to America and its citizens.
- Finally, on November 29, to remember the first Sunday of Advent, bringing to us the greatest gift in the history of the world.

Perhaps November can be a month for you to remember a special day or celebration. May this month pass slowly, so that we can take in all our celebrations before we end 2020 in December.



**Bible Study with Pastor John
in the Commons**

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Welcome New HR Manager, Alicia Hall



My name is Alicia Hall and I'm joining the Lake Minnetonka Shores team as the new Human Resources Manager. Previously I worked for Target for 15 years (10 of those were in HR).

Outside of work I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, cooking new recipes and crafting. I have a soon-to-be two-year-old daughter (Charli Jo) who keeps me very busy! I'm looking forward to getting to know everyone at Lake Minnetonka Shores!

Special Moments During COVID-19



Socially Distanced Bingo



Walks in the Park



Dorothy Natole was picked up in a stretch limousine for her granddaughter's wedding.



Socially distanced bus trips for grocery shopping and errand runs

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VOLUNTEER NEWS

by Sue Wagener, Volunteer Director

Being Thankful During COVID-19

Nothing feels normal anymore. This time last year I was crazy busy with Operation Christmas Child, packing boxes, and getting ready for the LMS Christmas Boutique. Because of COVID-19, those events will only be a memory this year. I feel very sad to miss out on these opportunities and so many others over the past many months.

We don't know what Christmas will look like this year, but I know we still have lots to be thankful for and look forward to. We just have to work a little harder to become aware.

This summer we were still able to use our pontoon and enjoy being out on the lake. When seven of our pontoon drivers decided not to come back to volunteer, God brought seven more to replace them, so we were ready to sail when given the green light!

Campus volunteers continue to help by delivering fliers to each building, bringing birthday flowers to

residents, and playing the piano for worship services. Volunteers cared for the Gables raised flower beds and we have enjoyed their beauty all summer and fall. Many library committee members worked to keep our library open during the pandemic and services grew with HCL eventually opening as well.

Thank you, God, for providing these awesome people who volunteer, offering their time and talent with us even though they are putting themselves at risk at times.

Thank you, God, for providing so many opportunities to keep our minds busy and our hearts full.

Thank you, God, for walking through these uncertain times with us giving us your peace.

Please, Lord, help us to never forget just how truly blessed we are!



Save the Date!



See Activity Calendar for changes that may have occurred after this issue was published.

Outings

Buses will continue for shopping trips only. Watch calendar for those outings.

You must sign up as there are only 5 spaces available on the bus. One shopping trip per week, per person.

Entertainment and Special Events

Villa/Court and Commons are now having group activities, with limitations. Find these programs on the calendar delivered to your door.

You will find the daily activity schedule for Court/Villa and Commons also listed on Channel 991, or if no converter, 16.2.

**Please contact Donna Olsen, Campus Life Enrichment Director,
at 952-471-4407 if you have questions.**

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Amanda Krienke, our newest Life Enrichment team member



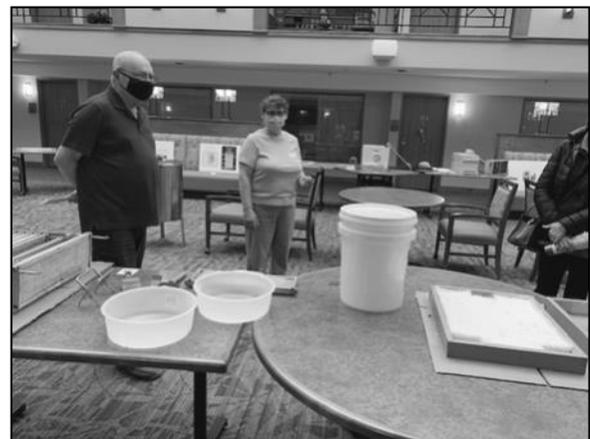
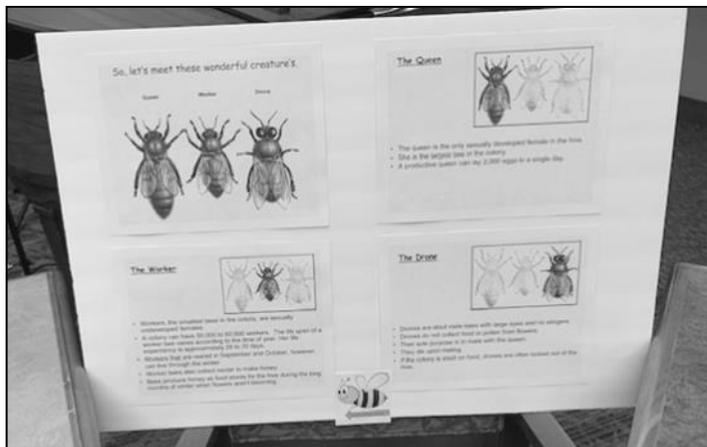
Socially Distanced Concert



At 103, Fran Bell loves Drum Circle

Traveling Bee Museum

Our own Sue Almquist shared interesting information about her beekeeping endeavors. The honey she produces is delicious!





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Showing Love for One Another: Presbyterian Homes Foundation

Generosity 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!