



Facing Obstacles

The Goliath Challenge is a race course consisting of 25 obstacles, each given a title related to the Biblical account of “David and Goliath” (I Samuel 17). It looked fun, so I convinced my brother to run the course with me. Wouldn’t you know, the first obstacle was a hill that felt like it had an incline of at least 60 degrees. But, we survived and yes, had fun.



Overcoming obstacles on the Goliath Challenge Course

As we journey through life we face many obstacles. At times there may be a challenge we can avoid. I confess, there were two obstacles in the Goliath Challenge I bypassed. Yet, with most difficulties in life, we have no choice than to face them head on, as the hill my brother and I had to climb to finish the race.

Meditate upon the greatest hardship ever encountered by someone. Jesus was betrayed and denied by two close friends. He experienced excruciating physical pain when He was flogged and hours later crucified. Perhaps the utmost torture was when the Spotless Lamb was made “to be sin in our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him” (II Corinthians 5:21). Jesus paid the penalty for our sin. He could have called ten thousand angels (Matthew 26:53), but He did not. Jesus faced the trial willingly

and because He suffered on our behalf, He fully understands our pain, frustration and sorrow. Furthermore, Jesus offers us hope. For on the third day, He rose from the grave, conquering both sin and death. He now lives and reigns eternally.

Easter commemorates this joyous victory, a joy He extends to all who choose to follow Jesus as our Lord, God and Savior by confessing one’s sin and following Him in faithful obedience.

My friends, as we continue to encounter challenges in life, may we turn to Jesus, our true hope in this life and the next. He will walk with us and give us strength, so we can boldly proclaim with the Apostle Paul, “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.” (II Timothy 4:7)

Submitted by Pastor Jane Morgan

Mission

The mission of Presbyterian Homes & Services is to honor God by enriching the lives and touching the hearts of older adults.

Vision

To provide more choices and opportunities for more older adults to live well.

Values

Christian Culture
Ready & Engaged People
Operational Integrity
Service Excellence
Stewardship



SUMMERWOOD OF CHANHASSEN

SummerWood Snapshots: Arts & Crafts

Residents have been busy enjoying Arts & Crafts activities, including making hand sanitizer holders and artwork for their apartments!



SUMMERWOOD OF CHANHASSEN

PHS Foundation News

A Thoughtful Way to Say “I Care”

Showing people that you care about them is a special part of life. And sometimes finding the right gift to express your feelings can be difficult. Presbyterian Homes’ Tribute Giving program makes it easy for you. You will feel good and your honoree will feel special.

Every tribute gift goes to support the mission of PHS to honor God by enriching the lives and touching the hearts of older adults. At this time of year, with Mother’s Day, Memorial Day, and Father’s Day approaching, you are invited to honor or remember someone special in your life. This is a time for us to reflect on those who touch or have touched our hearts – a parent, grandparent, family member or a dear friend.

To make a tribute gift In Memory Of or In Honor Of a special person in your life, please call the Presbyterian Homes Foundation at 651-631-6105, 651-631-6416 or 651-631-6418. Or if you prefer to make your gift online, please visit preshomes.org and click on Make a Gift.

You may designate your gift to support greatest needs, employees, resident benevolence or spiritual care at your community.

As always, we hope that you are well and looking forward to spring. May this time of year provide you ways to show gratitude for those who have touched your life.

Happy
Birthday!

Wishing special birthday blessings to those celebrating in April:

Vija Reichenberger	4/12
Linn Cowles	4/19
Deanna Williams	4/25
Ramer Streed	4/26
Linda Richter	4/30
Myrna Droegemueller	4/30



Easter Worship Services

with Pastor Jane

Sunday, April 4, 2021

- ◇ **Arbor:** 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
- ◇ **Terrace:** 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Fireside Lounge, must sign up
- ◇ **Commons:** 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Chapel, must sign up

REJOICE!

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Volunteers offer God's grace in various forms

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. ~ 1 Peter 4:10

Happy National Volunteer Month! While we may not see large celebrations until later this fall; we can't let this moment pass without sharing our gratitude. Thank you to all our volunteers for your steadfast dedication to our ministry and the people it has touched over the past year.

We have all had to reimagine our lives, what we can give of ourselves and how we can continue to share our gifts with others. Some of you began visiting via phone with other residents, volunteers, or college students. Many of you sent cards or wrote letters; sewed masks and gowns or knitted prayer squares. Some helped with clerical opportunities so that staff could focus on offering more activities for small groups or one on one and ensuring that residents could continue to connect with their family members. No matter how you spent the last 12 months, if it included volunteering, we appreciate you.

As we begin to reintroduce volunteer roles into our PHS communities, we urge you to speak to the Volunteer Director at your PHS community about ways to share your time and talents. Please keep in mind that volunteering will indeed look different as we move forward. We thank you for your grace as we continue to learn how to navigate this new reality.

One thing is true and unchanging; volunteers make the world a brighter place. And the past year has been a testament to this truth, our communities are brighter with volunteers in them.

Thank you,

*Samantha Sleeman,
PHS Volunteer Services Director*

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