

From the Campus Administrator

Resident Spotlight

Spring is Here, Or is it Summer?

Well, our mash-up of Spring and Summer has finally arrived! It feels like every year we discuss whether or not we'll have a Spring or go right to Summer. Either way, the sun is shining and for that I am grateful!

Though we are seeing the sun more, we are reminded that Summer also brings storms. I was recently reminded of a positive message hidden within a storm at a monthly PHS Leadership meeting. We were reminded that even the smallest of creatures is important to our Creator. That during these summer storms, birds, frogs and other animals find refuge. We are reminded that if our God places such importance on the safety of these creatures, imagine the importance he places on our lives - we, who were created in His image.

With that, I encourage you to get outside and enjoy the beautiful weather, but also appreciate the "bad" stormy weather, because joy comes in the morning and you are loved.

~ Katelyn Roiland, Campus Administrator



This month, our resident spotlight is on Jane Shaw. Jane grew up in South Minneapolis and has lived at Summerwood of Chanhassen for four years. Jane loves the people at Summerwood, Resident's and Staff alike. She also loves the location here in Chanhassen. There are so many great restaurants and stores to go to close by.

Jane also loves to walk (regardless of the weather!) and finds a lot of joy in the paths around Summerwood.

Something that most people don't know about Jane: She LOVES the North Shore and all of her kids are over 6 feet tall!

~ Liz Rue, Resident Services Manager

SUMMERWOOD OF CHANHASSEN

Pastor's Message: Lord, Why?

Several years ago, a resident gave me a story. I continue to find the message comforting, so I thought I would pass it on to you.

Brenda was almost halfway to the top of a tremendous granite cliff. She was standing on a ledge where she was taking a breather during this, her first rock climb. As she rested there, the safety rope snapped against her eye and knocked out her contact lens.

"Great", she thought. "Here I am on a rock ledge, hundreds of feet from the bottom and hundreds of feet to the top of this cliff, and now my sight is blurry." She looked and looked, hoping that somehow it had landed on the ledge. But it just wasn't there. She felt the panic rising in her, so she began praying. She prayed for calm, and she prayed that she might find her contact lens. When she got to the top, a friend examined her eye and her clothing for the lens, but it was not to be found. Although she was calm now that she was at the top, she was saddened because she could not clearly see across the range of mountains. She thought of the Bible verse "The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth." She thought, "Lord, You can see all these mountains. You know every stone and leaf, and You know exactly where my contact lens is. Please help me."

Later, when they had hiked down the trail to the bottom of the cliff they met another party of climbers just starting up the face of the cliff. One of them shouted out, "Hey, you guys! Anybody lose a contact lens?" Well, that would be startling enough, but you know why the climber saw it? An ant was moving slowly across a twig on the face of the rock, carrying it! When Brenda told her father the incredible story of the ant, the prayer, and the contact lens, he drew a cartoon of an ant lugging that contact lens with the caption, "Lord, I don't know why you want me to carry this thing. I can't eat it, and it's awfully heavy. But if this is what you want me to do; I'll carry it for You."

Allow me to share my concluding thoughts. Like this ant, we often find ourselves carrying burdens that are heavy to bear and wonder "Lord, why?" Unlike this ant, we need not carry the load on our own. Reflect on the words of Jesus as recorded in Matthew 11:28-30; "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

The ant story was published by Elisabeth Elliot in her 1995 book, "Keep A Quiet Heart". She says the story is a first-person account given to her from Brenda Foltz of Princeton, Minnesota.)

Pastor Jane Morgan

Congratulations Jenny Martens,
Life Enrichment Assistant
May Chanhassen Champion

FAVORITE FOOD

Thai Food, Hot and Sour Soup

FUN FACT!

When I was a newlywed, my husband and I lived in California for 12 years. We had a military wedding. (Celebrated 35 years on 5-9-22!)

DID YOU KNOW?

I was an engineer with the Department of Agriculture in California.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT WORKING AT SUMMERWOOD?

The sweet ladies who remind me of my parents and aunts.

-Jennifer Lachermeier, Life Enrichment



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PHS Foundation News

How You Help

For the Presbyterian Homes Foundation, our central calling is to support you and your desire to make a difference for your PHS community. Your generous heart helps your neighbors and employees.

One way that you help is by making annual charitable gifts. To assist you with this, the Foundation produces **two mail appeals** each year, in the **spring** and **fall**. Year-end is a traditional time that many people choose to express their gratitude through giving to favorite missions. We also know that some find joy in giving in the spring months. And some opt to become **sustaining donors**, enjoying the monthly convenience of consistently supporting missions close to their hearts.

Giving from the heart always makes a difference. You may direct your gifts to:

- **Employee Appreciation**— recognize all employees for their service
- **PHS Employee Hardship** – help employees who face a financial crisis
- **Employee Education Assistance** – scholarships help employees grow in their service to residents and families
- **Where the Need is Greatest Fund and Special Projects** – enriches programs at your community
- **Resident Benevolence** – helps your neighbors who face short term financial hardships
- **Spiritual Life** – supports spiritual programming at your community

You are important and you make a difference! The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization eligible to receive tax-deductible gifts. We're here and ready to assist you. Please see your community's Foundation Representative, contact us at 651-631-6408 or 651-631-6418 or visit

www.preshomes.org/foundation. **Thank you!**



Happy
Birthday!

Wishing special birthday blessings to those celebrating in June:

Rosalee D.	6/2
Carol S.	6/3
Mary C.	6/4
Mary P.	6/4
Mary Jo S.	6/4
Roland H.	6/5
Ron L.	6/7
Carol K.	6/9
William S.	6/10
Alice P.	6/10
Lester B.	6/10
Lawrence K.	6/18
Janice H.	6/19
Nancy W.	6/19
Gloria H.	6/26
Darlene S.	6/27
Barbara R.	6/27
Carol M.	6/28
Rebecca P.	6/30



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Happy Anniversary Presbyterian Homes & Services!

Sixty-seven years ago, Margaret Paden, widow of a Presbyterian minister, stepped across the threshold as the first resident of the new Presbyterian Home in Arden Hills, Minnesota. June 15, 1955, marked the beginning of a ministry that has grown from one community serving 30 people to more than 60 communities in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa. Today, over 26,000 older adults are served under our roofs, and through Optage, the home and community services. In addition, 15,000 older adults receive health services through Genevive, the largest geriatric primary care practice in Minnesota, co-owned by Presbyterian Homes & Services (PHS).

We mark this 66th anniversary by remembering our founders whose vision set the foundations upon which the mission of PHS has been built.

In 1946, **Dr. Irving Adam West**, pastor of House of Hope Presbyterian Church in St. Paul, MN, urged the Presbyterian Church Synod of Minnesota to begin this ministry. That same year, the Synod appointed **Dr. Edwin Kagin**, professor of religion at Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota, to lead a study committee to address the needs of older adults, particularly retiring ministers, missionaries and their

spouses. In 1947 the committee recommended and the Synod approved establishing a Presbyterian home. Dr. Kagin served as its first chair and president of the board. Dr. West followed Dr. Kagin as president of the board in 1952. During his 32 years on the board, The Presbyterian Home broke ground, opened and completed six expansions.

Lillias Joy, a member and Sunday school teacher at House of Hope Presbyterian Church, gave 20 acres of lakeshore property in 1952, in memory of her brother, Charles. The land, which overlooked Lake Johanna in Arden Hills, Minnesota, is the site of the first Presbyterian Home, now named Johanna Shores.

What they began has endured through the employees, volunteers, donors and collaborative partners who have carried PHS forward. We also remember the many women and men who, over the years, have called a PHS community their home. They and their families remind us that our mission continues with purpose and meaning.

As we venture into our 68th year of ministry to older adults, we dedicate ourselves, once again, to the PHS mission to honor God by enriching the lives and touching the hearts of older adults.