

Shirley and Marcy

(A resident passed this on to me.)

A mother was concerned about her kindergarten son walking to school. He didn't want his mother to walk with him. She wanted to give him the feeling that he had some independence, yet know that he was safe. So she had an idea of how to handle it. She asked a neighbor if she would please follow him to school in the mornings, staying at a distance, so he wouldn't notice her.

Her neighbor said she was up early with her toddler and that would provide a good way for them to get some exercise. So she agreed.

The next school day, the neighbor and her little girl set out following behind Timmy as he walked to school with another neighbor girl he knew. She did this for the whole week. As the two kids walked and chatted, kicking stones and twigs, Timmy's little friend noticed the same lady following them as she seemed to do every day all week.

Finally she said to Timmy, "Have you noticed that lady following us to school all week? Do you know her?" Timmy nonchalantly replied, "Yeah, I know who she is." The little girl said, "Well, who is she?"

"That's just Shirley Goodnest," Timmy replied, "and her daughter Marcy."

"Shirley Goodnest? Who is she and why is she following us?"

"Well," Timmy explained, "every night my Mum has me say the 23rd Psalm with my prayers, 'cuz she worries about me so much. And in the Psalm, it says, 'Shirley Goodnest and Marcy shall follow me all the days of my life,' so I guess I'll just have to get used to it!"

Hope you got a chuckle. May God's goodness and mercy be evident in your lives this year.

Pastor Jane Morgan

The next **Resident Council Board Meeting** will be held on Thursday, February 7.

Attendance at the Tenant Council meeting is limited to residents who have been selected to serve as representatives of the resident body joined by site management.

Your council members are:

President, Roger Knutson (204)

Vice President, Kate Cady (314)

Secretary, Betty Brown (207)

Kent Johnson (117)

Kay Larson (115)

Dorothy Paulsen (321)

Gary Peterson (211)

Larry Vorlicky (318)

A **Resident Meeting** will be held on Wednesday, February 13 at 2:00 pm in the Library. All SummerWood residents are encouraged to attend this informational meeting.

Spiritual Care Opportunities

Sunday Worship: 10:45 am

Monday Rosary: 11:00 am

Third Thursday Catholic Mass: 11:00 am

Saturday Catholic Communion: 10:00 am
(except week of Mass)

Check calendar for various Bible studies.

SUMMERWOOD OF PLYMOUTH HIGHLIGHTS

What is Your Legacy?

People just like you have created will and beneficiary plans that reflect their legacy intentions. It may be a goal for you this year to review these plans to make sure they are up-to-date, and that your wishes and values are clearly expressed through these important documents.

Creating a legacy plan

It is important for every person to have a well-designed legacy plan. This may be through a will, trust or beneficiary designation forms. Taking thoughtful action to complete these important documents can maximize your support of heirs and provide a future gift to any charitable organization close to your heart. To read more about these plans, please visit www.preshomes.planningyourlegacy.org

Become part of the Legacy Society

The Legacy Society is a circle of donors who have a future gift arrangement with Presbyterian Homes & Services. This may be through a will/trust bequest, a beneficiary designation or a transfer of a bank or brokerage account. Members share a commitment to enriching the lives of older adults. Your future gift will change lives and meet the needs of future PHS residents. If you wish, you may designate your gift to benefit your PHS community. The Legacy Society does not require any entry fees or annual fees. To qualify for membership, you simply verify that you have made a future gift provision for a purpose important to you.

As a member of the Legacy Society you will:

- Be invited to special events with PHS leaders
- Receive a gift in appreciation of your future gift
- Learn about the future of older adult services from industry experts
- If desired, receive recognition in print and interactive media
- Make a personal investment in PHS' future

The Presbyterian Homes Foundation welcomes the opportunity to provide you with information about various future gift options and answer questions you may have regarding how you can make a difference. For assistance, please contact a gift planner at your community or call us at 651-631-6408 or 651-631-6418.



February Highlights*

Fridays, February 1, 8, 15, and 22 at 1:45 Holy Name of Jesus 5th graders return to spend time playing table games with SummerWood residents. Temporarily in the Gathering Room until renovation is complete.

Monday, February 4 – Card sale in the Lobby at 10:30

Monday, February 4 – Fall Prevention in the Gathering Room at 2:00 with Lynn from Optage.

Tuesday, February 5 – Movie “War Room” with Pastor Jane in the Theater at 2:00.

Wednesday, February 6 & 27 – Shopping shuttle is the 1st and 4th Wednesday, this month only.

Wednesday, February 6 – 1:30 Valentine Craft with Dawn in the Gathering Room.

Thursday, February 7 - Lake Rose Strings, a classical violin duet will be playing at 2:00 in the Gathering Room.

Monday, February 11 - Rich will do a presentation on genealogy at 2:30 in the Gathering Room.

Tuesday, February 12 – FREE BINGO sponsored by Card Crafters in the Gathering Room at 2:00.

Wednesday, February 13 – Bible Study luncheon in the Gathering Room at 11:00.

Thursday, February 14, 5:00-6:00 Special Valentine’s music in the dining room with the Tim Patrick Trio.

Wednesday, February 20- Watercolor with Cid in the Gathering Room at 2:00.

Thursday, February 21- A Day in the Life of a Coroner with Mike Opitz at 2:00 in the Gathering Room.

Tuesday, February 26- Musings with Morgan at 2:00 in the Theater.

Wednesday, February 27 – Menu Task Force at 3:00 in a room TBD.

Thursday, February 28 – Birthday party with Cheri Sykes in the Gathering Room at 2:00.

*subject to change.

SUMMERWOOD OF PLYMOUTH

February Birthdays!

Sharon Larson 5th
Helen Portmann 9th
Mary O'Flanagan 12th
Lois Sewell 13th
Marge Anderson 18th
Mick Marinos 20th
Mary Ellen Wuollet 27th
Jan Dyste 27th
Mary Lou Weber 27th



Welcome to SummerWood,
New Staff!



Dana Blount
Cook



Deborah Draz
Cook



Gloria Jackson
Server



Lydia Mulbah
HHA



Renee Gilbertson
Life Enr. Asst.



Jane Phillips

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Phone Numbers



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Cheryl Johnson, Home Care Support ext. 106
Gretchen Hansen, RN, Clinical Dir. ext. 107
Darren Ouimette, Environmental Serv. ext. 108
Cid Skaalrud, Life Enrichment Dir. ext. 109
LaJoy Green, Culinary Dir. ext. 112
Shannah Pool, RN (Arbor) ext. 113
Natalie Loher, RN (Commons) ext. 115
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Supporting “Ready and Engaged People” who serve you every day

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.” ~ 1 Peter 4:10

Presbyterian Homes & Services’ (PHS) stated value, “Ready and Engaged People,” expresses our commitment to honor the employees who fulfill our mission. That mission, “To honor God by enriching the lives and touching the hearts of older adults,” relies on the good work of over 6,500 employees throughout the organization. Attracting, developing and retaining employees is vital to our mission.

Organizations like PHS face growing challenges now and in the coming years with a limited skilled workforce available. From day one of each employee’s career at PHS, we declare that employees are the most important resource in our ministry and we recognize how important fair and sustainable compensation is to support their daily lives. For 2019, we conducted an extensive review of wages offered by other similar organizations and

we are investing over \$5 million dollars in wage increases to ensure we are providing fair and competitive wages. 80% of these increases have gone to hourly employees, including the employees who touch your lives every day like culinary servers, cooks, nursing assistants, nurses and housekeepers. A 2% base wage increase has gone to all employees but many received more.

We are grateful for the gifts, skills and passions that PHS employees bring to their work and we promise to foster an environment where they are valued and empowered to make a difference. This vital investment in PHS employees’ careers and livelihood helps us live out our value to be “Ready and Engaged” in serving you, the residents, whose homes we are privileged to come into and work every day.