

Useful in Our Master's Hands

Let us be faithful to God in all things, for He has given each one of us purpose and value.

II Timothy 2:20-21

In a village there lived a potter who made pots of mud. He made big pots, small pots, and all kinds of pots. He worked very hard from morning to evening. But he had one problem. He had to fetch water from a far-away place. Every day he took two pots tied to the ends of a large wooden stick over his shoulders and brought water for his work. He did this for days, months, and years. Every day the pots carried water for him. One of the pots was very happy, while the other pot was sad. The sad pot had a crack in it and therefore, would be half empty by the time they reached home. The good pot always mocked the cracked one and said, "I am more useful to the master than you. I bring water full and you bring only half of the water."

One day the cracked pot said to his master, "Master, I am of no use to you. Please throw me away and get a new pot so you can bring a pot full of water for yourself." But the master said to the pot, "Dear pot, today as we go to get the water, I want you to look around and see what you can see." The next

day, the pot was more observant and noticed the roadside as they went and came back from the well. After they reached home, the master asked the cracked pot, "What did you notice around you?" The pot said, "I saw beautiful flowers along the road." The master said, "Those beautiful flowers are there all because of you." The pot was surprised to hear this. He said, "How can a cracked pot like me with no value do this?" The master said, "I knew that you were cracked and therefore, I wanted to use you as you were. I planted those flowering plants along the road on your side, so when we came back with the water, you were dripping and unknowingly watering these plants. And so don't degrade yourself; just be willing to serve me and remember that I will make the best use of you."

(From They Call Me Sir, by Sylvia H. Eckhardt)

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.

The next **Resident Council Board Meeting** will be held on Thursday, April 4. 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, April 10 at 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. All SummerWood residents are encouraged to attend this informational meeting.

SUMMERWOOD OF PLYMOUTH HIGHLIGHTS

A Thoughtful Way to Say “I Care”



Showing people how much you care is a special part of life, yet finding just the right gift to express your feelings can sometimes 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 pause from our busy daily lives and 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.

As always, you may designate your gift to support greatest needs, employee education assistance, benevolence or chaplaincy and spiritual care at your community.

May this time of year provide a peaceful reflection, as well as an opportunity, for an expression of gratitude for those who have touched your life.

Correction for March 2019: We realize that a sentence in last month’s Foundation article may have been misleading in your newsletter. Please know that all of the gifts you direct to your community will benefit your community. Thank you!



**Shopping shuttle
running on
April 3 & April 17.**

16205 36th Ave. North, Plymouth MN 55446

April Highlights*

- Monday, April 1 – Card Sale in Lobby 10:30 am
 - Tuesday, April 2 –Left Behind II – movie in the theater with Pastor Jane.
 - Thursday, April 4 – Music of Cindy Scheffler, 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall
 - Monday, April 8 – Audiology Visit in the Gathering Room at 10:00 am.
 - Tuesday, April 9 – Esther - Movie in the Theater with Pastor Jane.
 - Wednesday, April 10 – Bible Study Luncheon at 2:00 pm in the Gathering Room.
 - Thursday April 11 – The Guys from Brookview, at 2:00 pm in the GR
 - Fridays, April 12 & 26 – Holy Name of Jesus 5th Graders at 1:45 pm.
 - Monday April 15 – Bible Study at 9:30 pm for Today only- TH
 - Tuesday, April 16 – Free Easter Bingo in the Gathering Room at 2:00 pm, sponsored by Card Crafters.
 - Wednesday April 17 – Kent Johnson presents on Mercury, Gemini and Apollo Space Programs at 2:00 pm.
 - Thursday, April 18 – Birthday Party with Tomi Majoris in the Gathering Room at 2:00 pm.
 - Friday April 19 –Good Friday Service at 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. No Happy Hour or Bingo today.
 - Sunday April 21 - Easter Worship at 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.
 - Tuesday, April 23 – the Happy Notes are here to sing in the Fellowship Hall at 2:00 pm.
 - Wednesday April 24 – Lunch and light shopping at the Midtown Global Market, please sign up, 10:30 am, meet in the lobby.
 - Wednesday April 24 – Menu Task Force is at 3:00 pm in the Gathering Room.
 - Thursday April 25 – Volunteer Appreciation with music by Tara B in the GR
- * *Subject to change.*

www.summerwoodplymouth.org

SUMMERWOOD OF PLYMOUTH

Welcome to SummerWood,
New Residents!



Nancy & Richard Anderson
302



Marie Anderson
120



Richard Forbes
331



Richard Paulson
319



Cliff Steinhauser
234

Welcome to SummerWood,
New Staff!



Dottie Johnson
HHA



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SummerWood
Phone Numbers



Main Phone Number: 763-383-8888

◆ **Main HHA after hours cell # 651-335-5180**

◆ **Arbor HHA after hours cell # 763-286-9797**

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| Sharon Millett, Campus Administrator | ext. 102 |
| Jenny Writz, Housing Counselor | ext. 101 |
| Kitchen (Room Service) | ext. 103 |
| 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 |
| Jane Morgan, Chaplain | ext. 118 |
| Kent Osterman, (Gift Planning Office) | 612-704-3379 |
| SummerWood Salon | 763-551-1266 |
| Mary Birkhauser | |

April Birthdays!

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| Mary Nelson | 1st |
| Ele Raidt | 10th |
| Jan Leaf | 12th |
| David Jacobson | 16th |
| Jerry Nelson | 26th |
| Barbara Johnson | 30th |
| Cliff Larson | 30th |
| Roy Petersen | 30th |
| Jim Schinke | 30th |

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

Call Jenny today for information or to schedule a personal tour, 763-383-8888 ext. 101



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Volunteers: Love in Action

"Let us love, not in words or speech, but in truth and actions." I John 3:18 (NRSV)

Volunteers who serve Presbyterian Homes & Services help build a better world for older adults each day, one act of kindness at a time. More than 3,000 residents and friends found meaningful engagement and a sense of vocation by volunteering across PHS communities in the past year. Volunteers are the heart and soul of PHS, strengthening our Christian ministry through their stewardship of time and talent offered in gifts of compassion, dedication and love.

PHS welcomes all kinds of volunteers – from students to older adults. Volunteers help to organize outings and assist with activities, or just spend time listening and talking with residents. Many PHS residents find themselves with significant free time and a desire to contribute to their community in a positive way. Volunteering can help imbue a new sense of purpose or enable the pursuit of hobbies and passions. In addition, studies have shown that the act of

volunteering has a positive effect on overall health and well-being of older adults.

April is Volunteer Appreciation Month.

Presbyterian Homes & Services would like to say thank you to all who lend their time, talent and support, whether it be just for one afternoon or year-round. We celebrate the ordinary people who accomplish extraordinary things as PHS volunteers. They encourage the people they help and motivate others to serve as well.

Our mission, "to honor God by enriching the lives and touching the hearts of older adults," is made possible in part by the support of such volunteers. If you have a passion that you'd like to bring or a skill that can be used to benefit the lives of older adults, we'd like to hear from you. Contact your site leader or go to www.preshomes.org and click on *Get to Know Us - Volunteers* to learn about volunteer opportunities.