



THE LODGE LINK



Let's Spring out of Winter

Snowflakes

Snowflakes falling on the ground,
softly falling without a sound.

Sometimes falling in the night,
they might melt before they catch our sight.

Snow can be great for skiing and sliding
or for snowmobile riding.

Some people make snow forts
or snowmen with a carrot for a snout,
while others make snow angels
by spreading their arms out.

Often on our roads they heap,
posing a challenge for car, truck, or jeep.

Sometimes gentle whole more often not,
all a part of nature's winter plot.

Thank you to Don Besky, Townhome resident, who has shared his book of poetry. His poems will be shared from time to time in the newsletter. I invite any residents who enjoy writing poetry to submit their work and we would be happy to put it in print for you.

Warmest Regards,
Stacy Carlsrud, Campus Administrator



We will serve a special St Patrick's Day
Dinner for dine-in or take-out on
Wednesday, March 17.

Corned Beef & Cabbage or Irish Stew

Please RSVP to *2800

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 Ministry
Ready & Engaged People
Operational Integrity
Service Excellence
Stewardship*

LODGE FAITH & FELLOWSHIP

These Hands

“God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.” From 1 John 4:16

Donald Jensen lives in love. His story began 87 years ago in Lake City Minnesota. Don and his identical twin brother, David, were born July 9, 1933. They were the 4th set of identical twins, out of 14 sets in the family. They also had an older brother named Richard.

Don’s father was a manager in the creamery business, and when Don was 13, his father became supervisor at the largest creamery in the US, in Sibley Iowa. After graduating from high school in Sibley, Don moved to Estherville, Iowa where he attended a junior college and worked for Betsy Ross Bread.

In 1954, David, was drafted into the Army. He went to the Draft Board and volunteered Don. They served together, stationed at Fort Bliss, Texas and White Sands, New Mexico, where they guided missiles. (Photo of Don and David from left to right.) While they were in the service, they both married their junior college sweethearts, 2 days apart, on January 12 & 14, 1956. Don and his wife, Joleen, settled in Elgin, IL where Don attended Elgin Watchmakers College and also became a goldsmith. They had 3 children, Debra, Doug, and Kathleen.



Don worked in the jewelry business for 10 years before moving to Red Wing, MN, where he opened Jensen Jewelers (pictured left). Don took care of watches and sold diamonds and says “Joleen did the rest.” They had a very successful business for 30 years before spending 20 years of retirement at their lake cabin on Bone Lake in Wisconsin. Don is blessed with 9 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren.

Here are some interesting facts about Don. He and Joleen were always very active in their church. They were in choir and often sang duets together. Don has never had an alcoholic drink in his entire life, at the request of his father in law. Don collects and restores old pocket watches, some of which are over 300 years old, as well as other meaningful artifacts. Don’s den is full of photo albums documenting his life.

Don has had his share of heartache and loss. He has lost his wife and both his daughters and brothers. But through it all he remains grateful for his amazing life and relies of his faith to carry him through.

Don moved to Timber Hills in 2016. He enjoys activities, has many close friends and says there’s no other place he would rather be! Thank you for sharing your story, Don. You live in love, and for that, our community is blessed!

Jennie Fick, Resident Services Director



March Birthdays

Donna Heille	3	Marion Hagstrom	12	Jim Daughton	19
Dorothy Diehl	4	Dennis Swenson	14	Marian Eisenmann	20
Jim Lamont	6	Floyd Unruh	14	Mary Lou Fink	22
Clyde Sherman	6	Mary Ann Howe	15	Doris Horton	23
Doug Campbell	7	Al Hagstrom	16	Joyce Dedolph	24
Joann Pugh	7	Jack Todd	16	Mary Lindeman	24
Ruth Beckstrom	8	Rosalie Christensen	17	Joan Hansen	26
Jeanie Brodd	9	Mary Parupsky	17	Susan Koll	26
Don Crannell	10	Kit Burch	18	Don Miller	27
Lorraine Freeberg	11	Georgia Walker	18	Robert Stevens	30



Commons

Jane Engebretson

Townhomes

Phil & Sandee McCarthy

LODGE LIGHTS

PHS Foundation – Are You Prepared for Tax Time?

Tax filing time is here again. IRS Publications 526 and 1771 on charitable contributions outline the federal tax laws for organizations like Presbyterian Homes & Services, churches and other charities that you might support. Keeping detailed records of contributions is an important practice for donors. This is a summary of some of the record-keeping requirements imposed by the IRS. As always, it is recommended that donors consult with their tax advisors for guidance.

For cash gifts. Donors must have a record or written communication from the organization for any monetary contribution showing the name of the charity and the date and amount of the contribution. These are needed before donors can claim charitable contributions on their federal income tax returns. Presbyterian Homes Foundation acknowledges all gifts.

For gifts of \$250 or more. Donors must receive a gift acknowledgement that includes the organization's name and the amount of the cash contribution or a description (but not the value) of the noncash contribution. In addition, depending on the type of gift, there must be a statement that the organization provided or did not provide goods or services in exchange for the gift.

Gifts of non-cash property above \$500 and gifts of property above \$5,000. IRS Code regulations impose greater responsibilities on donors who make these types of contributions. Maintaining detailed information about the property is a must, along with completing additional IRS forms. Gifts of property of \$5,000 and greater require an independent appraisal by a subject expert.

We are here to help. If you have questions about gifts that you've made to PHS or a PHS community, please call the Presbyterian Homes Foundation at 651-631-6408 or 651-631-6418. PHS is grateful to all the donors who lift our mission and ministry through their generosity. We appreciate you!



Pastor's Corner

Did you know that long ago March was actually the first month of the year? In 1752, Western Civilization switched to the Gregoria Calendar, which has March as the third month of the year. March is also typically one of the snowiest months in Minnesota, as well as the final month for ice fishing and snowmobiling. We hurry to enjoy the winter weather, activities and adventures for one last time, as spring is just around the corner.

In the Bible, we are told of a story where two sisters, Mary and Martha, were preparing for a visit from Jesus. Martha was hurrying to complete the final preparations for the visit.

“But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said ‘Lord do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me.’ Jesus answered and said to her, ‘Martha, you are worried and distracted about many things. But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her.’” Luke 10:40

Jesus was saying that we should not be pulled into busyness, but focus on the important things of this life. And that, my dear friends, is Jesus Christ. The most important historical date in the history of humankind is Easter, which marks the resurrection of our Savior. Why? Because of John 3:16!

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” John 3:16

Pastor Tom



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Presbyterian Homes & Services is a nonprofit organization and an equal opportunity employer serving older adults through community services, housing, and health care.

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Activity Professionals: Bound for Glory

At Presbyterian Homes & Services (PHS), the nearly 200 activity professionals dedicated to life enrichment, recreation and volunteerism come up with ideas, large and small, to engage residents in meaningful ways, have fun, learn and connect with others.

This past year, impacted in every way by COVID-19, required creative adaptations from our activity professionals. In the midst of uncertainty and limitations, they have stepped up in remarkable ways to keep residents engaged with each other and connected to their families.

Jess Drecktrah, PHS Vice President of Life Enrichment, is passionate about elevating the profession of life enrichment in senior living. Inspired by a song by Gospel singer, Rosetta Tharpe, Jess conceived the **Bound for Glory** award, a traveling award that allows managers and peers to recognize the important work of life enrichment staff and volunteer coordinators as they create opportunities for fun and purpose for those they serve.

The trophy combines a plant, a rock (with a star painted on it), and a golden microphone. Jess explains its symbolism, “The plant represents the live nature of the work we do. The rock with the star on it represents that we are all rock stars. The golden microphone symbolizes the show. The train represents movement and the belief that we are bound for glory.” Each recipient is given the opportunity to be involved in selecting the next recipient of the traveling award – because glory is meant for sharing.

Since its launch in fall 2018, **Bound for Glory** has been awarded to 12 PHS employees. We thank these recipients, along with all the Life Enrichment professionals at PHS. They are the heart and spirit of our communities and fulfill our mission “to honor God by enriching the lives and touching the hearts of older adults.” The important part says Jess, “is that everything points back to the glory of God through the call of service.”

Contact your site leader if you wish to suggest the name of a PHS activity professional who you feel is “Bound for Glory.”