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# Methodist Homes News

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## Methodist Homes Communities

### Housing & Health Services

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#### Wesley Place on Honeysuckle

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#### Wesley Gardens

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#### The Epworth House

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#### Wesley Glen

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#### Wesley Park Apartments

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## New to Retirement? Plan NOW!

### Proper Planning Key to Peace of Mind Down the Road

What a journey these past two years have been for all of us, especially older adults! According to a November 4, 2021 article from Pew Research, a rising number of older adults have joined the ranks of the retired during the pandemic. If this describes you, welcome to your freedom! It can be a little scary at first taking the retirement plunge, however, you CAN generate peace of mind by having a PLAN for the future.



Unprecedented in most of our lifetimes, COVID-19 has affected everyone and changed our lives in many ways. Those of us who are Christians agree with the psalmist that “God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble. So we will not fear when earthquakes come and the mountains crumble into the sea.” Psalm 46:1. Nor do we fear when a virus rages. But we do, wisely, continue to move forward and make plans for the future.

Proper planning begins with answering some hard questions that are MUCH easier to face while you are still healthy and able-bodied, rather than when forced to make life-altering decisions under pressure. At Methodist Homes, we value planning, and want to help you self-advocate for your future. See page 2 for some questions to consider.

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## MONTGOMERY

### Fat Tuesday's Big Fat Party

Fat Tuesday brought a big, fat party to Wesley Gardens (Montgomery). It looked like New Orleans invaded the dining room with all the beads and masks, and the music from the **Alley Stompers!** We love to see our residents have such a good time!





### New to Retirement? Plan NOW! (continued from Page 1)

If you are 65 or better, here are some questions that will help guide you to making the BEST decisions for what you want your retirement lifestyle to look like:

- Which family members do I want to live nearest to? Should I need a little help, will my family members be free to move close to me or do I need to make plans to move toward them?
- When is the right time to downsize or sell my house? Am I ready to unload the burdens of home ownership and maintenance? If not now, what will be an early trigger for me so that I do not wait too long?
- What is my financial situation should I live 20 more years? Consider all forms of income and potential income sources, including proceeds from the sale of a home, retirement savings, pensions, etc. Which of these income sources are exhaustible and which are perpetual no matter how long I need it?
- What is my chief source of joy day to day? Am I dependent on peer social relationships? Would a retirement community lifestyle help me better maintain friendships and social connections if I begin to have difficulty getting out of the house?
- What would my children define as my being a burden to them? How would I define being a burden? Would a retirement community lifestyle help me maintain my independence?
- How long has it been since I last updated my will? Is it time for an update? Have I completed my advance directives and power of attorney selections that direct my health care and appoint substitute decision-makers should I be unable to communicate my own wishes?
- What do I have time for I never had time for prior to retirement?
- What have I always wanted more of in my life?

To discuss these questions with a senior living expert, use the contact block on Page 1 to contact the community nearest you. We can help you write down answers, both practical and spiritual, to these questions in order to have an informed dialog with your family.

### PANAMA CITY

## Four Residents Over 100 Years Young



Mathison (Panama City) recently held a celebration honoring our four Centennarians! **Marcella Hilliard** 102, **Dan Shores** 102, **Henry Dussault** 101, and **Josephine Pace** 101. It is such a blessing to have all of these residents in our lives.

### PENSACOLA

## Mardi Gras 2022



Let the good times roll at Wesley Haven Villa (Pensacola)! The Mardi Gras Supper Club crowned our 2022 King and Queen, **Ernie Schwind** and **Audrey Corner**.

Pictured below is **Thelma Wagner**, who is 100 years young and still loves to party; and **Jakievia Carter**, a personal care associate at Wesley Haven Villa.





SELMA

# Faith-Filled Holidays with Cornerstone Presbyterian Church

Epworth House (Selma) was blessed to have members of **Cornerstone Presbyterian Church Choir** come sing Christmas carols (pictured below left). In addition, members of their Youth Group (pictured below right) adopted our sweet

residents and bought every resident items they needed. Among the gifts were sweaters, pajamas, house slippers, socks, crock pots, toasters, bath towels, and other household items. Everyone was so thankful for their gifts! But the residents were mostly

thankful to receive a visit from this sweet and fun youth group when they delivered the gifts to each apartment. Pictured below are: **Gloria Varner** (holding little Bella), CPC Youth Leader **Nathan Bullard**, and members of **CPC Youth Group**.



MONTGOMERY



## Troy AL's Diva

Local celebrity singer **Shelia Jackson** entertained residents at Wesley Gardens (Montgomery) on March 10, accompanied by the piano talents of **Willie B. Williams**. Shelia sang pop hits, Broadway tunes, and hymns, and has already been invited back for another round!

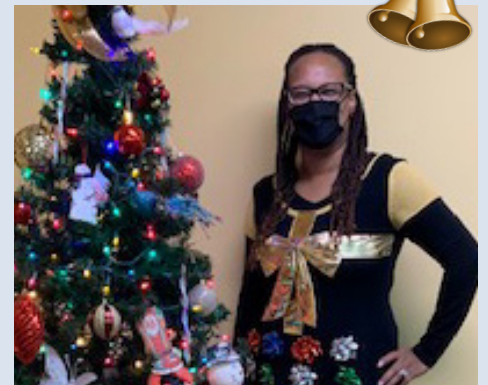
DOTHAN

## A Healing Journey



There's a first time for everything, and after 50+ years in the business, we had a 'first' this year at Wesley Place on Honeysuckle (Dothan). Dothan native **Hugh Overton** was transported by air all the way from Indianapolis, Indiana, with the help of the fine people of **Grace on Wings**, a nonprofit that provides charity air ambulance services in the U.S. We are so pleased that Hugh chose The Rehab Inn at Wesley Place for physical rehab!

DECATUR



"We love Wesley Acres," says **Jennifer Edwards**, the principal at West Decatur Elementary. She and her son **Lil Toney** love stopping by to visit with her dad **Julius Howard** (not pictured), who has been a resident at Wesley Acres (Decatur) for three and a half years.





Our heartfelt thanks to all  
of our donors and friends.

*Gifts through  
March 22, 2022*

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Canterbury UMC - MOR Offering  
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Alabama-West Florida Conference  
Alabama-West Florida Foundation  
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Special thanks to **Christ Church UMC** for a beautiful St. Patrick's Day Party, as they sponsored the March birthdays at Fair Haven (Birmingham).

# LEGACY GIVING

Legacy Giving is another way to make a significant difference. Let your estate planner know how much you would like to give, and directing that the gift will be made to Methodist Home for the Aging. If you need more, call Sherri Easdon, Dir. of Public Relations, at 205-951-2442.

# ONLINE GIFTS

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BIRMINGHAM

## Two Christmas Gift Shoutouts



Fair Haven (Birmingham) wishes to extend two shoutouts for their recent generosity this Christmas. First, to **Bridgette Gray** (pictured), who held a fundraiser and was able to donate 50 Scentsy gifts to our residents. Thank you so much! And the second shoutout goes to the women of **Saint Mark UMC** in Vestavia and **Mr. Michael** for donating Christmas gifts to our residents who might not otherwise receive anything. Our residents really felt the love this year!

YES - I WANT TO HELP YOUR MINISTRY

- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ General Contribution (undesignated)
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Redefining Home (capital fund raising campaign)  
For: Fair Haven (B'ham) / Wesley Place on Honeysuckle (Dothan)
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ The *Fountain of Love* (provides help to residents)  
Designate for: Where most needed / Fair Haven (B'ham)  
Wesley Gardens (Mtg) / Wesley Place on Honeysuckle (Dothan)  
Mathison Center (PC, FL) / Wesley Haven Villa (Pns, FL)

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## Mother's & Father's Day Card & Carnation FUNDRAISER

By Mother's Day (May 8) & Father's Day (June 19), every resident living at one of our five *Fountain of Love* eligible care communities will be presented with a Card & Carnation to honor them mother-figures and father-figures in our lives. Will you please support the *Fountain of Love* in Honor or in Memory of someone special this Mother's Day and/or Father's Day? 100% of gifts received go into the *Fountain of Love Fund*.

If your gift is in honor of someone, you may want to include a custom message and we will print it directly on the card. You can even write a special message to someone whom you do not know and we will pass on your message of encouragement in a resident's card. Your honoree does not have to be a resident, though! We will mail a special card with a message to any honoree!

YES! I am making a gift this Mother's Day/Father's Day!

My gift is: \_\_\_\_\_ In MEMORY of / In HONOR of  
(circle one) \_\_\_\_\_  
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State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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