



THE DUST IS BEGINNING TO SETTLE

This Fall saw lots of excitement on the Florence and Foothills campuses as several long-awaited renovations and construction projects have come to their conclusions.

At The Florence Presbyterian Community, extensive renovations to the Graham Johnson McCullough Chapel included new carpet, a new and improved sound system, audio-visual capability, lighting, seating, upholstery and fresh paint, all bringing new life to this sacred space. Made possible by a generous gift from the estate of Bet Phillips, this renovation was rededicated during Vespers on August 20 with Resident Council President, Hepsy Parham leading a Litany of Dedication and the Rev. Dr. Franklin Fant, PCSC President and Chief Executive Officer preaching. Many residents were in attendance and expressed pleasure with the renovated and updated space dedicated to worship within the community.

In addition, a new Pavilion at the Florence Community provides wonderful new communal space for the community's residents and families. Featuring large

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The renovated Chapel at the Florence Community.



Rev. Dr. Franklin Fant delivers messages to residents, staff and friends during the dedication service.



Interior and exterior views of the newly completed Pavilion at the Florence Community.

PCSC VALUES

Like many organizations, Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina has formal statements that guide its work. Our Mission Statement is:

**“WE ARE A COMPASSIONATE
CHRISTIAN MINISTRY DEDICATED TO
ENRICHING THE QUALITY OF LIFE
FOR SENIORS OF ALL FAITHS.”**

If you follow PCSC closely, you’ve likely seen this mission statement on our website, on printed materials, even hanging on our office walls. In our Management Services Office on Ashland Road in Columbia, our management team recites it from memory at the end of each bi-weekly meeting.

PCSC has also adopted a Values Statement, guiding the work of all its staff. This statement (with the Values underlined) is:

**WE SERVE RESIDENTS WITH
EXCELLENCE THROUGH
HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS,
TEAMWORK AND STEWARDSHIP.**

Through ***Service***, we declare that we exist to serve older adults. That may sound a bit obvious, and perhaps it is, but this value reminds us that our reason for being is to serve others, not ourselves nor the organization as an end to itself.

The value of ***Excellence*** means that we always strive to do our best, and we continually look for ways to improve on what we do.

Valuing ***Relationships*** affirms the human worth of others, both the residents and families we serve, as well as our co-workers. This value stands for our commitment to create and maintain healthy relationships with others.

Teamwork points out the importance of staff collaborating with one another and valuing contributions of others. We cannot accomplish our mission when we act as “lone rangers,” but rather when everyone works together as a team.

The value of ***Stewardship*** points us to the wise use of the money, time, energy and other resources entrusted to us and to this Christian ministry.

At PCSC, we believe that by exemplifying these values in our work, we will find ourselves accomplishing our mission. And not only that. When we demonstrate these values on our campuses and workplaces, we find PCSC to be a place where people want to work and where seniors want to live.



Reverend Dr. Franklin Fant



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THE NEXT TRIP AROUND THE SUN

This time last year, I was in my first weeks with Presbyterian Communities and was just getting to know this ministry that, since 1958, has so faithfully served senior adults and their families throughout the state of South Carolina. As a native North Carolinian who had been living in Kentucky, I was also learning about life South of the Border (and not just that iconic roadside attraction on I-95 near Dillon).

What an exciting ride this year has been! I have visited each community multiple times; gotten to know residents, staff and families; learned where the best pit stops are on I-26 and I-20; and had my share of delays along the perpetual construction nightmare that is I-26. I have worked with three communities in saying good-bye to well-loved chaplains and in welcoming new spiritual leaders, and I watched as Presbyterians around the state have supported in so many ways the ministry of Presbyterian Communities. I have gotten to know presbyteries, presbytery leaders and congregations throughout the state. And, I have experienced the incredible financial generosity of residents, families, congregations and staff who make sacrificial gifts to assure that this ministry will continue to grow and flourish for many decades to come.

It never ceases to amaze me how many times I am in a congregation or a presbytery meeting and multiple people will say to me, “My mother/father/grandmother/grandfather was a resident of a Presbyterian Community. The care they received was first-rate, and I can’t thank PCSC enough.” I am also gratified to hear residents say, “I am so happy I decided to move to Presbyterian Communities. It was the best decision I ever made.” I also hear heart-warming stories of how family members whose resources had dwindled were only able to remain in their community through the assistance of Charitable Care funds contributed through the Mother’s Day Offering, the Annual Giving campaign, and other vital gifts.

It is through your prayers, your trust and your financial support that this ministry continues to be a beacon of light in senior living throughout the state and throughout our region.

Thank you for welcoming me into the Presbyterian Communities family, and thank you for your gifts that make this ministry what it has been and continues to be.

Here’s to the next trip around the sun!



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 Director of Foundation
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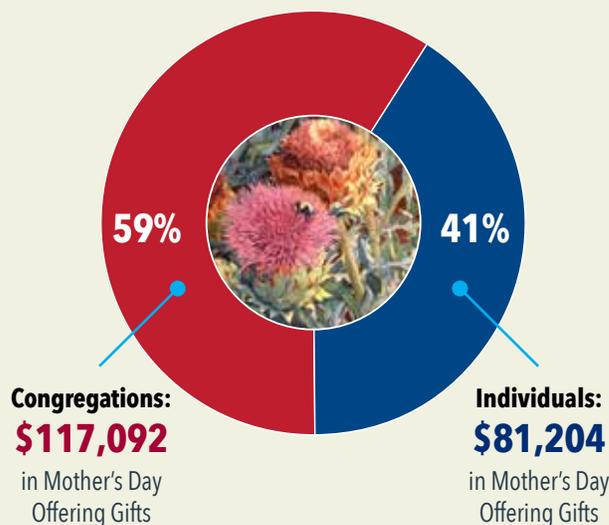
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Another Amazing Year!

The Mother’s Day Offering had another banner year! Because of you and your generosity, the 2023 offering was larger than 2022, and was once again the largest since 2009!



2023 Total Mother's Day Offering: \$198,196

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windows letting in lots of natural light and complete with two big screen televisions and areas for comfortable conversation and fellowship both inside and on the surrounding deck, this new space will provide a much-anticipated area at Florence for residents and their families to relax and enjoy each other's company. As with the chapel, this new area was made possible primarily through the generosity of the estate of Bet Phillips.

On October 30 at The Foothills Retirement Community, the newly constructed Wellness Center, including a spacious therapy treatment room, offices and therapy gym were dedicated with prayers, scripture and dedicatory remarks led by the Rev. Joseph Gaston, Foothills Chaplain; Bill McConnell, PCSC Director of Foundation Services and Church Relations; and Amy Laughlin, PCSC Director of Residential Life. All the chairs were filled as Amy gave a brief and energetic overview of the possibilities for these new spaces. The construction of the gym was made possible, in large part, by generous gifts from the Estate of John Ford, former resident of the community. Refreshments and tours of the new spaces followed the dedication. Residents and staff members are thrilled with the possibilities these new spaces provide.

Projects like these are made possible by generous donors, blessing PCSC with planned gifts to



The new Wellness Center at the Foothills Community.



Above: Residents and guests enjoyed touring the new Wellness Center.

Right: One of the treatment areas in the new space.



enhance and sustain opportunities for future residents to maintain the lifestyle and comfort that the donors have experienced. To discuss opportunities to share your legacy with future residents

of Presbyterian Communities, contact Bill McConnell, Director for Foundation Services and Church Relations at william.mcconnell@prescomm.org or by phone at (803) 365-0844.

LIFE ENRICHMENT TEAM MEMBERS EARN NATIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

We are proud to share that, in the last year, five of our Life Enrichment team members have achieved a national credential in their field. Please join in congratulating them!

PCSC is grateful for the Life Enrichment team members throughout the organization who plan, organize and implement a variety of activities, special events, classes and outings across our communities designed to enhance the quality of life of the residents.

Life Enrichment team members are also known as “Activity Professionals.” This professional field focuses holistically on the needs of individual aging adults in senior living communities, while designing and providing programming to fill those needs. At PCSC, Activity Professionals focus

on discovering residents’ favorite leisure pursuits, hobbies and talents, along with desires to acquire new skills. With that information, they create monthly calendars packed with programs, educational opportunities, entertainment, creativity, giving back, physical, and mental fitness, spiritual growth and social engagement.

Since there is no specific college degree required for Activity Professionals, these leaders typically possess a varied background and education including social work, social sciences, art or music therapy, health and wellness, or gerontology. To demonstrate competence in the field of activities, many seek a national professional credential. This involves taking classes, passing a proctored exam and documenting onsite work experience. There are several different levels/types of

credentials, based on experience and education. Each provides evidence of an achieved standard of knowledge of the aging process, regulatory requirements in senior living, and leadership and program management.

National standards for professional certification of activity professionals are administered by the National Certification Council for Activity Professionals and the Activity Professionals National Credentialing Center. These certifications not only confirm what we already know about the quality of engagement Life Enrichment staff members provide for our residents, but they also assist in meeting the federal standards set by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services on which all skilled care communities are evaluated.



Foothills

Emily Eaton, Health Care Life Enrichment Coordinator – Activity Director Certified



Clinton

Jennifer Harris, Life Enrichment Director – Advanced Activity Professional-Board Certified



Clinton

Keisha Whitener, Health Care Life Enrichment Coordinator – Advanced Activity Professional-Board Certified



Laurel Crest

Chelsea Goodnight, Director of Community Life Services – Activity Professional Certified



Summerville

Jennifer Horton, Health Care Life Enrichment Coordinator – Activity Professional Certified

CLINTON AND FLORENCE COMMUNITIES WELCOME NEW CHAPLAINS

After extensive searches, new chaplains have joined the Clinton and Florence communities. The residents and staff have welcomed these new spiritual leaders with open arms.



The Rev. Debby Plumstead Marshall joins the Clinton Community after serving as Associate Pastor of both Rock and Westminster Presbyterian Churches in Greenwood.

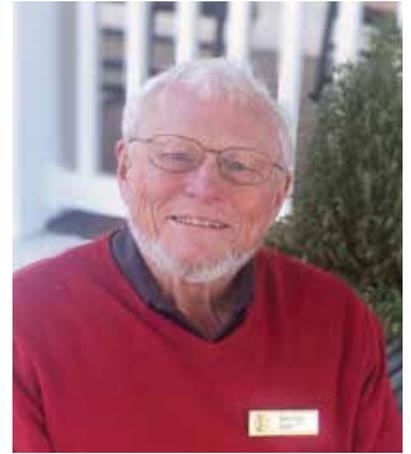
Debby received her undergraduate degree from Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts and her Master of Divinity from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, Illinois. She is a minister member of the South Carolina Presbytery (ECO).

She and her spouse Don, also a Presbyterian pastor serving at Bateburg-Leesville Presbyterian Church, have three sons, one daughter-in-law, two foster grandchildren, and too many pets! Debby loves the beach, and her little-known trivia fact is that she also has two sisters, one brother-in-law, and one nephew who are also Presbyterian ministers!

Clinton Executive Director Tamiaka Hawkins remarks, “Pastor Debby is very passionate about the work that she does for the residents, families, as well as the staff. She is a wonderful asset to The Clinton Presbyterian Community.”

We are pleased to welcome these spiritual leaders to PCSC. Each is actively involved in the life of their community and invites residents and their families to reach out to them when needs arise.

The Rev. Dr. Rodney Foster is the newest member of the Chaplain corps and serves the Florence Community. Rodney holds degrees from Erskine College (AB), Erskine Theological Seminary (MDiv) and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (DMin).



In addition to his work at the Florence community, Rodney is Stated Supply Pastor at Beaver Creek Presbyterian Church in Kershaw. He is an Honorably Retired minister member of New Harmony Presbytery (PCUSA).

He and his spouse, Jody live in Sumter where Jody (also a Presbyterian pastor) serves Wedgefield Presbyterian Church. They have four adult children. Look out, you may see Rodney riding up to the Florence Community on his Honda motorcycle!

Meredith Hughes, executive director of the Florence Community observes that “Rodney brings a wealth of experience as a pastor and as a chaplain to his new position. His calm approach to residents and staff instills confidence and peace, even when situations are tough.”

AMBASSADORS MEETINGS ARE JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

Save These Dates

We look forward to seeing you in March!

Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina proudly serves as a partner in ministry to older adults with Presbyterian congregations throughout the state. Its treasured relationships with these churches is one of its greatest strengths and blessings. Vital to these relationships are PCSC Ambassadors, who serve as liaison to their congregations. Ambassadors serve a critically important role in communicating the work and mission of PCSC to their congregations, as well as relaying needs and questions to PCSC.

Each spring, the Ambassadors gather at five annual meetings held at PCSC communities around the state. These meetings are opportunities for Ambassadors to receive updates on the ministry of PCSC, as well as to engage PCSC with their questions. Pastors are welcome and encouraged to attend.

PCSC recently announced the dates and locations of the spring 2024 meetings. Ambassadors and pastors are invited to attend the meeting of their choice. In addition to learning more about the ministry of PCSC, these meetings are great opportunities to connect with friends and to tour the communities.

If you are interested in supporting your church's ministry to older adults by serving as an Ambassador or if you would like to see if your church has an Ambassador (we welcome having more than one!), please contact us.

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DATE	COMMUNITY
Tuesday, March 12	Foothills (in Easley)
Wednesday, March 13	Clinton
Thursday, March 14	Laurel Crest (in West Columbia)
Tuesday, March 19	Summerville
Wednesday, March 20	Florence



THANKFUL FOR GIFTS OF ALL SHAPES AND SIZES

Shannon Watts has served at The Florence Presbyterian Community for three years. While Shannon’s “normal” job title is Administrative Assistant, she often steps out of that role and offers her gifts of creativity, planning and art in so many ways beyond her normal duties.

During the holiday season, Shannon planned holiday parties for staff with games galore, created centerpieces for the community Christmas party, led the decorating of the community and even used a TikTok video to create life-sized nutcrackers!

As the holiday season comes to an end, the Florence Community is incredibly thankful for the gifts that Sharon and the entire team bring to the community. Gifts that are given so willingly. Gifts that remind us of Paul’s first letter to Peter saying, “Use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.” (I Peter 4:10 NIV) These gifts bring light into the Christmas season, joy seen in smiling faces, and hope for what is to come for the Florence Community in 2024!



Shannon Watts



IT’S EASY TO SUPPORT PCSC OR YOUR FAVORITE COMMUNITY ONLINE!

You can make a gift by credit card, debit card or directly from your checking account by visiting giving.prescommunities.org or simply open the camera on your smart phone or tablet and point it at the QR code to start the process. You can designate how you wish the funds to be used and if your gift is in honor or memory of someone or something special. We will send you a letter thanking you for your gift and will also send an acknowledgement notifying others of memorials or honorariums (without reference to amount) if you so request. The online giving page now offers the opportunity to make both one-time and recurring gifts.



THE CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY

A Gift That Benefits Everyone

- Do you have an interest in supporting the well-being of older adults?
- Could you use more income now that you've retired?
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- Does a friend or relative need the security of an annuity to help meet unexpected expenses?



You can address these goals and others by making a gift to Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina using a Charitable Gift Annuity, or CGA. A CGA is a partnership between you and a charitable organization that delivers significant support to PCSC while at the same time helping you reach your own financial and estate planning goals.

HOW A GIFT ANNUITY WORKS:

In return for your contribution, you will receive fixed annuity payments for life. You can add a spouse or other loved one as co-beneficiary, or you can have the payments made to someone else.

The payments are based on a percentage of your gift, determined by one's age. At the moment, an 80-year-old can expect to receive around 7.5% per year. A 90-year-old can expect to receive over 9.5%. That is far more than a bank CD or money market account currently pays!

For example, if your annuity rate on a \$20,000 gift is 7.5%, you will receive \$1,500 every year for the rest of your life. When the annuity terminates, the remaining balance comes to PCSC for the purpose you designated when you made the gift.

OTHER BENEFITS:

You'll also receive a charitable deduction. Only part of each annuity payment will be taxed as ordinary



income over your life expectancy. Further, if you use appreciated securities to set up your CGA, you'll pay no upfront capital gains tax.

The final benefit is that your gift will be used to enhance the well-being of the older adults served by PCSC. You will leave a legacy that ensures the continued strength and vitality of this ministry.

READY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT A CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY?

We'll be happy to send you more information. Even better, we can demonstrate how it can benefit you using a computer-based gift calculator. Just reach out to Bill McConnell, Director of Foundation Services and Church Relations, at (803) 365-0844 or William.McConnell@prescomm.org.

DISCOVER THE BENEFITS OF “RIGHT” SIZING

Taking care of your home can be a labor of love, but it can also be a drain on your time and money. As the years go by, you may decide that having a big house with lots of rooms is more than you need. Simplifying your possessions and downsizing your home can give you the freedom to focus on other goals as you plan your retirement years.

While it can be difficult to leave a home where you've built memories over the years, there's a lot to gain by moving to a smaller home, townhome or retirement community. Here are six perks of living small:



① Less home upkeep. Maintaining a large home can be overwhelming, and the repairs can be both time-consuming and expensive. With one project after the next, it can feel like your work is never done.

② Less cleaning. Choosing to live in a smaller space means you will spend less time dusting, cleaning, scrubbing floors and vacuuming carpets, washing windows, etc.

③ Less clutter. Moving provides a great incentive to declutter and downsize your belongings. You might even make some money selling excess furniture and items you don't need. They say that “stuff” grows to fill the available space, so a smaller home will likely mean less clutter.

④ Greater safety. Moving to a retirement community that meets your needs can help you stay safe, whether that means one-level living, lawn care services or other home features that make life easier.

⑤ More freedom. The responsibilities of maintaining a large home can make it difficult to get away. Choosing an appropriately sized home can free up time and money to spend on travel, hobbies, family and friendships.

⑥ New social opportunities. Living in a big home can be lonely, especially after children have grown up and moved away. Joining a retirement community can open doors to new friends and social activities.

Ready to rethink your living situation?

We're here to help you explore your options so you can make a smart decision. Move-in ready accommodations are available at most of PCSC's communities. Learn more about what you can gain by exploring what Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina has to offer when you visit www.prescommunities.org. For more information or to schedule a tour, contact the marketing office at your community of interest.

LAUREL CREST RECOGNIZED FOR EXCELLENCE

Congratulations to the Laurel Crest community for being recognized by readers of The State magazine a second time for excellence in multiple areas. Readers awarded Laurel Crest a Gold Medal for both Best Independent Living and Best Assisted Living, while also awarding the community the Bronze medal for Best Customer Service and Best Place to Work! Executive Director Jim Deel congratulates the entire staff for their teamwork in making Laurel Crest a great place to live and work.

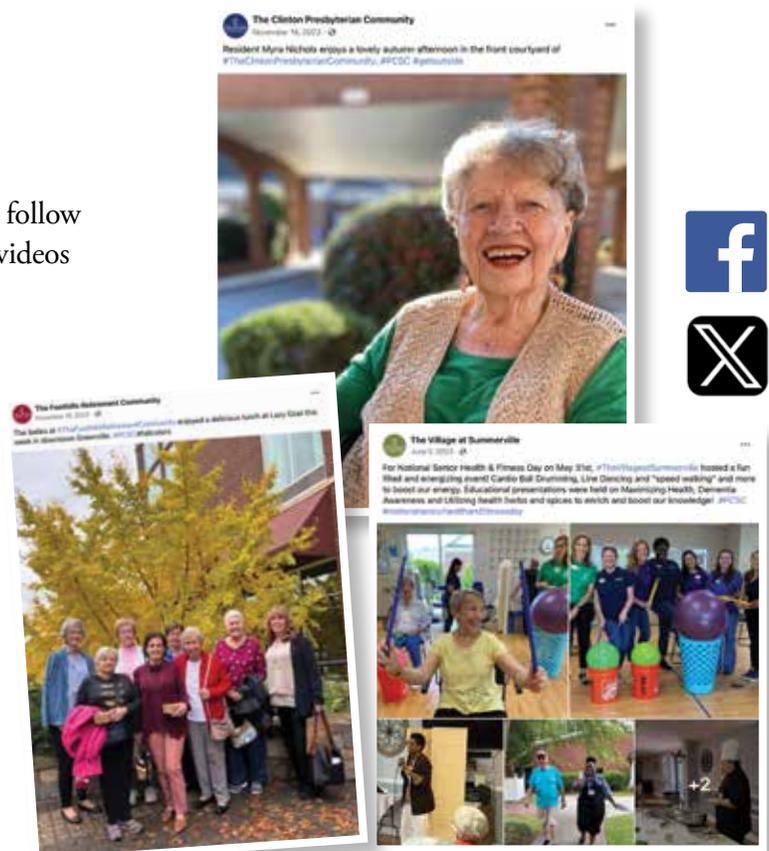


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If you are on social media, be sure to like, share and follow PCSC for informative posts, current news, photos, videos and more! Simply search for:

- **Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina**
- **The Columbia Presbyterian Community**
- **The Clinton Presbyterian Community**
- **The Florence Presbyterian Community**
- **The Foothills Retirement Community**
- **Laurel Crest Retirement Community**
- **The Village at Summerville**

We appreciate your likes, comments and shares!



GRANDPARENTS AND GRAND STORIES!

A grandparent, a book, and lots of eager little ears ... put them all together and what do you get? A whole bunch of questions, answers, laughs and smiles! This was certainly the case as our residents took part in reading for Grandparent's Day at M.S. Bailey Child Development Center. Intrigued looks could be seen on tiny faces as they listened to their readers, who were full of delight, soaking in the joy of the moment. What a precious sight it was as Clinton residents began to inspire young learners through the wisdom that only grandparents possess. Yes, stories were read and growing minds were fed, but the best part of all was the company both shared. In this case, perhaps Richard Garnett said it best, "Love is the greatest gift that one generation can leave to another," and that is just what these residents did.



Life Enrichment Directors Jennifer Harris, Trudy White, Anna Hull, Fran Curtis, Betty Youngs, Anne Pitts, Don Cardell, Dianne Cardell and Jane Presseau.



Anne Pitts opens her Grandparent's Day gift from the students.

*Right: Anna Hull reads *Guess How Much I Love You* to M.S. Bailey preschool students for Grandparent's Day.*



Below: Jane Presseau, reading as hands go up for questions.



CLINTON COSTUME COMPETITION

A cast of crazy characters turned out for the Clinton Community's Halloween costume contest. Residents and staff enjoyed dressing up and handing out treats to the children from M.S. Bailey Child Development Center.



The Covid-19 Crew: Regina Moses, Kailyn Wilson, LeeAnn Campbell and Crystal Rivera-Martinez.



Gwen Warner



Trudy White



Dini and Matthew



Trick-or-treaters make their way through the halls.



Marianna Poovey (above left) and Mary Sue Burns (above right) hand out goodies.



A CHRISTMAS TO REMEMBER

The Christmas spirit was alive and well at the Clinton Community this Holiday season. Decking the halls is always a sure-fire way to bring excitement and cheer to all who call the community home. Smiles were not hard to find as staff and residents joined together in a day filled with decorating and memory-making fun. The result of this day is truly something to be admired and is likely the reason why this tradition is one of the most beloved holiday events.



Chaplain Debby Marshall and resident Joyce Templeton prepare each ornament for the Parlor Christmas tree.



Myra Nichols, Marianna Poovey and Jane Cunningham admire their handiwork as they participate in decking the halls.



Gwen Warner poses proudly as Heritage Court's Christmas Tree is completed.



Linda Brigman and other residents thoroughly enjoyed having a visit from Twin Farms Mobile Petting Zoo.



Columbia residents and staff kicked off Active Aging Week with a Drumming Circle.



Residents Nancy Humphreys, Carolyn Lowe, Crawford Young, and Ida McCaskill had perfect weather for a walk at the Timmerman Trail.



Carolyn Lowe and one of the goats from Twin Farms Mobile Petting Zoo seem to be having a good conversation.



Residents dominated the ping pong competition for day three of Active Aging Week! Residents won SIX games, and the staff won three. Life Enrichment Director Monte Brown and Anna Faye Brooks square off for fun competition and exercise.



The Columbia Community had a wear pink for breast cancer awareness day and walked together to do a prayer and balloon release. This was a great way to come together for a good cause.



Saints Alive, the Columbia Community's choir helps bring in the Christmas spirit



September is National Intergeneration Month, and we were so grateful to spend time this weekend with the youth of Downtown Church (above and below). These middle schoolers and their church leaders taught us some fun, new to us games. Laughter could be heard all the way down the hall. We all want to do it again soon.



The Flukes performed Holiday tunes in Jasmine Place. Resident Beth Burnside even gave us the special treat of playing some of the songs on lap dulcimer! Also playing were Jenny Nance, Beth Burnside, Carolyn Lowe, Nancy Jacobs



Florence



The residents enjoyed an autumn boat ride with "Cap'n Rod's Lowcountry Tours" (above) followed by a wonderful picnic (below)!



Nell Oliver, Maary Ellen Sprawls, Hepsy Parham, Charles Stonerock, Grace Blackmon, Lu Ussery and Kate Powers.



Members of First Presbyterian Church, including resident Maymie Lou Spearman, performed a selection of Christmas songs.



Frank Rourke (right) and his family, enjoying a wonderful lunch and spending time together at our Christmas party.



Ruby, Val and Crystal, dancing at the staff Christmas party.



Lisa, Crystal and Sharon pause for a festive photo at the staff Christmas party.



Leadership at the Florence Community served lunch at the staff Christmas party.



Ruth Edwards gets a special visit from jolly ol' Saint Nick.



Debby Humphries and Jack Edwards at the resident Christmas party.



Landa Wise and Donna Mabry at the resident Christmas party.



Landa Wise shows off her new Christmas blanket.



Leon and Carolyn Wagnon at the resident Christmas party.



Hepsy Parham, making Christmas wreaths.



Jesse Bingham and Chaplain Rodney Foster, ready to serve at the staff Christmas party.



At the Florence leadership Christmas party: Rick Eaddy, Nikki Perry, Meredith Scott, Cyndal Shelnuitt, Rhonda Sanders, Stacey Mansfield, Debby Humphries, Bridgette Brown and Jesse Bingham.



Active Aging Week included a lot of competitions between staff and residents. We enjoyed Pickleball (above), Bean Bag Baseball, Chair Volleyball (below), Trivia Challenge, and Lifelong Learning.



Our residents love to kick-off the football season with our annual Tailgate Party. It's obvious to see who the majority of our residents are pulling for with all the orange. Above left: Clemson Tiger and Foothills beautician Barbara Warner. Right: Resident Bob Floriani



Right: MaryAnne Stoeppler helps with the Halloween face painting.



Halloween is always a Spooktacular Day from the Pup Parade to the showcase of our amazing costumes.



Residents Lee Churchfield and Judy Fitzsimmons host the treat table.



Resident Jim Tanksley and his daughter Sandy Cordell.



Charlotte Grusso, dressed as Charlotte's Web.



'Tis the season for Christmas cheer! Foothills started with a Jingle Mingle and celebrated into the evening with a saxophonist, 360° photo booth, and an impressive display of food stations. Visting with Santa are residents Mary Jane Edmondson (left) and Patricia Underwood (right).



Each year our residents look forward to supporting Operation Christmas Child in partnership with First Presbyterian in Greenville. There is a lot of excitement and participation from residents and staff.



It was a great day for the Walk to End Alzheimer's in Greenville at Fluor Field.



Jim Tanksley enjoys getting to know a resident of a local horse rescue in Pickens.



We revealed our Wall of Honor on Veterans Day showcasing all current residents and staff members who served in the military. This was a very special day at our community.



Resident Joan Erdman always ensures the flowers are looking their best in the Main Courtyard, a focal point of our community.



Pauline Bresko, Bob McCloskey, Gerry Smoak, Henry Hawkinson and Elizabeth Hawkinson enjoy the evening during our Executive Director's "S'mores and More" event.



Nancy Spurgeon and Joe Pinner, preparing for our 29th Anniversary Dinner.



Dorothea Hoffman and Jean Timbes at our first Casino Night. We enjoyed putting our funny money on the tables while playing craps, roulette and blackjack.



James Kirby enjoys our fall craft corner with USC volunteers.



Diane and Ken Mroczek, enjoying a date day at the South Carolina State Fair.



Chelsea Goodnight (Director of Community Life Services), Cessandra Carter (Director of Residential Services) Adriane Flemming (Administrative Assistant) Anita Blount (Med Tech), Robin Dean, Lindsey Boncorddo and Tina Cartwright (Life Enrichment Coordinators), and Karen Hellwig at the finish line at the Walk to End Alzheimer's at Segra Park.



Hosts of the local podcast “Abraham’s Table” joined our Interfaith Dialogue series for a thought-provoking session in our Three Rivers Room. Speakers included (right front row, left to right): Imam Omar Shaheed of Masjid As-Salaam, Rev. Ellen Skidmore of Forest Lake Presbyterian Church, Rabbi Jonathan Case from Beth Shalom Synagogue, and Laurel Crest Chaplain Mike Sears, who led the discussion.



Celebrating Laurel Crest’s win in a new Trivia Challenge against the Columbia Community! Seated: Judy Turnipseed, Dorothea Hoffman, Elisabeth Hall and Patsy Seals. Standing: Allie Scollon, Barbara Berkowitz, Chelsea Goodnight (Director of Community Life Services) and Lindsey Boncorddo (Life Enrichment Coordinator).



Visiting the South Carolina State Museum to see the Planetarium show, “We are Stars.” Standing: Tina Cartwright (Life Enrichment Coordinator), John Dean, Sandra Barr (Assistant Rehab Director), Karen Hellowig and Maureen Watson. Seated: James Kirby, Helen Goodwin, Robin Burriss and Jerry Watson.



Left: Christmas at Laurel Crest was full of magic, friendship and family this year! Decorating trees, making gingerbread houses, a tree lighting ceremony, a visit from the Heathwood Hall 4-year-old class to sing, and enjoying our Christmas dinners with surprise guests Mr. and Mrs. Claus made this December one to remember.



Betty Knoth, Barbara Berkowitz, Ken Perkins, Allie Scollon, Fran Dadisman and Barabara McKinnon enjoy a picnic lunch at the Cayce Riverwalk before a walk to the riverside.



The Veteran group from The Village at Summerville took a trip to the Veterans Victory House, a nursing home in Walterboro, SC, to visit with other vets. (L-R): Vincent Thurman, Jim Settle, Ray Doughty, Bill Spearman, Karl Robinson, John Shreve, Nancy Strickland, Carey Briar, Charles Belbassens, Bo Hamilton and Carl Weston.



Residents enjoy decorating Christmas cookies.



Residents gathered to create one-of-a-kind Christmas cards.



In preparation for the holidays, Joan Beyer and Wilma Bateman decorate a rollator.



Patsy and James Merritt enjoy the Evergreen Christmas celebration.



Lewis Mitchell enjoys happy hour prior to the annual Christmas dinner.



Chaplain Stephen Wilkins, dressed for the Christmas sweater parade.



Santa visits with Julie Strawn and Kathleen Dalton.



Susan and Skip Norris enjoy happy hour prior to the annual Christmas dinner.



Left: Santa and his helpers made a surprise visit to Evergreen House.



Right: Jean Thomsen enjoys a song from Elvis at a special tribute performance.



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