

August 2024

Dear Shorewood Landing residents, families and friends

I want to thank everyone who participated in nominating staff for the Presbyterian Homes Cross Awards. These awards recognize employees for going above and beyond in demonstrating our core values: Christian Ministry, Ready and Engaged People, Operational Integrity, Service Excellence, and Stewardship. It is an organizational wide honor to be nominated. The window for these nominations has closed but there are other ways in which you can recognize a great employee.

Throughout the year, you can recognize great personal service by contributing to the Shining Star program. Brochures regarding this program are posted near our mailbox. It is a way to acknowledge a specific employee for great customer service and also contribute to our Employee Appreciation fund. These funds are then used for staff parties, employee gifts, and other events. When an employee is recognized through this program they receive a star to wear on their badge, a recognition is announced at our daily meetings, and it is seen as a celebration for those who serve so well.

As we continue to hire and grow, we try to focus on our core beliefs and the heart of service. We are grateful to all of you!

Cindy Ehlen

Campus Administrator

Pray for the PHS CEO search

Discernment

As the search committee of the PHS board considers candidates for the next CEO of PHS, we invite you to join us in prayer to guide this work.

"If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you." — James 1:5

Lord of wisdom and might, as we enter this phase of discernment, we humbly seek your clarity and guidance. Grant us the wisdom to recognize the candidate who is not only equipped for the role but who also embodies the servant leadership required for this season. May our decision be a reflection of your will, leading to richest blessings for our ministry and those we serve. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

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Culinary—Cassie

We will be hosting a brunch lunch buffet on Sunday, August 18 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The menu will include: French toast with berries and whipped topping, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, breakfast potatoes, and pastries. Make sure to check out the August menu for additional buffet offerings.



Resident Services—Megan

August is national wellness month! Wellness expands beyond just physical health. Although taking care of your physical body is important, you also want to make sure you are taking care of your emotional, social, intellectual, spiritual, and occupational health as well. These are the six categories of wellness identified by the National Wellness Institute. You can practice wellness so many different ways from journaling, going to church, spending time with friends, volunteering, reading and so much more! What is your favorite way to take care of your wellness?

Shining Star

Presbyterian Homes & Services is a not-for-profit organization that relies upon philanthropy to help fulfill its mission to honor God by enriching the lives and touching the hearts of older adults.



Did a staff member make sure your service or care was not only great, but also delivered with a smile? Did someone demonstrate an act of kindness that made your day? If that person is your Shining Star, here is the perfect opportunity to thank them.

Your charitable, tax deductible gift is a thoughtful way to express your appreciation for exceptional service, care, or an act of kindness that you have received from one of the staff. Your gift will be directed to the Where the Need is Greatest Fund for your community. Please visit the front desk for a donation envelope.

Volunteer Opportunities

We are always happy to welcome new volunteers to Shorewood Landing. Residents, families, and friends are all welcome to volunteer! Our residents are looking for someone to play 500 with and help them with their computers. Please contact Tom Niland at 952-401-7436 for more information.

Monthly Gifts: Keep it simple and safe

Individuals sometimes set up monthly gifts for convenience when they generously consider the needs of their community while planning their budgets. These gifts create a stable funding source for your community — furthering employee education, expressing employee appreciation, providing spiritual support and creating life enrichment activities.

You may choose to send monthly gifts by mail, however, there are other ways to give that save postage and are not at risk of being stolen or lost in the mail.

Checking/savings account

Giving directly from your bank account is a convenient and secure option. Through a bank's routing number, gifts of \$20 or more may be transferred from a checking or savings account without having to write and mail checks. We are happy to assist you in setting this up correctly and ensure your gifts are processed smoothly. If you need to change or discontinue the arrangement at any time, simply notify us.

Debit/credit card

Another way to give monthly is to set up a recurring charge on your debit or credit card. This option may be beneficial if you earn rewards or cash back with your card. You choose the amount you give and the day on which the charge will be made. Please note that, if setting up the gift online, the date of the first transaction becomes the default date for future transactions. To make changes to upcoming gift dates or amounts, or to discontinue future charges, let us know and we can help.

Getting started

To set up a recurring gift please call 651-631-6105 or 651-631-6418, and we will be happy to assist. You can also visit PresHomes.org/give, click **Give Monthly**, then **Become a Monthly Giver**. We ensure that your information is kept secure, so you can give with confidence.

We are grateful for your consideration of a monthly gift. Your support makes a difference!

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Campus Pastor—Pastor Tom

This summer has been a wonderful one with a lot of rain, but we have found renewed strength as we have endured the first two months of the summer. Now we enter the dog days of summer; August. It seems like we just had spring come, where flowers bloomed and the days revealed the beauty of God's Creation.

Yes, we are heading into the final month before fall, when the kids will return to school for a new year. Parents try to recover from keeping up with those energetic young ones throughout the summer months.

Yet, we have so much to be thankful for as we witness the beauty of our world all around us. Every season is wonderful, and living through each of them is a way of seeing God's hand upon our world and our lives.

My wife and I put a bird bath out in our front yard with the bird feeders, and we actually believe the amount of birds have tripled. It's amazing how God knows each and every one of these beautiful birds. They never seem to have a care in the world. Oh, if only we could be like the birds.

We read in Luke 12 that we do not have to worry about our lives. In verse 22, Jesus says to his disciples, "Do not worry about your life, what you will eat; nor about the body, what you will put on." Jesus is telling His disciples and all who believe in Him that we must realize that God is in control.

Look at verse 24: "Consider the ravens, for they neither sow nor reap, which have neither storehouse nor barn; and God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds?" Jesus also goes on to say how beautiful the lilies of the field are and how God's glory can be seen.

The lesson for us is that we need to surrender our lives to Jesus and to walk this life in honor and glory to Him. 1 Corinthians 10:31, "Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God." What a promise to walk with Jesus every day.

Pastor Tom



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Town Hall Meeting

Please join us:

What: Shorewood Landing Town Hall Resident Meeting

When: The third Tuesday of every month at 2:00 p.m.

Where: The Community Room

Why: For monthly and building updates

Who: EVERYONE!

Family Council

Families have the right to meet with other family members at Shorewood Landing. We have reserved the Community Room every **second Wednesday of the month at 5:00 p.m.** Please note this meeting is not attended by a staff person unless requested by the families participating.

We are happy to assist with coordinating a speaker if there is interest in a particular topic. Please contact 952-401-7444 if you have questions.

Additionally—Residents have the right to meet. We are always looking for volunteer resident council. Contact Megan for more information at 952-401-7434

Resident Spotlight

NAME: Stella Moore

FAVORITE ACTIVITY: Bowling. I was in a bowling league for years.

FAVORITE JOB: When I was a teenager I worked in the local hospital with newborn babies.

FAVORITE VACATION: Florida

FAVORITE SWEET SNACK: Poptarts

FAVORITE SALTY SNACK: Sunchips

FAVORITE TV SHOW: America's Funniest Videos

Shorewood Landing welcomes the following people to our community!

New Residents:

- Delores W.

New Staff:

- Samantha R. – Clinical RA
- Abigail B.– Clinical RA
- Jeanette M.– Clinical RA
- Sophia R. – Clinical RA



August Birthdays!

Join us for Cake & Ice Cream!

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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.

Residents:	Staff:
Miriam J. 8/1	Peng S. 8/6
Pat J. 8/8	Lauren M. 8/12
Dottie S. 8/10	Jackson M. 8/20
Gale B. 8/16	Wendy S. 8/25
Jean R. 8/17	Zaimah H. 8/26
Bob R. 8/23	Megan K. 8/27
Bev L. 8/25	Heather S. 8/28
Sharon W. 8/25	Michael O. 8/28
John K. 8/26	Gabrielle A. 8/30



Living longer, healthier and stronger

Presbyterian Homes and Services is here to support you! With onsite outpatient therapy through **Presbyterian Homes and Services Rehabilitation** and home health services through **Optage** (available in Minnesota), there is a convenient way to connect with a physical, occupational, or speech therapist in a PHS community near you!

It's time to see therapy not as a last resort, but as a regular part of our health regimen, just like our annual check-ups. By focusing on strength, flexibility, balance, safety and function, therapy can prevent the very injuries it was once primarily used to treat.

Let's embrace this proactive approach and make therapy a cornerstone of our strategy to live longer, healthier, and more fulfilling lives. To-

gether, we can redefine what it means to age gracefully and empower ourselves to take control of our health journey!

For more information, contact your on-site therapy team, visit our website www.preshomes.org/ therapy, or call 651-746-8200 for more information.

2024 Christmas Card

Spread goodwill and cheer by sharing your artistic spirit!

Submit your original artwork to be the cover of the 2024 Presbyterian Homes & Services annual Christmas Card.

- Deadline for submissions is **Sept. 13**.
- Submit artwork to communication@preshomes.org.

TIP: Take a picture or scan it to submit.