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**WESTMINSTER CANTERBURY WEEKLY SUMMARY–DECEMBER 16, 2021–3 P.M.**

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**John Burns**

*Vibrancy! Updates*

Construction on the Parking Deck and Promenade continues. The Parking Deck is going up quickly as the precast panels arrive and are put into place by the large crane. If you are interested in watching the progress, you can find a link to a live feed on Touchtown under *Vibrancy!* or [click here](#). Next week the concrete will be poured for the expanded areas of the Promenade. In the next few days, updated progress photos and information will be available in the Tower Lobby and on Touchtown. We look forward to sharing more about the progress after the first of the year.

*Coronavirus Update*

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) positivity rate for Henrico County is currently 7.75%. This is an increase. Our region remains at a high community transmission level.

Currently, three fully vaccinated employees have tested positive and are in quarantine at home. Two Dining employees tested positive after being separately exposed to a family member and a friend. One Parsons Health Center employee tested positive. Per guidelines from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), residents who live in Parsons Health Center Third Floor West will be under quarantine until Saturday, December 25. Visitors to Parsons Health Center Third Floor West will be required to wear personal protective equipment during this quarantine period. Parsons Health Center Third Floor West residents and exposed staff were tested for COVID-19 and will be tested again next week. So far, all the test results have returned negative, which is great news.

We encourage everyone – residents, employees, friends and family – to stay safe while enjoying the holiday season. Please get a booster vaccine when you are eligible. Stay home if you do not feel well and contact your physician, or residents may call the Clinic. Please do not come to the Clinic if you are symptomatic. Call 264-6231, and they will come to you. Everyone is encouraged to wear a mask when around people who are not from your household.

*Event Updates*

There are many events and ways to celebrate the holiday season. Please check Touchtown or read *The Westminster Canterbury Tales* for all the details.

On Tuesday, December 21, Virginia Repertory Theatre will perform *It's a Wonderful Life-A Live Radio Play*. Due to Actors' Equity Association requirements, masks will be required in the Sara Belle November Theater for this performance. Masks will be provided to anyone who needs one.

Resident Gift Wrapping will be available on Saturday, December 18, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Center Lobby or on Tuesday, December 21, 10 a.m.-noon in the Center Lobby and Marketplace.

## *Westminster Canterbury Weekly*

Today is our last *Westminster Canterbury Weekly* of the year. There will be no broadcast on Thursdays, December 23 or December 30. Please join us on Thursday, January 6, in person in the Sara Belle November Theater or live on TV970.

## **Glendon Kemp**

### *Visitation Reminders*

All visitors to Mary Morton Parsons Health Center and Assisted Living must be screened and sign visitation logs, including residents visiting from other areas of the community. Visitors to Independent Living only are not required to be screened at this time.

Masks are required for everyone in our community except for residents. While we encourage residents to wear a mask when around others, we are not requiring it except in the healthcare areas of the campus. All visitors to Mary Morton Parsons Health Center, Assisted Living, Rehab, the Clinic and the Child Development Center are required to wear a mask at all times.

## **Gayle Haglund**

### *Foundation Update*

As the song says, "It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas." This is true everywhere you look and also in Westminster Canterbury Foundation's mailbox! The spirit of generosity is always marvelous to experience at Westminster Canterbury. This holiday season, we are amazed by the financial generosity so many are sharing. On behalf of the Foundation, we offer a big, sincere thank you for supporting the mission we share.

The Annual Fellowship Fund is very important because we are able to welcome seniors to our campus who could not otherwise be part of this community, and we are able to provide security and peace of mind to each and every resident who lives here. Residents will never be asked to leave for financial reasons that are no fault of their own. Our goal for 2021 is \$1,675,000. As of this morning, we crossed the \$1.6 million mark.

You have heard us talk about *the Vibrant Vision* Campaign, which ends on December 31. Terrific generosity has been given to this effort. Every gift counts toward our total, and we are getting closer and closer to success. By mid-January we will share the final results. If you still want to be included, we welcome your participation. Feel free to reach out to Gayle Haglund at 264-6702 or the Foundation at 264-6066.

Here is a fun way to help two *Vibrant Vision* priorities. On Friday, December 17, we hope to see you in the November Gallery where eight vendors will be holding the last Craft Sale of the season. A portion of the proceeds benefit the Foundation, either the Annual Fellowship Fund or the W·E·A·V·E Program, which supports our employees. There are many beautiful, handmade items available for purchase.

Also on Friday, December 17, another great way to shop is downstairs at the Shops on Main, where all proceeds benefit the Annual Fellowship Fund. The Treasure Chest and Echo Shop are open from 10-11:30 a.m. for residents and 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. for staff. The Furniture Room will be open from 10-11 a.m. for staff and 11 a.m.-noon for residents.

Thank you so much for all you do to make this a special place to live and work. We wish you a blessed Christmas!

## **Marty Kane**

### *Dining Increases to the Declining Balance Plan*

Based on resident feedback, we have elected to increase the minimums for each of the declining balance plans. Effective January 1, 2022, the \$150.00 plan will increase to \$175.00, and the \$300.00 plan will increase to \$325.00.

If you no longer wish to participate in either plan, please notify your Social Worker or Kim Briggs at 264-6093 or Shakeela Webster at 264-6087 in Accounting. Please note that your declining balance plan will automatically increase on January 1, 2022, unless you notify us.

## **David Curtis**

### *Pastoral Care*

Please join us on Sunday, December 19, at 4 p.m., in the Sanctuary and on TV970, for Taize worship with Rev. Dr. Roger Gench. Roger is the current theologian in residence at Richmond's Second Presbyterian Church. Taize is a service of simple chants, prayers and scriptures.

We will celebrate Christmas with several services. On Thursday, December 23, at 10:30 a.m., in the Sanctuary, we will have a Service of Lessons and Carols. Residents will read the lessons as we hear the familiar story of the birth of Jesus. On Friday, December 24, at 4 p.m., our Christmas Eve Communion service will be officiated by The Rt. Rev. Susan Goff, Bishop Suffragan and Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese of Virginia. On Saturday, December 25, at 10:30 a.m., in the Sanctuary, Rev. Dr. Lynn McClintock will lead the Christmas Day service. All three services will also be shown on TV970.

We also know that this time of year can be challenging for some. We are surrounded by lights, ornaments and decorations, and yet, some may not feel that joy as completely as others. For some of us, the holiday season can bring forth complicated feelings of joy and loss, of hope and regret, of love and loss. This year, we will again offer our Longest Night Service on Monday, December 20, at 4 p.m., in the Sanctuary, to recognize and acknowledge the many different feelings and emotions we may be experiencing. You are welcome to join us.

Tonight at 7:30 p.m., Dr. Blake and the Marketeers will lead a Christmas Singalong in the Sanctuary.

### *Isaiah 40:9; 60:1*

O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, get thee up into the high mountain; O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, and be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God! Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.