
WESTMINSTER CANTERBURY WEEKLY SUMMARY—FEBRUARY 24, 2022—3 P.M.

John Burns

COVID-19 Updates

Henrico County remains at a high level of community transmission of COVID-19. The current positivity rate has dropped to 10.9%, its lowest point since December 27. The numbers of cases, hospitalizations and deaths in the region are all declining.

Three employees who tested positive for COVID-19 are recovering in quarantine. They work in Mary Morton Parsons Health Center and Westminster Canterbury Richmond at Home. The number of employees who are exposed to those with COVID-19 or experiencing symptoms is declining. There are no known cases in Independent Living or Parsons Health Center residents. Two Assisted Living residents tested positive and are recovering in quarantine.

Details of upcoming events are available in today's issue of *The Westminster Canterbury Tales*.

Dining will continue to resume services. Beginning Monday, outside guests and Parsons Health Center residents may dine in the Marketplace. The Canterbury Room will open for dinner only for all residents and outside guests.

The Shops on Main will reopen on Friday, March 4, with separate shopping hours for employees and residents. See *The Tales* for details.

Communications

We are evolving the ways we communicate to make the best use of our resources and to better meet your needs. In March, please join us for live *Westminster Canterbury Weekly* updates on March 10 and 24. There will be no *Westminster Canterbury Weekly* on March 3, 17 or 31.

In April, we will resume a monthly in-person opportunity to gather to hear updates and ask questions on the first Tuesday of each month at 11 a.m. in the Sara Belle November Theater or live on TV970. Please mark your calendar for the first *Westminster Canterbury Monthly* on Tuesday, April 5.

Jeanette Ucci

Lettie Pate Whitehead Evans Day

Westminster Canterbury has an important and fun tradition of celebrating Lettie Pate Whitehead Evans Day each February. We are celebrating Lettie Pate Day this year in a slightly different way and a little later than typical.

On Tuesday, March 15, we will celebrate the birthday anniversary of Lettie Pate Whitehead Evans during a 7:30 p.m. performance in the Sara Belle November Theater by the popular VCU Jazz Orchestra I.

Who was Lettie Pate Whitehead Evans? She was born and lived for many of her 81 years in Virginia. The Whitehead fortune started with just one savvy business purchase when her first husband, Joseph Whitehead, and a partner secured the first rights to bottle Coca-Cola in most of the United States – for just one dollar!

Mrs. Evans's remarkable philanthropy continues to touch the lives of many, long after her death in 1953. The Lettie Pate Whitehead Foundation, founded by Mrs. Evans's son, is the largest source of financial support for Westminster Canterbury Foundation's Fellowship Program, which provides housing, meals and medical care for approximately 100 of our residents each year. Since 1975, the Lettie Pate Whitehead Foundation's gifts to our Fellowship Program have totaled more than \$11 million!

Each year, we celebrate Mrs. Evans's exceptional legacy by commemorating her birthday and presenting the annual Lettie Pate Whitehead Evans Award for distinguished service. This year's recipient is Wilson R. Trice, a dedicated community volunteer who served as a Trustee and Chair of the Foundation Board, including more than 15 years volunteering for the Fellowship Program. As an exemplary servant leader, he has made a tremendous difference in the lives of many people at Westminster Canterbury and in greater Richmond.

Please join us on Tuesday, March 15, at 7:30 p.m. to celebrate Wilson Trice and the legacy of Lettie Pate Whitehead Evans. Tickets are required to attend the Theater performance. Please see *The Tales* for ticket information. This performance will also be broadcast live on TV970 if you wish to watch it from your apartment.

Join us for a reception after the program in the Cochrane Commons, which will include the famous and delicious Lettie Pate cookies, baked just once per year by our Pastry Chef Miles Young. We look forward to celebrating 2022 Lettie Pate Day with you, and as always, thank you for your inspiring generosity!

David Curtis

Pastoral Care

The season of Lent begins Wednesday, March 2. One way to observe Lent is with *2022 Lenten Journey* devotion booklet. In its 25th year, the *Lenten Journey* is a collection of staff and resident reflections which will help deepen your Lenten observance. A copy of the *Lenten Journey* was placed in resident mailboxes. If you need another, please call Vanessa Perry at 200-1502 or David Curtis at 261-5179.

Next Wednesday, March 2, is Ash Wednesday. Fr. Jim Begley from St. Paul's Catholic Church will be with us at 10:30 a.m. for Mass and the imposition of ashes. At 3 p.m., The Rt. Rev. Susan Goff from the Diocese of Virginia and the Rev. Fred Holbrook from the Presbytery of the James will be with us for Communion and the imposition of ashes. Both services will be held in the Sanctuary and will be shown on TV970.

Join us Thursday, March 3, at 10:30 a.m., for worship and communion in the Sanctuary. Rev. Amy Starr Redwine from Richmond's First Presbyterian Church will be with us to preach and preside.

Beginning March 1, the Pastoral Care Department will resume in-person memorial services that residents and outside guests can attend. We will no longer broadcast memorial services on TV970. This was a temporary measure until we were able to return to in-person gatherings.

Lastly, there is still room for "The Practice of Listening" with David Hoover. This will meet for four Tuesdays, beginning March 1, from 3-4:30 p.m., in the Sanctuary. To register, please call Vanessa Perry at 200-1501.