

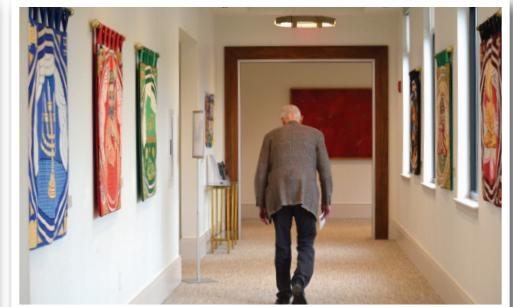


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Pastoral Care



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The Pastoral Care team is here to help nurture your unique spiritual life.

The variety of faith and cultural traditions represented by our residents and staff enrich our community in wonderful ways. Currently, our residents belong to approximately 13 denominations, five faith groups and more than 125 churches or places of worship.

Our chaplains provide spiritual and emotional support while fostering connections within our community. There is often a religious component to our work, and each chaplain is ordained in a specific denomination. That said, we serve residents of all faiths as well as those who don't follow any religious tradition but may find spiritual connection through worship, art, nature, or other meaningful experiences.

Chaplains provide one-on-one pastoral support, host a variety of worship services, discussion groups, lectures, concerts, and other opportunities for groups to gather and make connections.

You can find out about specific programs, worship services, and small groups in the Pastoral Care brochures located in the Spiritual Center and throughout campus, as well as on the My WCR app.

Please contact Vanessa Perry, Pastoral Care Administrator, at 200-1502 with questions about upcoming programs and services, to sign up for a group, or to request chaplain support.



REV. JENNIFER TE VELDE *Chaplain*

Jenny te Velde joined the Pastoral Care department in 2019. She provides support to residents in the Mary Morton Parsons Health Center, leads small groups, and coordinates our bereavement program.

She completed her Master of Divinity degree at Yale Divinity School in 2013 and was ordained into the Gospel Ministry by First Baptist Church Waynesboro, Virginia, that same year. Jenny is a member of and endorsed as a chaplain by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. She completed a residency in Clinical Pastoral Education at Indiana University Health in 2015 and served as a hospice chaplain in Indiana and South Carolina before coming to Westminster Canterbury Richmond.

Jenny's office is located on Pavilion, third floor. Her office number is 264.6607.



VANESSA PERRY *Pastoral Care Administrator*

Vanessa Perry joined the Pastoral Care department in 2006. She provides overall assistance to the chaplains including aiding with memorial services and lectures, purchasing, payment approvals, correspondence, visitation recording and helping with all departmental publications.

Vanessa's office is located in the Pastoral Care office in the Center area of campus, first floor—just beyond Kathleen's. Her office number is 200.1502.



REV. JAY MORGAN

Chaplain

Jay Morgan joined the Pastoral Care department as Chaplain in 2022. He is focused on supporting residents and families during times of transition including major health changes, moves to new areas of campus, and bereavement care. He welcomes new residents and staff as they move into the community and joins in the combined work of our team of regular visitation, leadership of worship and memorials, and staff care.

Jay graduated from Union Presbyterian Seminary with a Master of Divinity degree in 2020. He completed a Master of Science degree in Patient Counseling from Virginia Commonwealth University in 2021, having spent the same year completing a Clinical Pastoral Education Residency at VCU Health. Jay is ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Jay's office is located on Pavilion, third floor, Room 8381. His number is 200.1501.

WHAT WE DO

VISITATION

Visitation is the highest priority of the Pastoral Care department because we strongly believe in the significance of being present with our residents. There are a number of different kinds of visits. These include:

- Welcome visits and house blessings
- Conversations about life and transitions
- Crisis visits
- End of life visits
- Hospital visits

WORSHIP

Worship is at the center of life at Westminster Canterbury Richmond as a faith-based charitable organization. We offer more than 24 worship and religious education opportunities every week, including Bible study, worship and communion. These are led by our staff, area clergy and community and resident volunteers. Residents and area musicians offer their talents at many of our services. Family and friends are invited to all of our worship services.

We have evening prayer, led by resident volunteers, Monday through Friday at 4:45 p.m. for approximately 15 minutes. Evening prayer, held in the lovely Montague Chapel, is a peaceful way to end the day.

Worship services in the Sanctuary are on Thursdays and Sundays. Our Thursday services start at 10:30 a.m. with area clergy of various denominations preaching and leading worship. Services alternate between Episcopal and other denominations. Residents in the Mary Morton Parsons Health Center may request that Holy Eucharist and communion be brought to them in their rooms.

On Sundays we have 4 p.m. Devotions/Evening Prayer in the Montague Chapel. The service rotates between Episcopal and other denominational services, a Celtic service, Taizé worship and lively Hymn Sings.

Services normally last 30-45 minutes. If you are unable to attend in person, services can be viewed by live stream or at your convenience 24/7 at www.WCRLive.org or through the My WCR app under the WCR Live icon.

We invite you to bring your experience and ideas to worship and spiritual education offerings! Please contact our friendly Pastoral Care department to discuss.

EDUCATION

Pastoral Care offers a variety of educational opportunities for both residents and staff. Engaging presentations are led by seminary professors, ministers and community leaders. Bible studies, devotional groups and book discussions are held throughout the campus.

A schedule of coming lectures can be found in the Pastoral Care brochure, the My WCR App under the Activities icon or *The Westminster Canterbury Tales*.



**REV. DEACON
DAVID CURTIS**
Chaplain

David Curtis joined the Pastoral Care department in 2017. His main responsibilities include organizing area clergy worship leadership, coordinating our volunteer programs such as our Communion Visitors, altar guild, and hostesses, and providing support for Pastoral Care programming. David also visits with residents, primarily on Mary Morton Parsons Health Center first floor and in Independent Living.

David is an ordained deacon in the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia. He is active within the diocese and serves as the deacon at All Saints Episcopal Church, Richmond.

David's office is located in the Spiritual Center, near the Sanctuary. His office number is 261.5107.



REV. DEACON LOGAN TAYLOR *Memory Support Chaplain*

Logan leads support groups, provides pastoral support to residents and their families, cares for residents and their families through the end of life process, and provides educational opportunities to equip lay ministers, clergy, and visitors for ministry to people with dementia.

Logan graduated from Virginia Theological Seminary in 2013 with a master of arts degree in religion and pastoral care and completed a master of science degree in patient counseling from Virginia Commonwealth University in 2016. She worked at VCU Health as a chaplain for almost three years, and then served as a hospice chaplain where she had the privilege of walking with patients and their families through end of life care. Many of the patients she served in hospice were living with dementia.

Logan was ordained as a vocational deacon in the Episcopal Church in 2018 and is a Board Certified Chaplain through the Association of Professional Chaplains.

Logan's office is on the Lower Level just past the Avalon entrance. Her office number is 261.5398.

PUBLICATIONS

At the beginning of the season of Lent, the Pastoral Care office offers a very popular booklet, *The Lenten Journey: A Collection of Devotions*. With over 6,000 copies distributed on campus and in the larger Richmond faith community, residents, staff and community leaders share stories of faith.

SPIRITUAL LIBRARY

The Spiritual Library is located across from the Lane Learning Center, just past the Canterbury Room in the Courtyard. The library contains books from a variety of authors, including many current titles. Current events, Bibles, world religions and personal devotions are just a few of the items available. All are welcome.

A directory of our books is located in the Tower library. To find the online spiritual library, visit <https://wcrpastoral.libib.com/>.

MEMORIAL SERVICE PLANNING

Many of our residents appreciate discussing their final arrangements with a chaplain. We are here to support our residents as they think about their memorial service and end-of-life arrangements. Residents may want their memorial service in their home church, or at Westminster Canterbury. We welcome your clergy to participate in a service here, and our chaplains often conduct memorial services on campus, as well. We are here to support our residents' preferences.

Thinking ahead and documenting one's wishes is a wonderful gift to one's family. Pre-arranging one's memorial service and cremation/burial options can spare the family from having to

make significant and costly decisions at a time when they are greatly stressed. Our chaplains are trained to assist residents in such discussions, including completing Advance Medical Directives.

EMMAUS MEMORIAL GARDEN

Our beautiful Emmaus Garden, located on the west side of the Spiritual Center, provides a quiet place in lovely surroundings where a committal service may be held and cremains buried. Please contact the Pastoral Care department for an informational brochure.

M EET THE PASTORAL CARE STAFF



REV. DR. FAITH FITZGERALD
Director Pastoral Care

Faith joined the Pastoral Care department in early 2025. Faith is an ordained minister, endorsed for chaplaincy through the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and a Board-Certified Chaplain through the Association of Professional Chaplains.

Prior to joining the Westminster Canterbury Richmond team, Faith has served as the Director of Community Health Programs at Hospice of the Chesapeake in Pasadena, Maryland, Spiritual Care Associate at Masonic Village in Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania, and Hospice Chaplain at Main Line Health Hospice in the Philadelphia area. She completed Clinical Pastoral Education internships at WakeMed Hospital in Raleigh, North Carolina, and a year-long residency at Einstein Healthcare Network in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Faith is a graduate of Wingate University (Bachelor of Music Education), Campbell University Divinity School (Master of Divinity) and Lancaster Theological Seminary (Doctor of Ministry).

Faith's office is located in the Pastoral Care office in the Center area of campus, first floor—just beyond Kathleen's. Her office number is 264.6474.