

Campus Connections



ST. PAUL'S
SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITY

Monthly Newsletter for Residents,
Families, Volunteers, Staff and Friends

DECEMBER 2025

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Halloween Fun Across Campus



This year's Halloween celebration at St. Paul's was one for the books! Our neighborhoods went all out for a spirited team costume contest, with staff and residents alike getting creative and festive.

From Alice in Wonderland (complete with residents as the cards!) to Aladdin, The Spice Girls, Dunkin' Donuts, Deviled Eggs, Condiments, S'mores, a dog shelter, a farm, and countless other imaginative costumes, the campus was bursting with color, fun, and Halloween spirit.

We're thrilled to say that participation this year was the greatest we've seen in recent memory, with more team members and residents than ever joining in the fun. It was wonderful to see everyone come together, celebrate, and show off their creativity!



See many more photos at:

www.stpauls1867.org/about/photo-gallery/staff-costume-contest

Fun Fridays



Friday, December 5 – Wear Your Ugly Christmas sweaters

Ugly Christmas sweater day is here! The brighter, louder, and uglier, the better.

Friday, December 12 – Grinch Day

It's Grinch Day! The one day a year you're encouraged to roll into work a little grinchy. Dress as the Grinch or wear your best Grinch-themed gear and join the fun!



Friday, December 19 – Jingle Gear Day

Today's all about festive accessories. Bring out your Christmas socks, hats, headbands, and anything that adds a little holiday cheer!

Friday, December 26 – Pajama Day

Settle in and stay cozy, it's PJ Day again! Wear your favorite pajamas and enjoy a relaxed day after the holiday.



If you have a story, example, photo, etc. of any—or all—of our Core Values in action please email: corevaluescorner@sp1867.org and we will showcase it on this page.

Core Values

Corner

This month we are honored to share heartfelt words from families who have witnessed firsthand the extraordinary compassion, person-centered focus, respect, and sense of security our team brings to those we serve each day. These Caring Heart messages reflect not only moments of kindness, but the genuine dedication and human connection that define our mission at St. Paul's. Our team members consistently demonstrate what it means to serve with purpose and heart. We extend our gratitude to the families who shared these reflections—and to the remarkable staff whose everyday actions bring our core values to life.

To: Vicki Vandergrift (Home-Based Services)
From: Raymond Costello (Client Family Member)

"Vicki established a bond with my mother. My mother looked forward to her visit each week. Her visits gave me a sense of security that my mother had someone to look after her while I was away. This gave me peace of mind. Vicki is a caring person. My brother-in-law would stop by and he found her to be person-centered and caring."

To: Tiffany White, PCA
From: Jill Murrin (Resident Family Member)
"Tiffany is an awesome addition to The Circle. Her smile is infectious. Her attitude is always upbeat. I love seeing her interactions with mom. She is great at anticipating her moods and needs!"



To: Brenda Michaels (PCA at The Ridgewood)
From: Suzanne Blair (Resident Family Member)
"From day one Brenda's kindness, compassion and dedication was evident. Her attentive care of our Mom and support of our family was a source of constant comfort during some very profoundly difficult days. It is very clear to all of us that Brenda has found her calling, she brings light to the lives of those for whom she cares! Her daily thoughtful actions and personal touches made a world of difference as our Mom was living the last days of her life. Fluffing a pillow, pushing hair out of her eyes or a kind word, none of them went unnoticed. Simple, but profound heroic acts of kindness. Not once did we ever feel insignificant or rushed, Brenda was always willing to talk and share how things were going with our Mom. We will always be grateful for the dignity and warmth she showed during such a tender time. She is an angel and one of St. Paul's finest for sure. We will be forever grateful."

To: Cindy Legwaila (Music Therapist)
From: Amy Edwards (Resident Family Member)
"Music has been integral in my mother's entire life and I have been thrilled that music is implemented in life enrichment throughout the week by many staff members but most especially by a very knowledgeable music therapist, Cindy. She is just the sort of person that is an easily made friend to every resident with songs and stories to share among all. Cindy has used her skills to try to bring my mom out of her bed since Mom was sleeping extremely late. She didn't hesitate to just begin singing and playing her guitar and it really helped. Cindy has also spent time speaking with me on a number of occasions to discover what could be of benefit to my mother."

Policy on gifts and gratuities

While residents, clients and family members often wish to show their appreciation for the care and services rendered by St. Paul's staff, St. Paul's must ensure that residents, clients and family members do not feel obligated to give St. Paul's or its staff gifts or gratuities in order to assure a resident or client receives quality care. In order to comply with this policy St. Paul's has set forth the following guidelines:

1. Employees may not ask or suggest that a resident or client, or any person acting on behalf of a resident or client should offer or give gifts or gratuities to St. Paul's staff.
2. Employees may not accept cash or currency of any kind, including but not limited to tips from any source or individual. Employee bonuses and/or gifts provided by St. Paul's do not constitute gifts or gratuities.
3. Employees may only accept non-cash gifts that do not exceed \$10.00, and/or are shared by the whole staff. In order to be considered a non-cash gift, the gift cannot be converted to currency.

Opportunities for Gifts of Appreciation to Staff

Many residents, clients and families often ask how they can give back and say "Thank You" to the staff who have provided excellent care to their loved ones while living at St. Paul's. These two funds give you the opportunity to do so:

1. A donation may be made to the Staff Appreciation Fund. This fund enables St. Paul's to recognize all staff. (i.e., to provide staff apparel, staff appreciation picnics, or gift cards for various occasions.)
2. A donation can be made to the Staff Education Fund. This fund helps St. Paul's offer various educational opportunities to grow and develop team members' skills

If you would like to make a donation to staff for anything outside of these two funds, please see your administrator or director to talk about specifics.

Employees may not accept individual gifts, cash or currency of any kind from a resident or family member. We appreciate your support of these guidelines in order for us to remain compliant with regulations and our corporate compliance policies.

~ IN MEMORIAM ~

Residents who have passed
October 16, 2025 — November 15, 2025

10/16/25	Arthur Drew
10/22/25	Leticia Aiken
10/24/25	Steve Sveda
10/25/25	Joanne Ferrazzano
10/26/25	Ida Evans
10/28/25	Herman Hesson
11/02/25	Jennie Flack
11/13/25	Sandra Beckman
11/13/25	Betty Gosnell



Greenville Caregiver Support Group

Presented by:
Alzheimer's
Association
Greater PA Chapter

Dec. 2, 2025
2 - 3:30 p.m.

The Keifer Building
341 E. Jamestown Rd.
Greenville, PA 16125

Contact:
Michelle O'Malley
724-588-9613
ext. 1427

Build a support system
with people who
understand.

Alzheimer's Association® caregiver support groups, conducted by trained facilitators, are a safe place for caregivers, family and friends of persons with dementia to:

- Develop a support system.
- Exchange practical information on caregiving challenges and possible solutions.
- Talk through issues and ways of coping.
- Share feelings, needs and concerns.
- Learn about community resources.

Guest Apartment at The Heritage Available



The guest apartment in The Heritage is available to rent to families or loved ones who need a place to stay while visiting.

The one bedroom apartment has a queen-size bed (a roll-away bed is also available if needed), microwave, refrigerator and a flat screen television. The cost is \$89 per night. Check in is 3 p.m. and check out is 11 a.m. For reservations, call 724-588-7610 ext. 1400.

Spiritual Services

A Message from Chaplain Pat

Season's Greetings! By the time you read this we will in short succession have just emerged from the Season of Thanksgiving, just had our first week of the Advent Season, where we who are self-identified Christians, begin preparation for the birth of the Christ child, moving fast towards Christmas, followed immediately by the New Year. Whew! It's a lot. Hopefully, we will all take a collective breath in January.

A short documentary showed up in my YouTube recommended about a community that defines itself by Gifting. They gift produce from their gardens, they gift meals made from the produce from their garden, as well as byproducts from the land upon which they reside. The land itself was gifted for this community of Gifting. The gifting is a vehicle for community and relationship building. They meet their neighbors by gifting them a box of produce. After sharing a conversation, they follow-up with items the neighbor particularly likes or eats regularly which leads to a deeper conversation and relationship building. Some people gift their time as volunteers to help with the garden or distribute the produce and the circle of neighbors grows ever wider.

I was intrigued by the definition of "Gifting" the community leader shared. He uses "gifting" rather than "free" since the context of "free goods" or "free produce" is to not accept money. When a box of produce has no price attached, in our culture it is literally without value. Think of an item marked down from \$5, to \$4, to \$3, to now \$0. So he began using "Gifting" because he is valuing the care that goes into growing the produce, selecting it for neighbors, cooking meals with it, offering those meals to whoever shows up, so "gifting" represents more accurately for him the value he is placing on the relationship with neighbors with what he is offering. I wonder if in our gifting of presents, or hospitality or food how it would be different if we shared with our family, neighbors, and friends the care and thought that went into what we offer?

While this month of December's focus is usually on one particular day, way towards the end of the month, with the further focus on gifts, I invite you to step back a bit from the hub-bub and franticness of the shopping season to focus instead on gifting. May you use this Winter Season to be reflective of how you care for others and how they in turn care for you. – Chaplain Pat

The Blue Christmas Service

honoring those we are missing this Christmas Season will be held as part of regular Sunday Worship on Winter Solstice **Sunday, Dec. 21**. The Heritage (AFH), 9 a.m.; The Villas (HFC), 10 a.m. & RW (Harmony Hall), 11 a.m.
All are welcome.

The Colony Christmas Service

The 19th Hole – Thursday, Dec. 18 at 4 p.m.

Christmas Eve Worship of "Lessons & Carols"

Wednesday, Dec. 24

The Heritage (AFH), 9 a.m.; The Villas (HFC), 10 a.m. & RW (Harmony Hall), 11 a.m.

If any residents are interested in reading one of the Lessons in any of the Services, please let me know.

Christmas Day Worship of "Lessons & Carols"

from Colony Residents will be broadcast on Ch. 1851
Christmas Day, December 25 at 10 a.m.

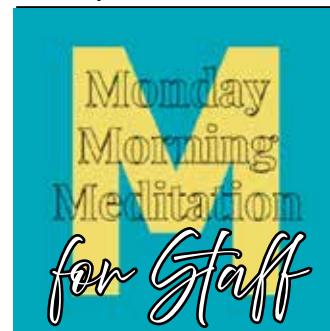
Roman Catholic Mass

Mass will be held in The Villas Headland Friendship Commons and broadcast on Ch. 1851 – **on Wednesday, Dec. 3**.

Holy Rosary is Thursday, Dec. 4 at 10 a.m.

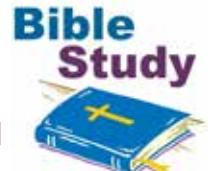
in The Villas Headland Friendship Commons (on Ch. 1851).

Roman Catholic Bible Study with Eucharist is the first Monday of the month in The Heritage at 9 a.m. and the third Monday in The Villas. All are welcome!



Monday morning meditation for staff will be held on Dec. 8 & 22 at 8:15 a.m. on Willows A for less than 5 minutes if you would like to join us.

Campus Bible study in The Heritage is now at a new time! Wednesdays at 3 p.m. in AFH. And in The Ridgewood Harmony Hall on Thursdays at 10 a.m.



Chaplain's Chat is at 9:30 a.m. on Thursdays in Harmony Hall.

MOVIES

December 2025

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	10 a.m. The Holiday Calendar 2 p.m. The Day After Tomorrow	10 a.m. 2025 St. Paul's Service of Remembrance 2 p.m. Phantom of the Opera	10 a.m. Mass 2 p.m. Beauty and the Beast: The Enchanted Christmas	10 a.m. Arctic 2 p.m. National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation (1989)	10 a.m. That Christmas 2 p.m. Wicked 7 p.m. Anna Karenina	10 a.m. Snow Dogs 2 p.m. A Madea Christmas
10 a.m. Church Service 1 p.m. Hymn Sing 2 p.m. 30 Years of National Geo. Specials	7 10 a.m. Secret of the Wings 2 p.m. Dolly Parton's Christmas on the Square	8 10 a.m. A Castle for Christmas 2 p.m. The Muppet Christmas Carol (1992)	9 10 a.m. Holiday in the Wild 2 p.m. Christ at the Amish Bakery	10 10 a.m. Rosary 2 p.m. Jingle Jangle: A Christmas Journey	11 10 a.m. Rosary 2 p.m. Home Alone 7 p.m. Home Alone 2: Lost in New York	12 10 a.m. Tuck Everlasting 2 p.m. Home Alone 7 p.m. Home Alone 2: Lost in New York
10 a.m. Church Service 1 p.m. Hymn Sing 2 p.m. Klaus	14 10 a.m. The Christmas Chronicles 2 p.m. A Boy Called Christmas	15 10 a.m. The Snow Sister 2 p.m. Cheery Chair Yoga & Merry Meditation	16 10 a.m. Miracle on 34th Street 2 p.m. Mother Teresa	17 10 a.m. Rosary 2 p.m. 2025 St. Paul's Service of Remembrance	18 10 a.m. Rosary 2 p.m. Miracles from Heaven 7 p.m. Chasing the Star	19 10 a.m. The Noel Diary 2 p.m. Miracles from Heaven 7 p.m. Chasing the Star
10 a.m. Church Service 1 p.m. Hymn Sing 2 p.m. The Merry Gentlemen	21 10 a.m. Loretto: The Mystery of the Holy House 2 p.m. The Star	22 10 a.m. A California Christmas 2 p.m. Scrooge: A Christmas Carol	23 10 a.m. Christmas Eve Service 2 p.m. Journey to Bethlehem	24 10 a.m. St. Paul's Service of Lessons & Carols 2 p.m. The Nativity Story	25 10 a.m. Mary 2 p.m. The Polar Express 2 p.m. The Nutcracker (1993)	26 10 a.m. Mary 2 p.m. The Polar Express 2 p.m. The Nutcracker (1993)
10 a.m. Church Service 1 p.m. Hymn Sing 2 p.m. Single All the Way	28 10 a.m. New Year Blues 2 p.m. The Bells of St. Mary's (1945)	29 10 a.m. Poseidon 2 p.m. The Holiday	30 10 a.m. Rudolph's Shiny New Year 2 p.m. Winnie the Pooh: A Very Merry Pooh Year	31 10 a.m. Rudolph's Shiny New Year 2 p.m. Winnie the Pooh: A Very Merry Pooh Year	All residents should tune to Channel 1851 for movies, church services and any other internal broadcasts. This channel has been reserved by Spectrum for use internally by campuses like St. Paul's, and is not used for regular programming, which alleviates any potential signal interference. If there is nothing scheduled to broadcast on the channel, the screen will appear blank.	

COLONY COLUMNS

~ News from The Colony ~



December

- 5 - Rich Guerrini
- 5 - Linda Savor
- 9 - Gail Maycher
- 9 - Carol Paul
- 13 - Carol Hosmer
- 14 - Carolyn McCright
- 15 - Jo-Anne Cooper
- 16 - Jan Walther
- 19 - Jane Loutzenhiser
- 23 - Nancy Weikal
- 26 - Carol Bass
- 29 - Ginny Sunday
- 31 - MaryAnn Southworth

January

- 4 - Claire Hoffman
- 4 - Sally Roth
- 5 - Sandy Harter
- 16 - John Davis
- 17 - Jim Ondo
- 18 - Donovan Curtis



Colony residents showed up in force and happily volunteered to help assemble the shoe-storage shelves and other accessories to get the new fitness center ready. Above from left are: Steve Hosmer, Fred Sunday, Tim Flanagan, Earl Palmeter and Dan Leveto.

A special thanks to Ginny Sunday for her extra effort in cleaning up and responsibly disposing of all the cardboard and styrofoam packaging!



Monday, December 1

Men and Women's Chat Groups

Wednesday, December 3

Monthly Birthday Celebration

Friday December 5

Coffee and Donuts
Miracle on Easy Street

Saturday, December 6

Greenville Holiday Parade

Tuesday, December 9

Holiday Happy Hour Event

Wednesday, December 10

Colony Project Presentation

Friday December 12th

"A Christmas Carol" at ACTS Theater

Sunday, December 14

Soup on Sunday

Tuesday, December 16

Keifer Holiday Fun Gathering

Thursday, December 18

Colony Christmas Service and Dinner

Saturday, December 20

Greenville Symphony Orchestra Holiday Concert

Monday, December 22

Visit from Santa

Saturday, December 27

Christmas in Kirtland, Ohio

Tuesday, December 30

Ladies & Gents Bingo

Wednesday, December 31

New Year's Eve Potluck Dinner

Mark your calendar for January:

- Friday, January 2 - Coffee and Donuts
- Monday, January 5 - Men and Women Chat Groups
- Wednesday, January 7 - Monthly Birthday Celebration
- Friday, January 9 - Farewell to Vicki
- Tuesday, January 13 - Open Forum
- Thursday, January 15 - Dinner at Candywood

HERITAGE HERALD



~ News from The Heritage ~

Monday, Dec. 1

Catholic Bible Study with Jim @ 9 a.m. (AFH)

Tuesday, Dec. 2

Nails with Julie @ 1 p.m. (Beauty Parlor)

Wednesday, Dec. 3

Music Fun with Cindy @ 10 a.m. (3rd Floor Commons)

Thursday, Dec. 4

Hey Joe @ 1:30 p.m. (AFH)

Friday, Dec. 5

Dale Cinski @ 3 p.m. (AFH)

Saturday, Dec. 13

Basement Band Duo @ 2 p.m. (AFH)

Tuesday, Dec. 16

Nails with Julie @ 1 p.m. (Beauty Parlor)

Friday, Dec 19

Bluebird Family (3rd Floor) Christmas Party
@ 9 a.m. (AFH)

Tuesday, Dec. 23

Humble Music @ 1 p.m. (AFH)

Wednesday, Dec. 24

Christmas Celebration @ 1 p.m. (AFH)
~ Santa visits! ~

Cookies, music, eggnog, hot chocolate & more!

Friday, Dec. 26

Z-Praise @ 2 p.m. (AFH)

Tuesday, Dec. 30

Conversations with Keven @ 10 a.m. (AFH)
Nails with Julie @ 1 p.m. (Beauty Parlor)

Wednesday, Dec. 31

New Years Eve Party @ 2 p.m. (AFH)

Regularly Scheduled Activities



Fitness with Ron

Monday, Thursday & Friday

3rd Floor Commons @ 1 p.m.



Ice Cream Social

Mondays @ 2 p.m. (AFH)



“Stitch & Chicks” meet every
Tuesday @ 10 a.m. in The Keifer
Building



BINGO with Bertha

Tuesdays @ 3 p.m.

3rd Floor Commons



Personal Shopping by Reba
Second & Fourth Tuesdays



Spiritual Studies

Wednesdays @

3 p.m. (AFH)

*NOTE TIME CHANGE



Church Service

Sundays @ 9 a.m. (AFH)



December Birthdays

2 - Patricia Schiestle

22 - William Roberts

12 - Glenn Nelson

23 - Bryda Zahniser

17 - Robert Becker

24 - Nancy Bestwick

21 - James Eakin

28 - Judith Ryland

Residents who celebrate a birthday this month will
receive a special birthday lunch on Tuesday, Dec. 9.

Resident Council Meeting

Thursday, Dec. 30 • 2 p.m.

Anderson Fellowship Hall

All residents are invited to attend!

RIDGE RUNNER

~ News from The Ridgewood ~

– Resident of the Month –

John Hurd



John Hurd was born and raised in Mahaffey, Pa., to Naomi and George Hurd. Growing up in a lively household with six siblings, John learned early the value of family, hard work, and resilience. He attended Punxsutawney High School, where he built lifelong friendships and set the foundation for his future endeavors.

After high school, John proudly served his country in the United States Army for three years. Following his service, he began building a life rooted in love, dedication, and adventure. In

1956, John married Edna Jane Jordan, and together they raised two daughters, Deborah Cowell and Patricia Glasgow. His family continued to grow with four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren, all of whom bring him immense joy and pride.

Professionally, John dedicated many years to meaningful and impactful work at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center, contributing to scientific advancement and exploration.

John has always had a love for travel, and his journeys have taken him across the world. He's visited Japan, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, France, Norway, Finland, Italy, Greece, New Zealand, the Caribbean, Canada, Alaska, and Hawaii—each destination adding a new chapter to his life story.

A sports enthusiast at heart, John's favorite sport is football, and he is a devoted Pittsburgh Steelers fan. He enjoys classic comfort foods like spaghetti and ice cream, which always bring a smile to his face.

When reflecting on his life, John often says his best memories are his marriage and his travels—moments filled with love, discovery, and family.



Dec. 7: at Baltimore Ravens

Dec. 15: vs. Miami Dolphins

Dec. 21: at Detroit Lions

Dec. 28: at Cleveland Browns

Regularly Scheduled Activities

Sunday – Church Service @ 11 a.m. & Ice Cream Cart @ 2:30 p.m.

Monday – Pool Noodle Volleyball @ 2 p.m. & Activity @ 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday – Exercise with Ron @ 2 p.m. & BINGO @ 5:30 p.m.

Thursday – Chaplain's Chat @ 9:30 a.m., Spiritual Book Club @ 10 a.m., Exercise with Ron @ 2 p.m. & Word Game @ 5:30 p.m.

Friday – Exercise @ 10 a.m. & 500 Card Game @ 5:45 p.m.

Saturday – Exercise @ 10 a.m. & BINGO @ 1 p.m.



Monday, Dec. 1 – Christmas Decorating, 10 a.m.; Birthday Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. & Book Club, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 2 – Service of Remembrance, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 3 – Hymn Sing, 10 a.m.

Thurs., Dec. 4 – Praying the Rosary w/Linda Harpst, 9:30 a.m. 500 Card Club, 5:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 5 – Christmas Decorating, 10 a.m.; Greenville Mobile Library, 1 p.m. & Dale Cinski Concert, 5:30 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 8 – Manicures (100 & 200 Halls), 10 a.m. Book Club, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 9 – TikTok Tuesday, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 10 – Candy Making w/Rhonda Eck, 10 a.m.; Christmas Tea, 11:30 a.m.; Greg Van Valien Concert, 2 p.m. & Music Therapy, 3 p.m.

Thurs., Dec. 11 – Bus Ride to see Christmas Lights, 5:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 12 – Chair Yoga, 10 a.m.

Eggnog & Fruitcake, 5:30 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 15 – Christmas Caroling Practice, 10 a.m.; Book Club, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 16 – Christmas Cards, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 17 – Christmas Caroling at The Villas, 10 a.m.; Card Making, 1 p.m. & Music Therapy, 3 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 18 – K Kids Christmas Caroling, 5:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 19 – Chair Yoga, 10 a.m.

Greenville Mobile Library, 1 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 21 – Blue Christmas Service, 11 a.m.

Monday, Dec. 22 – Manicures (300 & 400 halls), 10 a.m. Christmas Poetry, 5:30 p.m.

Tues., Dec. 23 – Chair Yoga, 10 a.m. & Visit with Santa, 2 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Service, 11 a.m. Music Therapy, 3 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 25 – MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Friday, Dec. 26 – Game "LCR," 10 a.m.

Mon., Dec. 29 – Chair Yoga, 10 a.m.

New Year's Poetry, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 30 – Bingo Bucks Store, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 31 – "Getting to Know You," 10 a.m. & Music Therapy, 3 p.m.



December Birthdays

6 - Martha Anderson

10 - Aldra Ritter

6 - Sally Smith

20 - Gayle Wolff

6 - Elaine Wilkins

25 - Don Montgomery

10 - Lois Greathouse

HOUSE CHATTER

~ News from The Villas ~



MONDAY, DECEMBER 1

1:30 p.m. – Bingo Bucks Exchange

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

10 a.m. – Mass

6 p.m. – Christmas Caroling by Webb Winery

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4

6:15 p.m. – Holiday Piano Serenades with Greg Van Valien

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5

2:30 p.m. – Dale Cinski's Christmas Show (Variety)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

12:30 p.m. – Christmas Caroling with the Thiel Softball Team

2 p.m. – Tim Watterson Performance (Gospel/Country/Oldies)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8

1:30 p.m. – Kraynak's Outing

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

11:30 a.m. – Resident December Birthday Luncheon

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

11 a.m. – Annual Christmas Tea

6:30 p.m. – Dance Performance in the HFC

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

10 a.m. – Rosary

2 p.m. – Christmas Cookie Extravaganza

6:30 p.m. – Thiel Brass Quintet Christmas Concert

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

5:30 p.m. – Christmas Caroling by Crossroads Church

6:15 p.m. – Pennsylvania Dance Company Christmas Show

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15

10 a.m. – Faith, Fitness & Fun

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16

2 p.m. – Cheery Chair Yoga & Merry Meditation

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17

10 a.m. – Christmas Caroling by The Ridgewood

6:30 p.m. – Annual Christmas Variety Show

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18

10 a.m. – Rosary

2 p.m. – Hubbard Ukulele Group Christmas Performance

6 p.m. – Evening Activity for Residents of Springs

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19

3 p.m. – Balloon Volleyball Game

7 p.m. – It's A Wonderful Life Radio Play Outing

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

1:30 p.m. – Greenville Symphony Outing

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22

1:45 p.m. – A Christmas Carol Sing-A-Long
with Greg Van Valien

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23

Visits from Santa throughout the day!

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24 – CHRISTMAS EVE

10 a.m. – Christmas Eve Church Service

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25 – CHRISTMAS

1:30 p.m. – Z Praise Christmas Show

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26

3 p.m. – Balloon Volleyball Game

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29

10 a.m. – Faith, Fitness & Fun

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30

1:30 p.m. – Resident Council Meeting

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31 – NEW YEAR'S EVE

2 p.m. – New Year's Eve Party

Regularly Scheduled Activities

Sunday – Church Service @ 10 a.m.

Classic Hymn Sings via YouTube on Ch. 1851 @ 1 p.m.

Tuesday – Evening BINGO @ 6:45 p.m.

Wednesday – Music Therapy @ 10 a.m.

Thursday – Rosary @ 10 a.m. (except first Thursday)

Saturday – BINGO @ 10 a.m.



December Birthdays at The Villas

7 - Esther Harriger

22 - Nancy Williams

21 - Nancy Daugherty

25 - Michael Leskovac

22 - Laura Lacamera

25 - Judith Nashtock

22 - Doris Marso

30 - Geraldine Dick

SERENITY SPOTLIGHT

~ News from Jones Serenity Circle & Lane ~



Musicians & Entertainment —

Friday, Dec. 5 —

Basement Band Duo @ 1 p.m. (JSL)

Friday, Dec. 12 —

Darren Lambert @ 10:30 a.m. (JSC)

Friday, Dec. 19 —

Alyssa Pesavento (Harp) @ 12:30 p.m. (JSC)

Friday, Dec. 26 —

Z Praise @ 12:30 p.m. (JSL)

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

Annual Christmas Tea

Wednesday, December 10

11:30 a.m.

Santa Will Visit

Wednesday, December 24

10 a.m. (JSL) & 11 a.m. (JSC)

Merry Christmas Darling

Thursday, December 25

Piano Music and Singing with John Poling
12:30 p.m.



Visit the
Beauty &
Barber Shop
every
Tuesday

Exercise with Ron

Tuesdays - Range of Motion
@ 1 p.m. - JSC

Wednesdays & Thursdays
@ 3 p.m. - JSL
Exercise Therapy



Music Therapy

w/Cindy

Wednesdays
12:15 p.m. (JSC)
& 1 p.m. (JSL)



Faith Connections

Fridays @ 10:45 a.m. (JSL)
Devotions & Hymns with Terri

Church Service with Chaplain Pat
Sundays @ 9 a.m. (AFH)

Canine Therapy

Dec. 1 & 15
12:30 p.m. @ JSC
1 p.m. @ JSL



Monthly Celebrations

Tuesday, Dec. 9
@ 11:30 a.m. (JSL)

Happy
Birthday

Thurs., Dec. 11
@ Noon (JSC)

submit a caring heart

Submit a Caring Heart to recognize team members who promote our MISSION, VISION and CORE Values through their daily actions and behaviors.



If a team member does something that makes life a little better for you or someone you know, please submit a Caring Heart and give us the opportunity to recognize that individual.

To submit a caring heart:

Fill out a Caring Heart recognition card and submit it to any receptionist;

or scan the QR code above to fill out our on-line form at:

www.stpauls1867.org/contact/staff-recognition/caring-heart-recognition



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Team Member Spotlight



Marley Chapman has been part of the Home-Based Services department for two years and will celebrate her anniversary this December. Born and raised in Greenville, Pa., she is the older of two children and has a younger sister, Lilly. After graduating from Greenville High School, Marley began her college career at Westminster College as a Music Education major, but later felt called to early childhood and special education. She transferred to Thiel College so she could pursue that path while commuting from home.

Back in Greenville, Marley immediately began looking for work. She had previously worked at a BP station, but this time she was determined to find a role that allowed her to help people. Through her involvement in K-Kids and her musical performances, she had visited St. Paul's many times and was familiar with the community. When she learned about the Home-Based Services program, she knew it would be a great fit.

Marley quickly found the work both educational and rewarding. "I've gained a lot of experience that will help me as a teacher... I've really grown my people skills!" she said. She recognizes that

building rapport and forming strong relationships are essential not only in home care but also in teaching. "I've learned how to encourage and give supportive redirection, which will make me a better educator," she said.

Throughout her time in the department, Marley has supported six to eight clients—often long-term. "Consider this... a job where you genuinely wake up excited to do it because you see the joy you bring into their lives! It is fulfilling!" she shared. She especially values the meaningful interactions and relationships that develop. "I'm not just cooking food at a convenience store or selling shoes—this work is truly meaningful," she said.

Marley will graduate in May 2026 and has already passed her teacher certification exam. Beginning in January, she will start her student teaching in the Greenville School District, where she especially will enjoy working with students in grades 4–6. She will also teach in the district's after-school STEAM program.

Outside of work and school, Marley enjoys all things music. She plays several instruments, including her favorite—the French horn—along with the guitar, ukulele, and nearly any brass instrument. At Thiel, she is a member of the Thiel Singers and Thiel Choir, and she performs with a local theater group in Sharon, often sharing the stage with her mom.

At home, Marley loves spending time with her three dogs: a border collie named Adventure Dog (AD), a shih tzu named Winnie, and a yorkie named Maybe. She's also an avid reader, especially of science fiction, and jokes that her favorite possession is her Kindle. Her dream vacation would be a return trip to Hawaii, a place she loved despite her fear of flying.

We are grateful that Marley chose to continue her education at Thiel while gaining meaningful, hands-on experience at St. Paul's. She is a blessing to her clients and to our department!

A Special Tribute for a Truly Special Woman

At 115 years young, our beautiful resident Naomi Whitehead continues to inspire everyone at St. Paul's. In September, Naomi celebrated her remarkable birthday and holds the honor of being the oldest person in the county.

In this photo, she proudly poses with a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition and an American flag that was flown over the White House in her honor, a heartfelt gift from Congressman Mike Kelly's office.

Naomi's grace, longevity, and joyful spirit remind us every day what a privilege it is to have her as part of our community.



Christmas Origami



Last week, our Villas residents tried their hand at Christmas origami. With guidance from our Life Enrichment Team, they folded festive trees and hearts, enjoying a fun and creative way to welcome the season.



Meet the Leadership Behind Home-Based Services

Michelle O'Malley was born in St. Louis, Mo., raised in Kentucky, and is the oldest of six children. She holds a bachelor's degree in child development from the University of Dayton and a master's in education from the University of Cincinnati. Her early career began in the Child Life Department at Cincinnati Children's Hospital, where she used play therapy to help children understand complex medical procedures—an experience she considers foundational to her work today.

After moves to Arizona, Chicago, and finally Pennsylvania, Michelle spent several years teaching before discovering Home-Based Services through the Without Walls program. The department had just launched in 2012, and she joined that December. Over the past 13 years, she has served in nearly every role—Companion, Care Partner, Delivery Driver, Community Outreach Specialist, Staff and Client Development Coordinator—and now Administrator.

Michelle's favorite part of her work is learning how to best support each new client. She values the relationships that form through trust and consistency and credits her early clients with teaching her what truly matters in caregiving. She also loves mentoring the many college students who join the team. "In college, you get the books and labs—but this is the people learning. It's relational," she said.

Tammy Lininger grew up just down the road from St. Paul's in Greenville. She earned her bachelor's degree in speech-language pathology from Clarion University and began working as a nurse's



**Tammy Lininger (left)
& Michelle O'Malley**

aide at St. Paul's Health Center to gain healthcare experience. That role changed the course of her career, inspiring her to pursue a master's degree in gerontological studies with a concentration in nursing home administration from Miami University of Ohio.

Over her 34-year career at St. Paul's,

Tammy has held four key roles: Administrative Assistant for The Colony, Ridgewood Administrator, Villas Administrator for 26 years, and now Vice President of Senior Living Services. In her current role, she supports Home-Based Services, Marketing, The Colony, Spiritual Services, and Volunteer Services. Tammy especially values the meaningful relationships formed with clients and families. "They all have unique stories, and it's a blessing to help them live life on their terms," she said. She is continually inspired by the dedication of the Home-Based Services team. "Home care is a calling. Our caregivers have the biggest hearts," she said.

Together, Michelle and Tammy provide essential leadership to St. Paul's Home-Based Services, supporting a team that helps clients remain safely and comfortably at home—whether through meal delivery, personal emergency response systems, companion visits, or care partner services. Their combined experience, personal caregiving backgrounds, and deep commitment to client-centered care strengthen the program every day.

Michelle summed up their philosophy simply: "We wouldn't place someone in a client's home whom we wouldn't welcome into our own families' home."

On FUN Friday, Nov. 14, we celebrated National Pickle Day with a whole lot of fun and flavor! To kick off the festivities, our team enjoyed pickles on a stick—because they're kind of a big dill! But the fun didn't stop there: to keep the excitement going, our fitness specialist, Ron, made a special appearance throughout each neighborhood, dressed as a giant pickle. His pickle-perfect outfit had everyone smiling!



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Big Dill!*



Decades of Inspiration: Shuttle Photo Connects Teacher, Astronaut and Students

In November, Bill Sayles, faculty emeritus at Shady Side Academy in Pittsburgh, and resident in The Colony, had the special honor of presenting a gift to the Academy's Rocket Club. The gift was a framed photo from the first of NASA astronaut Jay Apt's four space shuttle missions. The photo was gifted to Bill by Jay, one of his first students back in the early years of Bill's teaching career, and Bill was thrilled to now pass it along to inspire the next generation of space enthusiasts.

Jay Apt, who, with Bill as a sponsor, started the Rocket Club while in Middle School at Shady Side Academy in 1963, reunited with his former teacher during the visit. He shared stories from his incredible space

shuttle missions, giving club members a firsthand look at life and work beyond Earth.



Above: Bill Sayles (left) with NASA Astronaut and former student, Jay Apt at Shady Side Academy.



The photo at left captures the excitement of the day: the Shady Side Rocket Club with Bill Sayles and Jay Apt, celebrating decades of learning, mentorship, and the enduring spark of curiosity that launches young minds into the stars.



Pancake Breakfast



Friday, November 14 was a busy morning at St. Paul's as team members from all across campus helped residents bundle up, load buses, and head to the annual Lion's Club Pancake Breakfast at the Greenville Knights of Columbus.



Smiles, sausage, and a warm community tradition made the outing a memorable one.



Donut Worry, Be Happy!



Ellie Harkins (left) and Rita Hause get ready to dig in to some homemade donuts.



Big “sweet” thank you to Rhonda Eck of Gentiva Hospice for hosting a cozy, autumn-themed donut-making activity—complete with plenty of powdered sugar—at The Ridgewood on Nov. 7.



Curiosity Never Retires: Dr. Bonnie Barr's Hands-On Science Session



Above: Karen and Jim Ondo put their heads together as they tackle an experiment together.

Dr. Bonnie Barr, resident in The Colony, recently led a captivating session for the Colony Lecture Series—a program she created to inspire learning and connection among neighbors. With 43 years of teaching experience, including roles as a science educator, professor, and author of 14 books, Dr. Barr brought a wealth of knowledge and energy to the room.

During her interactive presentation, she recreated hands-on activities from her years training teachers, showing residents how fun and surprising science can be. From demonstrations proving that air is matter to experiments with blue-colored water that highlighted air pressure and displacement, she encouraged everyone to observe, think, and apply. We're grateful to Dr. Barr for sharing her enthusiasm and reminding us that curiosity has no age limit.



A room full of Colony residents gave Bonnie their rapt attention as she brought science to life.

Above from left: Margie Hays, Glenn Sadler, Ann Fowler & John and Mary Moore concentrate as they take part in the hands-on activities.

Our Annual Resident Christmas Appeal is underway now!



At St. Paul's, the bells on Christmas Day — and throughout the year — ring with joy thanks to generous donors like you. Your donation to the Resident Christmas Appeal helps us share the love and spirit of the season with **every resident at The Heritage, The Ridgewood and The Villas** through a thoughtfully chosen **Christmas gift**.

Your generosity also helps purchase items on our **Resident Wish List** that make daily life brighter and supports our **music therapy** program and **live musical entertainment** throughout the year. Whether tapping their toes to a familiar tune, singing along to a beloved hymn, or finding peace in a beautiful melody, you can see the joy music brings to our residents.

This Christmas, let's celebrate the joy of giving and the blessings of community. Thank you for helping the bells of Christmas continue to ring at St. Paul's — today and throughout the year.

To Donate:

- ✿ Scan the QR code
- ✿ Drop off to any receptionist
- ✿ Mail your check to the Charitable Giving Office,
341 E. Jamestown Rd., Greenville, PA 16125

December 2 is GIVING TUESDAY

This is an international day of giving. After the shopping rush of Black Friday and Cyber Monday, it's a day to give back to your community and the causes important to you. It's the perfect day to make your donation to our Resident Christmas Appeal!





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Toy Drive



St. Paul's will sponsor our Annual Toy Drive to benefit local families this Christmas season.

Please help us spread the spirit of the season by donating a new, unwrapped toy that will bring joy to a local child this Christmas.

* **Toys will be collected in building lobbies through Friday, Dec. 12.**

Suggested items for toy donations: baby dolls and baby doll items, action figures, Legos™, art supplies, Matchbox™ cars, board games, Barbie™, Paw Patrol™, Frozen™, Fortnite™, Polly Pocket™, Nerf™ Guns