

Inside View

THE GREATEST IS LOVE!

The great Scottish scholar and professor of Edinburgh and Glasgow, Henry Drummond, wrote a memorable essay on love, which he titled: "The Greatest Thing in the World." It is an excellent commentary on 1 Corinthians, Chapter 13.

Paul, the apostle wrote, "Now abides faith, hope, and love; but the greatest of these is LOVE!"

All of us who were blessed to grow up in loving families will heartedly agree. Nothing is better than to love and be loved! To hear the sweet words, "I love you!" from our spouse or children or grandchildren always thrills and warms our heart.

To be The Channel through which God pours out His love to others gives joy, meaning, and purpose to our lives. Paul wrote in Romans 5:5, "The love of God has been poured into our hearts through The Holy Spirit who has been given to us."

Jesus said in John 7:37-38 that for all who know Him and know His love, "Out of our heart will flow rivers of living water." This He spoke of the Holy Spirit – who is God!

John tells us in three simple words: "God is Love!" Our Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, are the essence and fountain of love!

All that God is, is Love!

All that God does is Love!

"Behold what manner of love The Father

has given to us – That we should be called The Children of God." (1 John 3:1)

We are loved with an everlasting love, and nothing in all creation can separate us from that love. (Romans 8)

God is infinite in all His ways, so His love is without limit. Each one of us can have as much of the Love of God as we will receive. To be filled with Love – we must be emptied of all that is not love.

When asked by an attorney, "What is the greatest Commandment?" Jesus responded, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength." The second is like it saying, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

God's command is Love!

God's promise is Love!

God's gift to us in Jesus is Love!

The great need of our heart is Love!

"To all who receive Him (Jesus, the Gift of God's Love), He gives the right, the privilege, the authority, to be the Child of God!" (John 1:12) Henry Drummond is right! "The greatest thing in the world is LOVE!"

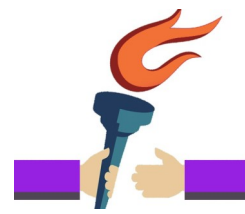
Gene Craven, Chaplain

Gene Craven

Chaplain and Towers Resident



A New Regime



Having been sworn in as the Resident Association officers for the term of June 2019 through May 2020, these new officers will assume their duties June 5th, 2019. This was to be the date of the regular quarterly meeting; however, this meeting was cancelled due to the renovation project and the difficulty of having a meeting between the lunch and supper preparation times in Heritage Hall. It is hoped that the September resident meeting can be held the first Wednesday in September or soon thereafter.



CEO Jim Thomason inducting the new officers



Frank Kiser and Lynn Hornsby passing the reins from one president to the next



President
Lynn Hornsby



Vice President
Nancy McDuffie



Secretary
Betty Spradley



Treasurer
Edmund FitzGerald



Have You Considered....

"A Letter to My Four Children on Father's Day"

By: Dr. French O'Shields
(Former Syndicated Columnist)

Father's Day is this month. I am excited because I know I will either see or talk with each of you today. There will be laughter and expressions of love with tears of joy.

Upon awakening that morning, my mind will fill with precious father / child memories stored forever in my memory bank. With each thought, I relive the experience: the joy of your birth, seeing you take your first step and speak your first word. The excitement of Christmas mornings filled with your childlike enthusiasm... The fun of our Friday "family night" outings in Augusta and Charlotte... The sense of accomplishment as together we built our lake cabins in Augusta and Charlotte ourselves, getting as much paint on each other as on the cabins and blue fingers from missed hammer strokes... The satisfaction of seeing all four of you grow into the special persons you are... The wonder of sharing with you the defining experiences of life: graduations, weddings, and birth of your own children and grandchildren.

With deep gratitude to God, I realize anew on this Father's Day how God has blessed me through each of you at every age of your life. I can't imagine my life without you. You have encouraged me when I was discouraged and strengthened me when I was weak. You have expressed to me your love when I felt unworthy of being loved. Because of my deep desire to be a good father, you have challenged me to set high goals and strive hard to attain them. You have motivated me to seek to develop character and integrity in my life; and forgiven me when I fell short. You have given me to love: eight grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and by marriage, additional sons, daughters, and children.

Only when your children leave home will

you understand how it thrills me when you telephone, email, or visit. As your mother and I age and enter a time when we may be unable to do for ourselves and increasingly need you, we can do so in peace and contentment knowing that you will always be there for us. That is the kind of children you are.

The greatest blessing of being your father is how very much you have helped me spiritually. Other than my Bible, being your father has taught me more about my relationship to my Heavenly Father than any other source. Now I know how much my Heavenly Father really loves me and why it is unconditional. I know the joy He feels when I spend time with Him and seek His help. Being a father enables me to know why He so desires to fill my life with good things. When I insist on doing things my way rather than His way, He feels sorrow because He knows the consequences I will suffer. Yet because He loves me so, He allows me to choose so I can learn, grow, and mature.

The greatest decision I have made in my life was when I chose and accepted Jesus Christ to be my personal Savior. The second greatest decision I made was when I chose the beautiful lady to be my wife whom God later chose to be your mother. I am eternally grateful to God and to her for making it possible for me to be a father.

I affirm to each of you my eternal love and my desire to always be there for you when you need me. And when in God's timing you come to my house and I am no longer there, you can be assured I will be waiting for each of you with open arms to joyously welcome you into your Heavenly Father's house.

Always,
Dad



**Dr. French
O'Shields**
Writer

Celebrating Mother's Day



Rosaline Cook and Ryan Troutman



Isabel Fuentes, Ruth Burgin, and Connie Fuentes



Shirley LeForce visiting with her daughter



Barbara Quinn, Louise Lesslie, Fran Lynch, and
Lorraine Whaley



Libby Baker, Aileen Wallace, Marj Cook



Mary Gettys, Claytie Powell, Donna Salter, Scott Russell, and Lois Russell



Willie Mae Neil celebrating with her daughter



Heather Marquis and Betty Martin



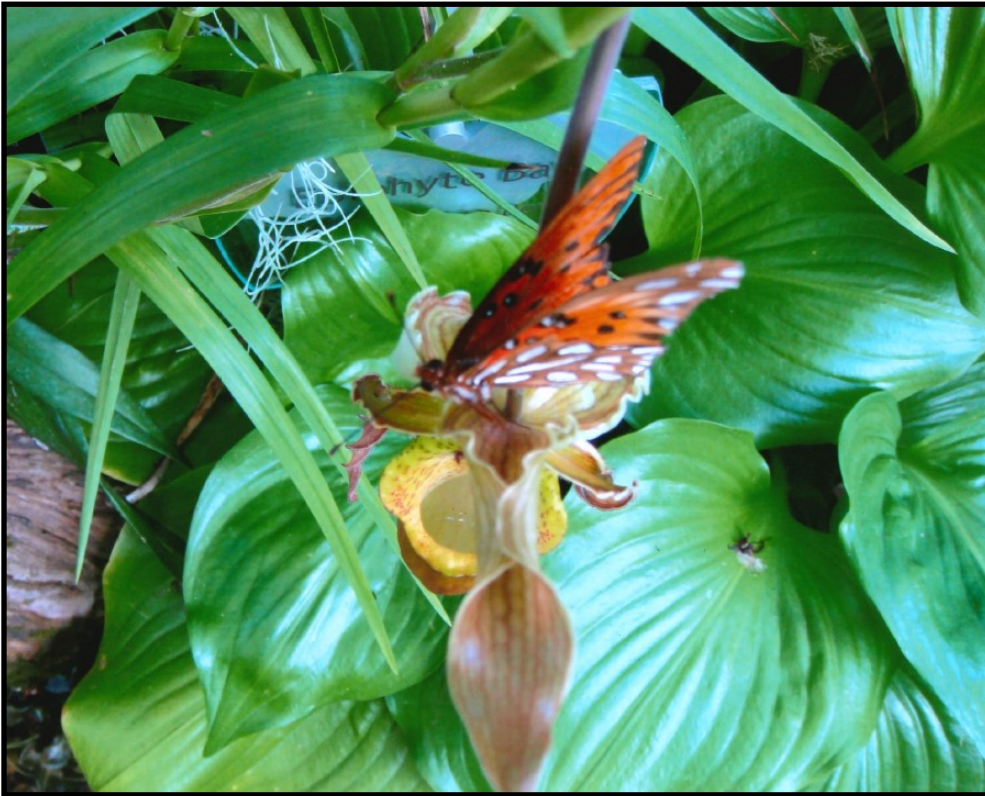
Connie Fuentes, Isabel Fuentes, Helen Benson, and Minnie Stegall



Angeline Sturgis and Emily Sutherland



Eva McCall, Liz Gray, Lo Farris



A Beautiful Butterfly

Photo Credit:
Barbara Ingelse

Wooden Silhouette Cats & Dogs

By: Ed McPoland

Cost: Free

Production of wooden silhouette cats and dogs will resume near the beginning of June.

Colors available are black, dark brown, light brown, coated (no stain) and spotted (light brown or coated with dark brown spots).

For this offer (regretfully) only the first 24 items requested can be supplied. Subsequent requests will be notified that their request cannot be supplied at this time. We are anticipating another production period later in the year. The requests that could not be supplied during this round will be asked if they would like to be placed on a wait list for this second round.

Requests:

- 1.) Submit to the front desk your request marked for Ed McPoland, apartment 616.
- 2.) Include the time and date at the time of submission to the front desk.
- 3.) Please indicate cat and/or dog (only one of each) and desired color(s) of your selection(s).
- 4.) Also include your apartment number and your printed name.

The picture shows how each silhouette **must** be mounted. It is recommended the cat be mounted on the right angle of a door frame or any right angle. If the dog is to be mounted over a door, it must have double sided tape on the bottom. (Ed McPoland will provide the tape if requested.) Do not mount either silhouette over an entrance door, as the vibrations will (most likely) eventually cause it to fall and potentially break.

All requests are due **June 14th** (or when 24 are received).

Thank you!



What Next, Lord?

By: Virginia P. Murphy
Submitted By: Ruthann Poore

Oh, Lord, from just a chrysalis
A butterfly comes forth,
While one small seed becomes a tree
To beautify the earth.

From one small egg, there comes a bird
To sing its lovely song,
And each small drop of rain that falls
To the ocean runs along.

A sudden rain will fall, and then
Perhaps the sun will shine,
And like a miracle, there'll be
A rainbow in the sky.

If You can do so much, dear Lord,
With simple things like these --
A flower, a butterfly, and bird,
A rainbow, or a tree,

What may You even yet do, Lord,
With such a thing as me?



Easter egg hunt on the putting green



Gardening at the Towers



Nu-Step time in the exercise room with Pretty Bird

A big **thank you** to Tom "Pinky" Funderburk
for the photographs!

Climate Change

By: Janet Yocum

The time was about five thousand years ago, and God was speaking to a righteous man who loved Him, and the subject was "Climate Change." The earth was filled with violence, inhabited by men who were wicked and corrupt. Evil resided in the hearts of these men, yet there was one man who was righteous and blameless, who revered and walked with God. His name was Noah, the grandson of Methuselah. (Genesis, chapters six through nine.)

God told Noah to be prepared, build an ark, and fill it with food and water for his family and all the animals because He was sending rain for forty days and forty nights. Noah faithfully obeyed the Lord. Noah was approximately five hundred years old when he began building the ark. Noah's father taught him about farming and food preservation, and Noah's wife's father taught him ship building. It took him about one hundred, twenty-five years to build the ark, and he was over six hundred years old when it was finished. Noah and his family entered the ark, and the rains came and began to flood. The animals came two by two. The floods continued until the earth was covered with water, the ark rose, and the water prevailed, covering even the mountains. All who were left behind perished. The water remained for one hundred, fifty days until after the seventh month and seventeenth day. The ark then came to rest on Mt. Ararat. God blessed Noah and his sons. He said to them, "Go and multiply, and inherit the earth."

Fast forward five thousand years, and the earth is still filled with violence and corruption. Evil still resides in the hearts of men. The subject today is still "Climate Change." But just as Noah was a righteous man, there are righteous men and women who love God, who still revere and walk with God right here in Westminster Towers and Rock Hill, South Carolina. One of these women is our own Betty Spradley who traveled with thirty-five members of the Senior Choir of the First Baptist Church of Rock Hill to Williamstown, Kentucky, to see Noah's Ark. Noah's Ark in Kentucky was built according to God's instructions in Genesis 7:17. The ark consists of approximately three million, three hundred thousand feet of wood. The ark measures approximately five hundred, ten feet long, eighty-five feet wide, and fifty-one feet high. The ark is half the size of the modern ship, The Queen Mary. The ark was constructed by Amish builders, employing one thousand craftsmen. The

ark opened on July 7, 2016, a date corresponding with Genesis 7:17 when Noah and his family entered the ark to escape the flood waters.

Rains came on, and on Monday, May 6, 2019, Betty Spradley and the Senior Choir left for Noah's Ark. The choir stopped in Lexington, Kentucky, and gave mini-concerts to assisted living homes and blessed and brought joy to people just like us. They arrived at Noah's Ark a few days later, and Betty said she was overwhelmed at the awesome first sight of it. She learned it is the largest wood frame structure in the world. They entered the ark by a large ramp and viewed the different levels of the ark by ramps, just as the animals would have entered the original ark. She said the wood inside the ark was beautiful. Decks housed large cages for the large animals, small cages for the smallest animals, and living quarters for Noah and his family. Many cages contained replicas of the animals and huge quantities of food. The ark contained many exhibits showing how life was in the ark and how Noah and his family cared for the animals. It was obvious to Betty that God designed the ark to meet the needs of Noah and the animals. Many biblical artifacts were in the ark for viewing. Betty said seeing the ark brought to life the awesome words of God and His truths as written in Genesis.

Today, five thousand years later, what we must remember is this: Just as in the days of Noah, righteousness still matters, and God is still in control. Hebrews 13:8 tells us, "God is the same yesterday and today and forever."

- Janet Yocum



Lindsay Pettus Greenway

By: Vicky Harris

Lindsay Pettus, a Westminster Towers resident, dedicated much of his life to conserving the land of Lancaster County. Lindsay joined the Nature Conservancy in 1974 and became a leader in the efforts to preserve Forty Acre Rock - Flat Creek Natural area in the 1980s. In 1992, Lindsay founded the Katawba Valley Land Trust and served as president for twenty years. Through Lindsay's conservation vision, board members, and memberships, the Land Trust has protected over 10300 acres. This includes the 350 acres along Gills Creek that is now the site for the Lindsay Pettus Greenway. The Lindsay Pettus Greenway will be a five mile, hard surface, recreational trail along Gills Creek in the heart of Lancaster, South Carolina. The ground breaking ceremony was held on April 11, 2019. The greenway will be a part of the Carolina Thread Trail.



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<http://www.lindsaypettusgreenway.org>*

To make a tax-deductible donation, visit **www.lindsaypettusgreenway.org** and click "Donate Now," or mail checks to: **Lindsay Pettus Greenway, P.O. Box 1776, Lancaster, SC 29721.**



OATMEAL COOKIE SOCIAL



An aerial view of the event



The group, enjoying the sunshine and shade



David Henriquez, Gordon Reese, Donna Reese



Vanessa Swetnam, Wayne Major, Golda McKenny,
Jean McMath

Memorial Day

An Excerpt From: The Old Farmer's Almanac, 2019 Edition
By: Robert B. Thomas
Submitted By: Linda Lenz

*Memorial Day is a poignant reminder of the tenacity of life.
We post the flag on this day; know your American flag rules.*

On June 22, 1942, Congress passed a joint resolution, later amended on December 22, 1942, that encompassed what has come to be known as the U.S. Flag Code. Here are the highlights:

Perhaps the most important rule involves how citizens should behave around the Stars and Stripes: The flag of the United States is the emblem of our identity as a separate nation, which the United States of America has been for more than 200 years. Therefore, citizens should stand at attention and salute when their flag is passing in a parade or being hoisted or lowered.

How to Properly Display the Flag

- The custom is to display the flag only from sunrise to sunset on flagstaffs in the open, but it may be displayed at night upon special occasions to produce a patriotic effect.
- When the flag is hung vertically on a wall, window, or door, the union (blue field) should be to the observers left. When the flag is hung horizontally against a wall, the union should also be to the observer's left.
- The flag should be hoisted briskly and lowered ceremoniously.
- It should not be displayed on days when the weather is inclement, unless an all-weather flag is used.
- In a procession, the flag is to the right of another flag or, if in a line of other flags, in front of the center of that line.
- The flag should not be displayed on a float, except from a staff, nor draped over the hood, top, sides, or back of a vehicle.
- When the flag is displayed on a vehicle, the staff should be fixed firmly to the chassis.
- No other flag should be placed above the flag of the United States or, if on the same level, to its right.
- The United Nations flag may not be displayed above or in a position of superior prominence to the United States flag except at the United Nations Headquarters.
- The flag displayed with another against a wall, from crossed staffs,, should be on the right (the flag's own right), and its staff should be in front of the other staff.

- It should be at the center and the highest point when displayed with a group of state flags.
- When flags of states, cities, etc., are flown on the same halyard, the United States flag should be at the peak.
- When flags of two or more nations are displayed, they are to be flown from separate staffs of the same height, and the flag of the United States should be hoisted first and lowered last.
- When displayed from a staff projecting from a building, the union (blue field at the upper inner corner) should be at the peak of the staff.
- When it is displayed otherwise than by being flown from a staff, it should be displayed flat, whether indoors or out; or so suspended that its folds fall as freely as though the flag were staffed.
- When displayed over a street, it should be suspended vertically with the union to the north in an east and west street, or to the east in a north and south street.
- On a platform, it should be above and behind the speaker, with the union uppermost and to the observer's left.
- When displayed from a staff in a church or auditorium, the flag should occupy the position of honor and be placed at the speaker's right as he faces the audience.
- When flown at half-staff, the flag should be first hoisted to the peak for an instant and then lowered to half-staff position. It should again be raised again to the peak before it is lowered for the day. Half-staff is one-half the distance between the top and bottom of the staff.
- When the flag is used to cover a casket, the union should be at the head and over the left shoulder.



Puzzle Page

Answers now on the last


ACROSS

- 1.) Presidential candidate Andrew with an online "gang"
- 5.) Biblical figure swallowed by a whale
- 6.) Format for podcasts
- 7.) They "just want to have fun," in a Cyndi Lauper hit
- 8.) Home in the trees

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DOWN

- 1.) "Wanna join our plans?"
- 2.) Tennis star Agassi
- 3.) Hammers hit them
- 4.) Suddenly stop responding to texts
- 5.) British sports car, informally



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Sudoku: How to Play

Sudoku is a logic-based, combinatorial number-placement puzzle. The objective is to fill a 9×9 grid with digits so that each column, each row, and each of the nine 3×3 sub-grids that compose the grid contains all of the digits from 1 to 9. The puzzle setter provides a partially completed grid, which for a well-posed puzzle has a single solution.

Enjoy!

Did You Know?

This month in 1967:

- June 3rd - Aretha Franklin's song "Respect" reached number one.
- June 12th - US Supreme Court unanimously ended the laws against interracial marriages.
- June 13th - Thurgood Marshall was nominated as the first African American Supreme Court justice.
- June 27th - The world's first ATM was installed in Enfield, London.
- June 29th - Israel removed its barricades, re-unifying Jerusalem.



Corsages for Mom



Dorothy Modla, Sharon Miller, Louise Whitfield, and Barbara Gladden



Mary Alice Mitchell and Betty Worrell



Kathy Nichols, Barbara Gladden, Linda Lenz, and Louise Whitfield



Barbara Gladden and Kathy Nichols

Construction Continues



A view from the dining room with all the flooring and ceiling removed



The café and fitness room area being remodeled



A view of the kitchen with all the tile flooring, ceiling, appliances, and equipment removed

Sneak Peek from Amy

A big **thank you** to Amy Laughlin for venturing into the construction zone to present to us some snapshots inside the construction!

Look forward to future issues of “Windows” for more updates!

Amy Laughlin
Director of Resident
Services and HomeBridge



Meet Cami Freeman

Towers Life Coordinator

If you ask our new activities coordinator, Cami Freeman, where she's from, she'll tell you Atlanta, GA. That's because everyone's heard of Atlanta, but not everyone is familiar with Marietta, the suburb outside of Atlanta where she grew up. She graduated with a BS in Communications from Georgia Southern College, which is an hour from the coast, so she spent many weekends basking in the sun on the beach at Tybee Island, GA.

But all that changed when she met her husband John Freeman from Fort Mill, SC. Immediately after getting married, the couple moved to Columbia, SC, so that he could attend the USC School of Law. While in Columbia, Cami worked for the South Carolina Bar as a Law Related Education Coordinator.

In the early 90s, Cami and John moved to Rock Hill, SC, where John opened his own law office. At that time, Paramount Pictures owned several theme parks across the country, one of them being Carowinds, and their headquarters was in Charlotte, NC. Cami worked for Paramount as a production coordinator and was instrumental in getting the live entertainment shows constructed, shipped, installed, and up and running for all the parks as well as many cruise lines. While with Paramount, Cami made many friends who shared her love for

movies and introduced her to the world of cosplay. Cosplay is a hobby where you dress up as a character from a movie or book, like a Stormtrooper from Star Wars, and attend events like movie premieres, museum exhibits, hospital visits, and conventions with other cosplayers.

Cami has tried very hard to pass this love of "dress up" on to her daughter, Mary Louise Freeman, a student at Florida Southern College. But so far, Mary Louise seems to only share her interest in watching movies, listening to 70's music, owning cats, and eating good food.

Cami wishes for everyone at Westminster Towers to know how grateful she is to be here and that her door is always open to any-

one who wants to offer suggestions for activities or trips they'd like to take part in -- or if they want to learn more about cosplay or Star Wars. Ask her sometime about the 501st, but be sure you have a minute to hear all about how she joined this officially recognized worldwide Star Wars themed costuming organization! And if you have another minute and want to learn more about Cami, you could always ask her mother, Lou Whitfield, who is a resident here at the Towers.



Cami Freeman
Towers Life Coordinator





Sig Huitt, CEO Jim Thomason, Jim Bright, and Dr. Elvin Walker



Rene Walker, Dr. Elvin Walker, and Allison Matthews



Allison Matthews speaking to the crowd



The delicious spread of food prepared by our culinary staff



Renovation Celebration



Guests partaking in the treats from the culinary team



Billie Bell and Sig Huitt



Jim Ardrey, Jim Bright, and Lou Ardrey



Guests visit with one another whilst discussing the renovations



CEO Jim Thomason speaking to the guests



Edmund FitzGerald and CEO Jim Thomason

Welcome to the Towers!



Bill & Florence Plyler

Apt. 603



Wayne Major

Apt. 216



Kitty Slattery

Apt. 518

Home
Sweet
Home



"Father, Fill Me with God"

Ephesians 3:19

March 11, 2018

By: Gene Craven



Though I am sinful, unworthy, and weak,
I come to You, Father, for this I now seek.
To be filled with Your Spirit -- the fullness of God.
Chosen, cleansed, and forgiven; how I may trod
Your path of righteousness which leads to glory,

May I share with all the wondrous story
Of JESUS, My Savior, My Lord, and My King,
To HIM with thanksgiving, my praises I bring.

All glory to God; Father, Spirit, and Son.

Forever united with Him, I am One!

How much more of His Spirit can I know?

How much more of His Love to others show?

So, I will continue to ASK when I pray,

18 That I may know the FULLNESS of God today!

And, "I will be a
Father to you, and
you will be My sons
and daughters,
says the Lord
Almighty."

**2 Corinthians 6:18
(NIV)**



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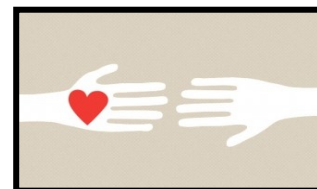
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*Any gift to the
Endowment, Capital
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made in honor or in
memory of a loved one
or neighbor.*



We need your help!

Do you love to **write**?
Do you have a **great idea** for an article?
Do you have a passion for **photography**?

We could use your help to boost our newsletter and take
it to new heights!

Entries can be submitted directly to Linda Lenz.
Deadline for entries for July is June 17th.

This Month's Answers

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Special Saturday BREAKFAST



JUNE 8, 2019
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

OMELET BAR

FRESH FRUIT & YOGURT BAR

BREAKFAST BUFFET OF:

SCRAMBLED EGGS

BACON & SAUSAGE LINKS

GRITS

BISCUITS & CHIPPED BEEF

ASSORTED JUICES, COFFEE, AND MILK

Westminster Towers, an extension of the ministry of Westminster Presbyterian Church, was founded on the theological principles and values of the Presbyterian Church in America. Our mission is to provide services that inspire, encourage, and empower seniors, while demonstrating the love of Christ to support individual well-being.



Westminster Windows is published monthly for the residents, staff and friends of Westminster Towers continuing care retirement community.

Submissions and column ideas are welcomed in writing to the following members of the newsletter committee (submissions will not be returned, and they will be used according to space availability and content appropriateness).

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