

# Windows

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## September Church Schedule

### Wednesdays at 3:00 pm in Heritage Hall

9/4 Gregg Hoffman, Grace Lutheran Church of Rock Hill

9/11 Pastor JT Hoover, Westminster Presbyterian Church

9/18 Pastor Jason Anderson, Hopewell Presbyterian

9/25 Reverend Jon Oliphant, First ARP of Rock Hill

Sunday, 9/8 Deacon Andrew da Silva of St. Anne Catholic Church

If you would like to suggest someone to conduct a Wednesday church service, please contact Melissa Russell #5011, or Will Bosdell #5066

All Denominations are welcome!

If you would like to submit an article or pictures, please email them to:

[camifreeman@westminstertowers.org](mailto:camifreeman@westminstertowers.org)

The deadline for the October edition of Windows is Monday, September 16.

**For the October edition of Windows, we are looking for ...**



### **THE BATTLE OF THE LEAVES**

Who has the best fall foliage?

The North: New England or

The South: The Blue Ridge Mountains

Share your favorite fall pictures or tell us your story about family "leaf peeping."

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The next Newsletter Committee Meeting will be on Monday, September 23, 2024, at 3:00 pm, in the 2nd Floor Lounge.



# The Towers Musical Instruments

Westminster Towers has been the recipient of two very generous donations of musical instruments in the past few weeks.

The first is a very expensive Vogel baby grand piano, which is now in the Lobby. Vogel is one model of the German piano company, Schimmel, which was founded in 1885 by Wilhelm Schimmel in Leipzig, Germany. Four generations of the Schimmel family have since managed and grown the family-owned business. Their product line has been described as "the most highly awarded German piano."

The second, is a large monetary donation earmarked for upgrading pianos throughout our buildings. As a result, six Yamaha Clavinova digital pianos have been purchased, and our old and worn-out acoustical pianos have been taken away. Two of the new ones are in the Health Care dining rooms, one is in the Manor, one is in the Chapel, and one is currently in Heritage Hall, where it will be used to simulate the organ, which has breathed its last breath and is being prepared for removal.

Those of us who play, as well as all who enjoy listening to music, can be very thankful for the generosity of the ones who have made these instruments available to us. The musicians who come to play for us will also be appreciative of the upgrades.

Nancy Anderson



**Terrence Jones, Health Center  
Life Enrichment Coordinator**

Tuesday, September 3, at 2:30 pm

## **RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETING**

in Heritage Hall



The Residents' Association meets quarterly in Heritage Hall to receive reports from the committees and to discuss the overall quality of life for the residents of Westminster Towers.

**All residents are invited to attend!**

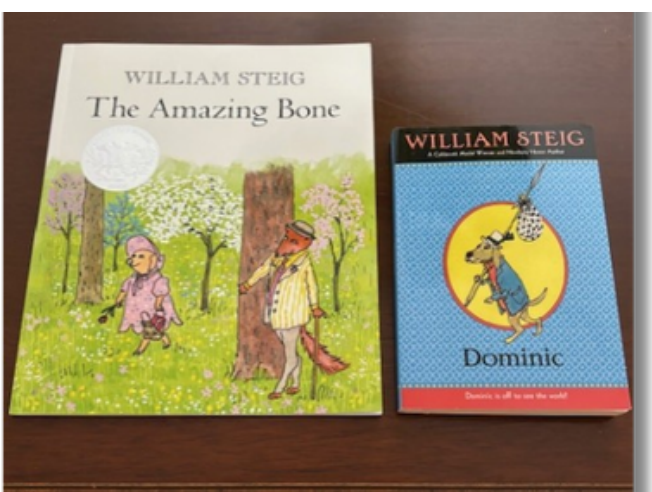
# Volunteering at the Health Center

September is Alzheimer's focus month with Walks planned in Rock Hill on September 28th and elsewhere around our nation to shed light on this dreaded disease, and to hopefully find a cure in the near future. It gave me a reason to write this article for the September issue of Windows.

My husband, Edmund FitzGerald, lost his wife, Pat, to Alzheimer's after 55 years of marriage. He was so grateful for Chaplain Ashley's period of service at Westminster Towers in her pursuit of stories of Towers residents who have been affected by this debilitating disease.

A few months ago, I suggested to Edmund that I would love to volunteer in the Health Center by starting a reading group on Wednesday afternoons for those people who might be interested. After teaching school for forty-three years, the love of books and reading aloud to people is still very much ingrained in me!

My weekly visits have proven to be so rewarding, and hopefully, enjoyable to my second floor friends, many who suffer from Alzheimer's and dementia. Edmund is so helpful by transporting my props and assisting with rounding up our friends.



We try to begin each session by singing "Jesus Loves Me" accompanied by Terrence Jones on one of the beautiful Yamaha pianos that have generously been donated to Westminster Towers! Following our singing, I begin the reading with sayings from Poor Richard's Almanac, penned by Benjamin Franklin during the early Colonial Days.

Some favorites include:

A true Friend is the best Possession.

Forewarned, Forearmed.

A false friend and a Shadow attend only while the Sun shines.

You cannot Lead if you cannot Follow.

We have also enjoyed some of Aesop's Fables such as "The Crow and the Pitcher" and "The Tortoise and the Hare." These stories have been taught to children for years to educate them in ethical and moral behavior.

The favorite author has been William Steig (1907-2003), an American cartoonist, illustrator, and writer of children's books. He was probably best known for Shrek, which inspired a film series. Dominic is our favorite! It is a story about a dog who goes about seeking his fortune with only his trusty spear for protection and his bandana containing many earthly possessions including a piccolo for entertainment and an assortment of hats. Dominic is constantly being pursued by the notorious Doomsday Gang consisting of a fox, ferret, and a weasel. They are an evil bunch trying to wreak havoc with Dominic as he journeys thorough life. Each chapter brings excitement and intrigue as a variety of animals make their debut in Dominic's life!

Our fellowship on Wednesday afternoons is something we are all enjoying!

Jody FitzGerald





## BACK THEN ..... AND NOW

Among the many designers shown on television today, there are the twin sisters, the girl on the coast, the married male couple who are renovating homes in Detroit.

My absolutely favorite designer couple are a man and his wife in Laurel, Mississippi. Ben and Erin use their construction and designer skills in unique, creative ways. Ben is a big bear of a man with a red beard and mustache. Erin is a petite, blonde, talented artist/decorator. Their marriage relationship makes one want to invite them home for a “do-over” of the last pitiful project at home decorating on one’s own.

Just like the old soap operas on radio, the renovator/decorator shows today point to that which COULD be. The dream home. Making something beautiful out of nothing. The elusive ideal we strive for in spite of severely limited funds.

We search through the color charts for a quick fix, a change in atmosphere, the creative hope that paint alone will transform a room which could definitely use a complete overhaul. Get out the ladder, cover the furniture. It’s only a start, but one must begin somewhere....

Submitted by Carole Partridge

Different eras have different forms of entertainment. Today, the movies and television tend to dominate what has come to be accepted in trends and that to which we are attracted. Television comes into our homes to influence patterns of behavior on a daily basis.

In the 30’s and 40’s, radio was a very important form of information and entertainment to which we gravitated.

I remember the radio shows of that era.: “The Green Hornet”, “The Shadow” (“Who knows what evil lurks in the heart of man? The SHADOW KNOWS.”), “Ma Perkins” was the favorite soap opera. Ma Perkins had a very kind voice. She would go out on the porch to rest, ruminate, and reminisce. One could hear the creak of the screen door to the porch where she would converse with other members of the family and neighbors. Together they would solve the problems of the world while sipping lemonade together. It was a make-believe world of sound.

Today I find myself drawn to construction and design shows on television. An old beat-up house is taken in hand by a couple of designers and renovated within a half hour or an hour at the most through time lapse film. Strangely enough, however, no matter how contemporary and sleek the projects turn out, they all have a certain sameness about them.



# Remembering September 11, 2001

## “Where were you?”

“I was in NJ eating breakfast watching the Today show with my husband. I was horrified to see my country attacked as I watched the planes fly into the towers.”

“Wendell and I were at the post office picking up our mail before going to work. The postmaster burst out of the back room and said to turn on our car radio because something bad was happening. He was so right. When we saw what was being shown on the T.V. at work, we closed the office and went home. It was a sad day!”

Nancy Anderson

“I was at a golf course with a friend and watched it in the golf club house.”

Ray Lautzenheiser

“I was at the Hammondsville, Ohio post office. I came home and called our son’s company where he flew a lot for work. He was on land and safe.”

Yvonne Lautzenheiser

“I was volunteer guardian ad litem. I was on my way to pick up my juvenile for his court appearance. Everybody at his house was watching what was happening at the World Trade Center. Shortly after I started watching it with them, the second plane hit the South Tower. That was a day I will never forget.”

Ron Hoover

“I was driving from York to Chester for a dental appointment.”

“On September 11, 2001, I was driving a car from Cheraw, SC, to Greensboro, NC, for a company meeting. I was listening to the radio, and a news bulletin came on the radio about the attack. I continued on to Greensboro and the meeting was eventually cancelled.”

Robert Calhoun

“I had been on a call (Rescue Squad) to Indian Land, and I drove the ambulance to a hospital in Charlotte. When I returned to the fire department, I was told to go upstairs to watch the news and saw that the World Trade Center had been bombed.”

Barney Blackwelder

“I was camping in Northern California with 5 other couples, and one of the wives came and pounded on my rental trailer door at 8:00 am to go to their motor home and see the 2nd World Trade Center being bombed. The first tower was already on fire with dozens of firemen, responders, and volunteers on site.”

Arlene Jenkins Blackwelder

“I was in Hutchinson, KS, working for Century 21.”

“I was teaching in my seventh-grade classroom at Chester Middle School.”

Kathy Jaggers

“I was in Atlanta right after the birth of my first granddaughter on 9/10/2001.”



"I lived in Silver Springs, MD, ten minutes from DC. That day, I was getting ready for my afternoon part-time job - I showered, dressed, and headed to the kitchen to fix lunch. I turned on the TV and saw a plane (No. 1) fly into one of the World Trade Towers in New York City. It was a beautiful day, clear blue sky, turned into horror. My sister taught school in DC, not far from The White House. My brother-in-law was at a meeting at the Pentagon. My niece was in her office two blocks from the Capitol.

Then, plane no. 2 hit. The Towers started to fall, and another plane hit the Pentagon, and one plane was missing. I had to start calling to see where everyone was, if they needed to or could go home. My nephew had been in class at University of MD in College Park, MD and was heading home on the Metro (in DC near The White House), or so one of his roommates told me just before the phones went dead.

My niece, who hadn't answered my calls, finally reached me on her drive home to Bethesda, MD. My sister called me to let me know her husband was on his way to pick her up, but traffic around DC was at a standstill. They ended up taking the Metro out of DC which took them three hours to get home.

Sharon White

On the morning of September 11, 2001, I was in a prayer group at Westminster Presbyterian Church when someone knocked on the door and shouted that a plane had just struck the World Trade Center in New York City. We immediately began praying for those involved, assuming that it was a tragic accident on the part of the pilot. Later in the day, we learned the awful details. It was not an accident; it had been planned by terrorists. Another plane had been involved in that attack, the Pentagon had been struck, and another plane had gone down in Pennsylvania where thousands of lives had been lost.

My son had been in New York earlier that year to interview with Cantor Fitzgerald, a financial services firm, and was hired by them. However, when he got back to Birmingham where he worked for an accounting firm, his boss offered him more money if he would stay on there...and he agreed, declining the offer in New York. As you probably know, the corporate headquarters and New York City office of Cantor Fitzgerald were destroyed that day. 658 employees who were present were killed, representing the largest loss of life of any single organization in the attacks. Howard Lutnick, the CEO, lived and rebuilt his firm after the attack. His life was spared because he had taken his young son to kindergarten that morning. I'm grateful that my son's life was spared, also.

Lou Ardrey

I was just walking into my exercise class at Oakland Ave. Presbyterian Church. After my class I went to the "Y" to work on the treadmill and saw the video of the towers falling. Until then, I had only listened to the event on the radio.



You are invited to Join us for a Bible Study  
On the Book of Romans

**"God's Righteousness Revealed"**

Tuesdays 10:15 – 11:15 am

In Heritage Hall

September 3 – December 17

*Sign up at the bulletin board*

After each class, there will be a short group discussion for anyone who wishes to participate.

# FOOTBALL

CLEMSON! The atmosphere and pageantry

Super Bowl III - When Joe Namath and the Jets won! It was electric in the Orange Bowl.

**Ohio State      Kansas City Chiefs**

**The Steelers      Miami Dolphins**

**South Point Stallions (High School)**

Marching at Cleveland Browns 7.13 game.  
The mud was thick! I used the trombone slide to keep from falling.

Saturday, December 5, 2015, Bank of America Stadium in Charlotte, NC Clemson vs North Carolina for the ACC Championship. Both teams were undefeated in conference play coming into the game. It was a sellout crowd of 74,514. National TV on ABC at 8:00 pm. Temperature was around 30 at gametime. Clemson wins the game in a thriller 45-37 to remain undefeated at 10-0. Clemson goes on to play Alabama for the National Championship that year and loses 45-40 and finishes the year 14-1. I was able to attend the game and rode the train to and from the game getting on and off at Arrowood Station. It was a very cold night but thrilling to see Clemson win their first ACC Championship in football since 2011.

Robert Calhoun

My favorite football team is Clemson. I have been to several home games in Charlotte and watched the 2016 playoff winning game on TV.

Barney Blackwelder

When my son was 16, he had an experience he will never repeat. Friday night after traveling all week, my wife met me at the door saying our friend Dan, in Miami, had called. He wanted to know if Ronnie and I would like to go to the Super Bowl on Sunday. What did you tell him? She said NO, and I said I would kill you! We left Saturday morning and went to Super Bowl 9 and had a GREAT TIME!

Ron Hoover

I used to watch the San Francisco 49ers and the 4 times they won the Super Bowl with Joe Montana and Jerry Rice. I watched these games with my late husband and late daughter.

Arlene Jenkins Blackwelder

**Ga. Tech**

**Appalachian State**

Washington Redskins! Yeah!

I have a shirt featuring Super Bowl XXII. Redskins played the Denver Broncos at Jack Murphy Stadium in San Diego, CA, on Sunday, January 31, 1988.

Barbara Sherbert

I'm from Maryland, born in DC, so I have remained a devout Redskins fan until they took away our Indian, and our song, and changed the helmets. Then, I started rooting for the Miami Dolphins.

Sharon White

I love the South Carolina Gamecocks! I used to go to all of their home games. The first game was magical - walking from the tunnel to the panoramic technicolor of the bright green field and colorful uniforms of the two teams!



# Meet Your Neighbor

by Nancy Preston  
in the Manor

Hartwell Hildebrand M.D. was born in Orangeburg, SC and moved to a family farm in Cameron, SC when he was in the first grade.

Doc went to school in Cameron. When he graduated from High School, he went to the College of Charleston for 4 years in undergraduate school, South Carolina University Medical School in Charleston and did his residency in the Charleston area.

He joined the Air Force in Florida for 4 years. During his stay in the Air Force, he delivered 600 babies over a 3-year period.

Doc and his wife, Betty Thurmond, moved to Westminster Towers and then moved to the Manor. Betty is deceased but Doc still lives here.

Doc was a Boy Scout when living in Cameron and still practices what he learned by pushing the ladies in wheelchairs. A real Southern gentleman!



**Dr. Hartwell "Doc" Hildebrand**

September 8 is  
National Grandparents Day



**Yvonne is a Care Partner on the HomeBridge care team.**

I would like to tell my Maw-Maw Yvonne, thanks for all that she does for myself and Ayden. We are truly grateful for all that you have done for us. Your kindness and generosity are very appreciated. You are truly a One in a Million. With love always, Vinceant Adair and Ayden Adair (great grandson).

# Wonderful Nuptials

## by Ed FitzGerald

On August 1st, a long fourteen-year relationship between two beautiful Towers residents came to fruition; Arlene Jenkins and Barney Blackwelder were married! This wonderful ceremony was held in the small chapel at the Health Center. Chaplin Ashley presided, assisted by Pastor Lee Ferguson. Jody and Ed FitzGerald stood up with the couple, and their vows were witnessed by a full chapel of relatives, friends, and Towers staff that had supported their journey to the marriage vows they shared at the ceremony.

The friendship started in 2008 when Arlene moved from San Jose California to Sun City Lakes community in Indian Land. The relocation was to be closer to her married daughter April, who was living in Charlotte. Arlene joined the Pleasant Hill UMC Church in Indian Land, and there, she met Barney in the Agape Sunday School class. Both widowed, they quickly became fast friends, and their relationship grew. Although they loved living in the Sun City adult development, change was on the horizon. The time was coming to consider moving to an Adult Continuous Care Community. After investigation, they concluded that Westminster Towers was the best place, they moved, along with Andy, their cat, to unit #325. A very outgoing couple, they quickly became involved in Towers activities.

The idea of uniting in Marriage was always on their minds. Encouragement from Chaplain Ashley, Pastor Lee, along with support from close friends helped them make this momentous decision. Agreement from family on their decision made the love story come to completion. A small reception was held after the ceremony in the



### **Arlene & Barney Blackwelder Married August 1, 2024**

Community Room. The happy couple stated that a Towers-wide reception would be scheduled for Heritage Hall on August 29th.

The Marriage Celebration included a strong emphasis on love. The second reading from Corinthians tells us that there are three important qualities: faith, hope, and love. The greatest of these is love. Ever since Arlene and Barney joined our community, they have always demonstrated their love. It is now official! Thank you, Arlene and Barney, for sharing your journey with us .....Congratulations!



## Meet Jenn Mitchell, Weekend Receptionist

I grew up in Rock Hill and graduated from Northwestern High School. I've got two wonderful children, a daughter who's 16 and a son who just turned 18. I

I recently got engaged and we're to be married in October 2025. So exciting!!

I'm normally here on the weekends at the front desk in the Towers, so stop by and say hey! I've been here a couple of years now, but it sure doesn't feel like it. Time has flown by, and I've loved every minute of it! You all make being here so pleasant and such a happy place to come to. Thanks to everyone for always making me feel welcome and appreciated.



### First ARP Bible Study at the Towers

All are welcome to join members of the First ARP Church for a Bible study at 2:00, on the second Thursday of each month in the 2nd floor lounge. Their next session will be on Thursday, Sept. 12th.



### Acknowledging Those Who Donate

#### *In Remembrance/Honor*

Jim & Nancy Bright	Harry Hazen
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Coy & Jodie Coulson	Jean Barnes
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	Wedding
Toy & Grazier Rhea	Jean Barnes

If you want to make a donation to any of our funds (Endowment, Employee Assistance, or General Fund), please bring cash/check to Pam Engle in the business office. You can make checks out to Westminster Towers, and in the memo section, indicate the fund you are supporting.





# August 2024 Memories



Jody FitzGerald is ready for Hurricane Debby



A Pepper from Chick Williams' Garden

