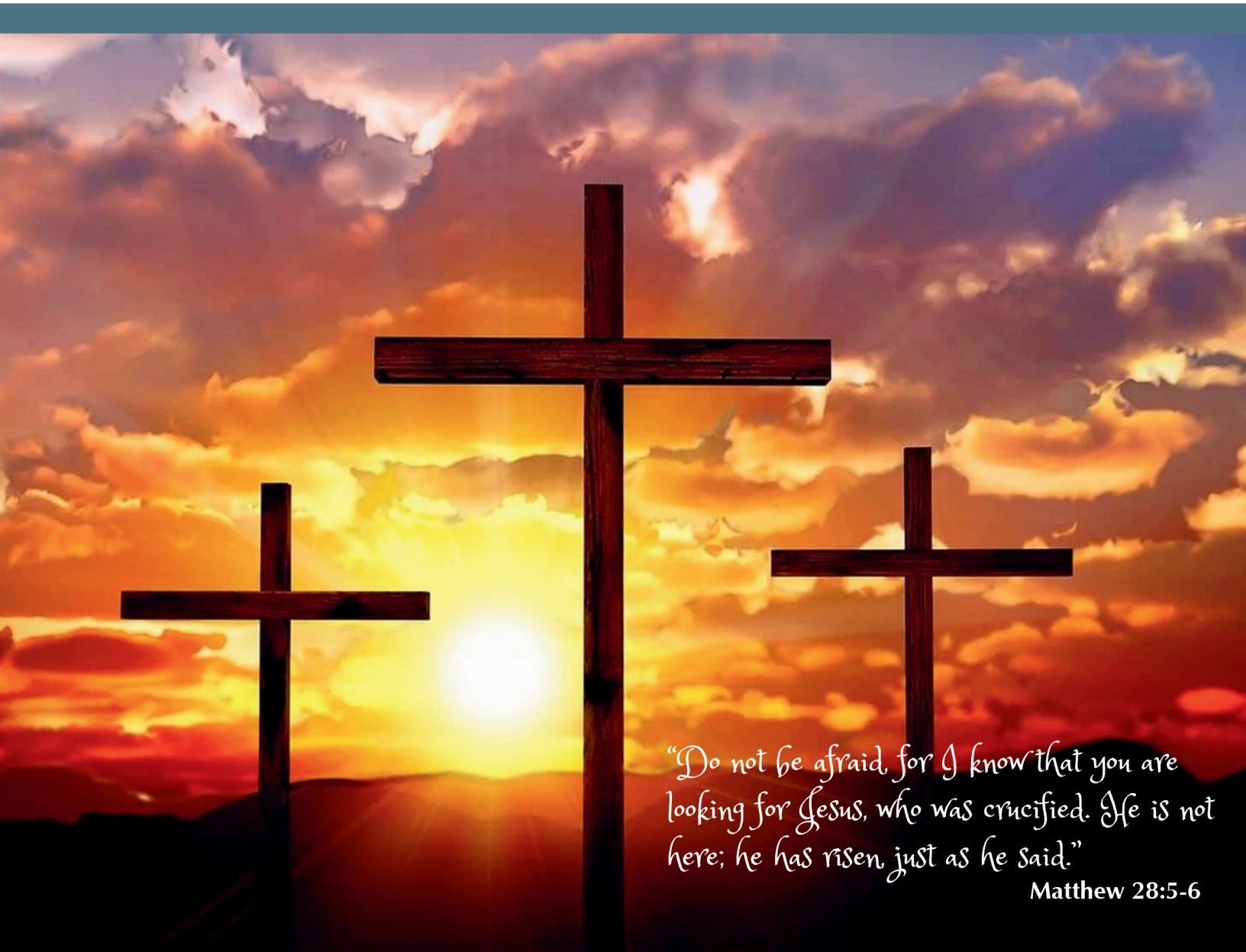


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“Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said.”

Matthew 28:5-6



April Church Schedule

The 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 3:00 pm
in Heritage Hall

4/1 Rev. Jason Anderson, Hopewell Presbyterian Church

4/15 Rev. Jon Oliphant, First ARP Church of Rock Hill

4/12 Catholic Communion Service at 2:45 pm in Heritage Hall.
Father Johnnie & Deacon Ray will preside. All are welcome!

If you would like to suggest someone to conduct a Wednesday church
service, please contact Nancy Anderson, in apartment 214.
All Denominations are welcome!

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

camifreeman@westminstertowers.org

The deadline for the May '26 edition of
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IN LOVING MEMORY

OF

Wendell Roy Anderson

(1931 - 2026)



*"Thank you to all who have shown me such
kindness following the death of Wendell. From
the words of encouragement, to the many cards,
and memorial contributions, the Anderson
family is most grateful. May the Lord bless you
all richly."*

Nancy Anderson

The next Newsletter Committee Meeting
will be on Monday, April 20, 2025,
at 2:00 pm, in the 2nd Floor Lounge.

He Took My Place

by Lou Ardrey

In the gospels, we're told that Jesus was subjected to several different trials after he was betrayed by Judas and arrested by the Jewish officials. The last trial was before Pilate, the Roman governor. Pilate knew that Jesus was innocent so he offered to release a prisoner during Passover, thinking the crowd would want to release Jesus. To his surprise, they chose Barabbas, a criminal, over the sinless Son of God.

Donald Grey Barnhouse has written these comments on Barabbas:

"He has been condemned to die. As he is in his cell waiting to be put to death he hears the sound of the crowd outside. He thinks he hears his name called out. Fear rises in his heart. He hears the sound of a key in the lock and a jailer comes in. He releases him from the chain that is wound around him. Barabbas thinks that his time has come but the jailer takes him to the door and tells him that he is free. He moves towards the crowd and hears 'Crucify Him! Crucify Him!' He's told that the roar is against Jesus who is to be crucified and that the crowd had cried out for the release of Barabbas. He goes closer and sees the man who is to die in his place. The procession begins towards Golgotha. He follows and sees Jesus fall under the weight of the cross. Finally they arrive at Calvary. He hears the blows of the hammer striking the nails. He thinks 'those hammer blows were meant for me but he is dying in my place.' The cross is lifted up, The sun grows dark and he hears a voice, 'Father

forgive them for they know not what they do.' The centurion passes near him and he hears him say 'Truly this was the Son of God.' Barabbas looks with wonder and amazement at the man who is dying for him. There comes a cry. 'It is finished!' and a little while later he sees the soldiers take down the body and put it in a temporary grave. "He took my place! Jesus took my place! They released me... Barabbas who deserved to die. They crucified Jesus instead of me. He died instead of me"

Barnhouse concludes, 'Barabbas was the only man in the world who could say that Jesus Christ took his physical place but I can say that Jesus Christ took my spiritual place. For it was I who deserved to die. He was delivered up for my offenses. Christ was my substitute.'

Every one of us can identify with Barabbas just as Barnhouse did. We can say, "It was I who deserved to die. Christ was delivered up for my offenses. Christ was my substitute."

Celebrating Ash Wednesday

by Jody and Ed FitzGerald

The Towers 3rd annual Ecumenical Ash Wednesday service, once again, was a very positive beginning for the traditional penitential season of Lent. Reverend Jeff Bryan, Senior Pastor at Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church and Father Lucas Crossland, Rector of the Episcopal Church of Our Savior, presided. They preached on the Temporal and Spiritual message of a personal Lenten journey preparing us for the Easter Miracle. Sue Fullerton, President of Her Place, a local social justice agency, spoke about the transitional home for homeless women.

She described how Her Place provides a path for Self-Sufficiency in an environment of safety, acceptance, peace, and forgiveness. CEO, Jim Thomason, concluded the service with prayer and a Lenten blessing. Generous contributions were made to the Offering Bus at the entry table by residents and friends of the Towers. A grand total of \$2,128 in checks and cash were donated to Her Place. This was an amazing achievement of faith and good works! Thank you, residents, for your wonderful support!



Seated: Sue Fullerton, President of Her Place, Father Lucas Crossland, Rector of the Episcopal Church of Our Savior and Towers CEO Jim Thomason. Standing: Resident Ed FitzGerald and Reverend Jeff Bryan, Senior Pastor at Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church.

Meet The Crew: Marketing

Each month, we will feature different departments here at Westminster Towers.



Melanie Evans Director of Marketing

Melanie Evans joined the Westminster Towers team in March 2015 as the Marketing Assistant and Move-In Coordinator for Independent Living. In January 2025, she was promoted to Director of Marketing following the retirement of Allison Matthews. A lifelong Rock Hill resident, Melanie grew up visiting Westminster Towers and developed an early appreciation for this special community. She earned her degree in Business with a minor in Dance from Winthrop University.

Melanie has a creative side she inherited from her grandmother and enjoys arts and crafts. She's also a fan of classic cars, which remind her of time spent in her grandfather's garage, and her favorite movie is Dirty Dancing. Melanie is married and cherishes being a mother to her wonderful children.



Dawn Anderson Senior Marketing Associate/ Admissions

Dawn Anderson joined us in July 2022, initially responsible for Manor and skilled nursing admissions. While she has remained part of the Marketing team throughout her time here, her role has expanded. In May of last year, she moved over to the Towers, where her responsibilities now include independent living tours and move-ins, alongside assisted living and long-term care admissions.

With more than 30 years of experience in marketing and healthcare management, Dawn has strong ties to the community, having called Rock Hill home for over three decades. Outside of work, she enjoys cooking, browsing local farmers' markets, and watching her favorite movie, My Best Friend's Wedding. Dawn is married and the proud mother of one daughter, Kristian, and grandmother to two granddaughters, Claire and Charlotte.

Places to Worship Around The World

by Milt Jellum

Continued from March 2026 edition of Windows.

NIDAROS CATHEDRAL, Trondheim, Norway: Built over the tomb of St. Olav who brought Christianity to Norway. Construction started in 1070 and due to fires, wars, and problems such as black death killed all priests including the archbishop in 1349. Construction continues today. Nidaros is the northernmost Gothic cathedral, and all kings of Norway are coronated in Nidaros. We have visited Nidaros several times.



The West view of Nidaros Cathedral. Restored 1905-1983



The striking Arctic Cathedral with surroundings in Tromsø, illuminated by the midnight sun with a mountain backdrop. Picture is taken at 20 minutes past midnight.

TROMSDALEN CHURCH, (Arctic Cathedral), Tromsø, Norway: Built in 1965 and located above the Arctic Circle. Trondheim and Tromsø are port calls for the Hurtigruten ships (combination cruise passenger/.freight) that make 34 port calls along the Norway coast from Bergen to Kirkenes. A unique experience while sailing above the arctic circle the sun doesn't set in June and July or doesn't rise above the horizon in December and January.

WAT RONG KHUN (White Temple), Chiang Rai, Thailand: Construction continues and more buildings are planned until 2070. This temple was visited in 2001 along with the elephant camp in Chiang Mai, the floating markets, and a boat ride on the River Kwai.



Wat Rong Khun (Thai: วัดร่องขุ่น), better known as the White Temple, is a Buddhist temple in Pa O Don Chai, Mueang District, Chiang Rai province, Thailand.

WAT PHRA KAEW, Temple of the Emerald Buddha, Bangkok, Thailand: Construction of the most sacred temple in Thailand was begun in 1783 by King Rama 1 of the Chakri dynasty. Each succeeding king added, restored, and embellished the temple into today's complex of buildings. The temple is home for a 26 inch Buddha carved out of jade.



Wat Phra Kaew complex viewed from outside the walls of the Grand Palace

The Emerald Buddha is the temple's main Buddha image as well as it's name sake.

Places of Worship Around the World by Milt Jellum will continue next month, in the May edition of Windows.



OUT AND ABOUT

RESTAURANT REVIEW

BY ALICE AIRTH

On a lovely, not too cool morning at the end of February, Brent chauffeured eight intrepid Lunch Bunchers to the Garden Café in York. It does take a half hour to get there, so being at least a little intrepid is necessary. The Café is on our list of popular eating venues, and most of us had been there before. The Café calls itself “eclectic southern with a twist,” and one has to enter the dining area through the gift shop (got the idea from Cracker Barrel, probably). We were quickly seated; our smiling waitress took our orders and was shortly placing our food in front of us. Things got silent for a bit, then sounds of “Ooh, that looks good!” and “Would you like to try a fried green bean?” Yes, they have fried green beans – you’re in the South, remember? The Café is also known for its pimento cheese, and if you ask nicely – and they have enough to spare – they will sell you some. A couple of our group did ask nicely and did leave happy. Checks and to-go boxes were brought, money changed hands, and we were off to our next stop.

Speaking of happy – one of our staff members who works at the Café on the weekend, said that our waitress told her that we were the best senior group she had waited on! We are a fun group, it’s true.

We were headed for a sportswear store that one of our group wanted to visit, and it’s only open Thursday through Saturday, so this would save her a trip. Called Sports Fans Inc, it sells all kinds of sports clothing – over 140 teams represented – plus memorabilia. Brent is



Lunch at the Garden Cafe'. Starting on the left: Chick Williams, Betty Wheatley, Dot Modla, and Alice Airth. On the right: Linda Williams, Chuck Rhor, Sonja Erickson, and Charles Ives.

always good about making side trips when time allows, and nobody objects. Since we had plenty of time, and no objections, off we went to shop. Afterwards, we went to the scheduled stop – Bites, a small, hole-in-the-wall cookie shop at 61 N. Congress Street, in York. It was so small that not all of us could fit inside at once, but a few of us did manage to make purchases. The shop is small and the selection is also small, but the cookies are huge, and very tasty, so well worth a visit.

Full, and shopped out, we finally headed for home – and a nap!



by Ed FitzGerald

- Two garden plots are available for cultivation this spring. If interested, contact Ed FitzGerald at 1-803-487-7171 for details.
- Swimming pool renovation is nearing completion. Walls are being painted, decking finished, and other repairs are almost complete. JR estimates the pool will open in early April. Stay tuned.
- Postage stamps and simple mailings are available at the receptionist desk. Need some postage advice? Just stop by.
- Having vision loss? Help is available from the SC Commission for the Blind. Contact the Rock Hill office at 1-803-980-8140 or the Columbia office at 1-803-898-8731. This service is free to South Carolina residents.
- Renters Insurance? A good idea! Get a quote or two.
- Southern Salads, a few doors from Food Lion, has an amazing offering of take-out salads ready to go. They are located in the refrigerated display case. Creamy Chicken is amazing! Ride the Wednesday bus to Food Lion. Visit Southern Salads, which is next to the Chinese restaurant.
- If you have a useful tip, please give me a shout.

PLEASE

THANK
YOU

Etta Kett says....

APPEARANCE
Clothing Adjustments

Discreetly tell a friend when clothing needs to be adjusted or when something is wrong (paper stuck to the bottom of his shoe, food is wedged between his teeth, etc.). You

may suggest attending to a non-embarrassing situation to someone you do not know.

Do not tell a stranger of the opposite sex to attend to an embarrassing situation (i.e., his fly is open, her skirt is caught in her underwear, etc.). Ask someone of the same sex to inform them.

CELEBRATING

Recently, Gaylon Syrett, celebrated her 95th birthday with family and friends in the 6th floor lounge. Reaching 95 years is a special accomplishment, for sure. Gaylon took it a step better as she is also the longest tenured resident in Independent Living. In September, she will have lived at the Towers for 14 years. When you see her, give her a hearty Shout Out, "Way to Go Gaylon, keep on counting!"



Gaylon Syrett celebrates her birthday with her family.

Front row are her Children: Scott Bristow, Cindy Bristow, Gaylon Syrett, Jan Joyner, Kelly Bristow.

Back row Grandchildren & 1 Great-grandchild: Charlie Phillips, Marcus Wu, Alex Wu, Rachel Reeves, Bo Reeves, Abbie Wu



What to do with the Old Phones?

Please put your old phone in the green tub next to the bench in the basement just as you get off the North elevator.





**Wendell Anderson
Carlos Gardner**

Acknowledging Those Who Donate

In Remembrance/Honor

Yvonne & Ray Lautzenheiser	Wendell Anderson	Employee Appreciation
Arlene Jenkins Blackwelder	Wendell Anderson and April Amos, Arlene's daughter	Endowment
Linder Tucker	Wendell Anderson and Carlos Gardner	Employee Appreciation
Ruth Greer	Wendell Anderson	Endowment
Joanne Cauthen	Wendell Anderson	Endowment
Jody & Ed FitzGerald	Mildred Barnes, Lois Kirkpatrick's sister and Wendell Anderson	Employee Appreciation
Lib & Spencer Anderson	Wendell Anderson and Margaret Hausman	Endowment
Judy & Carlton Heustess	Charles Martin, Wendell Anderson, and Carlos Gardner	Endowment
Lou Ardrey	Wendell Anderson	Endowment
Nancy & Jim Bright	Wendell Anderson and Carlos Gardner	Endowment
Charles Ives	Wendell Anderson and Margaret Hausman	Endowment
Pauline & Milt Jellum	Wendell Anderson and Carlos Jellum	Endowment
Anonymous	Jim Townsend	Endowment
Sue Nazk	Wendell Anderson and Carlos Gardner	Endowment
Lois & William Kirkpatrick	Wendell Anderson	Endowment
Jody & Ed FitzGerald	Carlos Gardner	Employee Appreciation
Sonja Erickson	Wendell Anderson and Carlos Gardner	Endowment

If you want to make a donation to any of our funds (Endowment, Employee Appreciation, 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.

April Outings

Signup at the Bulletin Board

- Wednesday, April 1
11:00 am Lunch at Dixie Pig
- Friday, April 3
9:00 am Outing to Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden with lunch at their Big Leaf Café
- Saturday, April 4
1:30 pm Winthrop Baseball Game against Western Carolina (Game starts at 2pm)
- Tuesday, April 7
11:15 am Movie outing "A Great Awakening" and Lunch

The Activity Committee will meet on Monday, April 6th, at 2:00 pm in the 4th floor lounge. Please come and share your suggestions for lunches, dinners, and other fun outings. Hope to see you there!!

Linder Tucker,
Activity Committee
Chairman



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Wednesday, April 8

10:45 am Lunch at Elk Avenue Tavern

Thursday, April 9

3:00 pm Spring Flower Ride-Around

Friday, April 10

8:30 am Neighborhood Walmart

Tuesday, April 14

7:00 pm Winthrop Chamber Singers at McBryde Hall

Wednesday, April 15

11:00 am Lunch at Flipside

Wednesday, April 15

6:15 pm Northwestern High School Baseball Game against South Pointe (Game starts at 7pm)

Thursday, April 16

5:00 pm Come See Me Parade

Friday, April 17

4:30 pm Diner at Richie's Italian Restaurant

Saturday, April 18

10:15 pm Showtime Theatre Production of Guys and Dolls (Show starts at 11am)

Sunday, April 19

12:30 pm Craft Show & Antique Car Show at the White Home

Sunday, April 19

3:00 pm PW's Ice Cream

Tuesday, April 21

10:00 am Charlotte Knights Baseball Game against Nashville (Game starts at 11:05am)

Tuesday, April 21

7:00 pm Winthrop Chorale & Collegiate Choir at Byrnes Auditorium.

Wednesday, April 22

4:30 pm Dinner Pump House

Thursday, April 23

3:00 pm Spring Flower Ride-Around

Friday, April 24

9:00 am Glen's Senior Coffee Conversation at Come See Me at the Vetrans Wall at Glencarin Garden

Friday, April 24

1:30 pm Outing to Neighborhood Walmart

Saturday, April 25

11:30 am Narrowway Theatre: The Fourth Cross

Wednesday, April 29

10:30 am Brunch at IHop



APRIL 2026 MEMORIES

