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Happy  
Mother's Day

*"Many women do noble things,  
but you surpass them all."  
Proverbs 31:29*





## May Church Schedule

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

**5/6 Lisa Johnson, Bowling Green Presbyterian Church**

**5/27 Rev. Jon Oliphant, First ARP Church of Rock Hill**

**Communion and Special Retirement Service for Mike Honeycutt**

**There will not be a Catholic church communion or service on  
May 10<sup>th</sup>. Happy Mother's Day!**

**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](mailto:camifreeman@westminstertowers.org)  
The deadline for the June '26 edition of Windows is Monday, May11.

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The next Newsletter Committee Meeting  
will be on Monday, May 18, 2025,  
at 2:00 pm, in the 2nd Floor Lounge.

# National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 7 at 3:00 pm in Heritage Hall

by Lou Ardrey



**GLORIFY GOD**  
AMONG THE NATIONS

**SEEKING HIM**  
IN ALL GENERATIONS  
1 CHRONICLES 16:24 NASB  
**THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2026**

NATIONALDAYOFPRAYER.ORG

**75<sup>TH</sup>**  
NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Westminster Towers will, once again, host a National Day of Prayer service. It will be observed on Thursday, May 7, in Heritage Hall from 3-4 p.m. The theme this year is **Glorify God Among the Nations ..Seeking Him in All Generations** based on 1 Chronicles 16:24 “Tell of His glory among the nations and His wonderful deeds among the people”

Special guests for the event will include Rev. Matthew Joldersma, Pastor of Neely’s Creek Presbyterian Church who will deliver a message about the need for prayer for our country. Other areas of prayer will be led by:

Family - - Courtney Denton, Executive Director of The Life House Church - - Rev. Dr. Mike Honeycutt Senior Pastor, Westminster Presbyterian Church  
Business - - John Hardin, Ph.D. Senior Fellow, Abundance Institute  
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One of the greatest promises in God’s Word is full of hope: “if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves, pray, seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, will forgive our sin and heal our land.” 2 Chronicles 7:14

Plan to join millions who will gather all over America on this special day as we humble our hearts, bow our heads, and lift our voices in prayer to intercede for our great nation and its leaders.

# Dear Friends of Westminster Towers,

This annual Mother's Day Memorial Offering is a very popular and well-received event whereby residents, families, and church members remember their mothers and their legacies.

Many years ago, the Westminster Towers Endowment Fund was established to support residents who outlived their financial resources. This fund is contributed to by many of our current residents throughout the year and is under the direction of the Board of Directors. The principal is never touched; only the earnings are used. 100% of all contributions go directly to this fund and are exclusively used to help residents who outlive their financial resources.

Financial assistance from the fund is managed privately, confidentially, and securely with a Board of Directors committee to review

applications. So very often, those who exhaust their finances have lived with us for many years. Westminster Towers is their home. We strive to use all options available, for example, our Endowment Fund, and support from family members, and home congregation. Last year, your gifts helped several residents over the age of 90 remain at home here at The Towers.

Would you join us this year in remembering/honoring your mother by giving a gift to our Mother's Day offering? We would be honored to list you and your mother's name in the monthly Westminster Towers Windows newsletter and post the names in our beautiful lobby.

Sincerely,  
**James R. Thomason, CEO**



## *In Loving Memory*



### **Acknowledging Those Who Donate**

#### *In Remembrance/Honor*

Jody & Ed FitzGerald  
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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.

# Joke of the Week

## My five new boyfriends

Submitted by Linda Williams

I am seeing 5 gentlemen every day.

As soon as I wake up, Will Power helps me get out of bed

Then I go to see John. (Actually I see John a lot - even at night)

Then Charlie Horse comes along & when he is here, he takes a lot of my time & attention.

When he leaves, Arthur Ritis shows up & stays the rest of the day. He doesn't like to stay in one place very long, so he takes me from joint to joint.

After such a busy day, I'm really tired & glad to go to bed with Ben Gay.

What a life! Oh, yes, I'm also flirting with Al Zymer.

Sometimes, I think about calling Jack Daniels or Johnny Walker to come and keep me company.

Now remember: Life is like a roll of toilet paper... the closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes.

So have fun, think 'good thoughts' only, learn to laugh at yourself, and Count your blessings!



## OUT AND ABOUT

RESTAURANT REVIEW

BY ALICE AIRTH

If you like small, popular restaurant pubs with dim lighting and big sandwiches, then Elk Ave Tavern is for you. If, however, you are a group of seniors who want not only good food, but a table large enough for more than 4 people, and no tall steps to navigate getting to the second seating area, you might want to re-think it. To be fair, there is one long table, but it was already occupied, even though we had arrived before opening and were about third in line. The Tavern doesn't take reservations; in fact, the phone often goes unanswered because they stay so busy, so get there early, or be prepared to wait.

Since a couple of us have problems getting up steps, we were, of course, seated in the upper level; the lower, entrance level has the bar and several booths. Once seated – the 2 men at one table, the 4 ladies at the other -- we pulled out our phones to use the flashlight feature so we could read the menu (did I mention the dim lighting?); after much perusal and discussion, our choices were made, and the personable waitress was soon bringing them to us. Two of the residents were really smart and split one of the sandwiches; both left full. They offer more than just sandwiches, and foodies probably love the place; the prices are a bit high, but truffle fries, lamb burgers, and dim lighting aren't cheap! It is one of the top 10 restaurant pubs in Rock Hill, according to Yelp.

Would we go back? Well, food-wise, I'd say yes; but accommodation-wise for a group of seniors?...probably not.

# Mother's Day Blessings to our Leading Lady & Influencer – Carole Partridge

When I recall my mother throughout my childhood in Delaware, as the eldest of four, our mother, Carole Partridge, was always the Leading Lady and an influencer

Here's what you may not know. When Carole was 14 years old, she had her own radio show in Augusta, GA, and later was requested by Ike & Mamie Eisenhower to solo while they were visiting Reid Memorial Presbyterian Church in Augusta. She had the "pipes" to impress a President!

Summers were filled with the anticipation of Dress Rehearsal for Mom's performances with The Brandywiners LTD, held at Longwood Gardens outdoor amphitheater performing Rogers & Hammerstein musicals. As a child, this was my equivalent Christmas in July. By then I knew the songs by heart listening to Mom practice the music while preparing meals or keeping house. I thought Dress Rehearsal was Opening Night because it was just as grand to me. Lights, camera, action! Only later, I learned cast member families attended that night free. That was MY MOM who could remember all the lines and lyrics, Viennese Waltz and Foxtrot with the trained stage dancers while belting out the showstopper for a standing ovation! Mom held leading lady roles in many of your favorites: Camelot, Kismet, Carousel, South Pacific, Mame, Oklahoma!, No, No Nannette, Hello Dolly, The Vagabond King, The King and I, and some I've missed in the list. Watching those performances, as a child, expanded my imagination, while influencing my appreciation of the Arts and especially music. I get a smile and misty eyes remembering Mom on stage singing "I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Outta My Hair" behind the door resembling a military shower from M\*A\*S\*H.

As the 2nd act of the play draws nearer the final curtain call, and the memory of lines and lyrics may be out of reach, the things that matter in life do become clearer. Where we invest our efforts, time and money is indicative of what is important to you. My mother invested her time, patience, and poured her prayers and love into her family, that grew from two people, to become a clan over 40 and counting.

Thank you for all you are, have been, and continue to be, and know that you are well loved and appreciated, Mom.

Happy Mother's Day!  
Love, Holly



*Carole Partridge as Little Red Riding Hood.  
The Brandywiners LTD, Longwood Gardens*

**Mom's Dedication:** I realize the Proverbs 31 woman is an inspiration, not a tool for condemnation or a standard of perfection. However, my mother, Carole Partridge does embody the qualities, the wisdom, the diligence and the fear of the Lord, as the woman in Proverbs 31:10-31. Carole as a skilled and gifted woman, a homemaker and known for her strength, dignity and wise speech. In our adolescence, she personified wisdom with practical application of a godly woman in daily life.

This write up on Mom brings out the verse 30, "... but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised". Thank you for your service to your children, to our family...all 42+ of us as of today... "Many women have done excellently, but YOU surpass them all!"

Happy Mother's Day!  
Love, Melissa

Family Memories: Carole Partridge, my mother, was the perfect mom for a middle child. She got me to the hospital before I was born just in time when my dad was traveling for work. She got me to the doctor with an earache, or a cut on my foot from playing ballerina, and stepping on a dog bone needing stitches, or getting me to the dentist with a toothache, then piano and tennis lessons, then my high school classes that she sat in for me to take notes when I was suspended, and graduations. She allowed me to explore all the areas around our neighborhood till dark without worry and still ready for hugs upon return.

From picnics in the park to theatre every summer in leading roles, listening to her beautiful soprano vocals and our daily drama, Mom is still listening, singing, and praying for each one of her children, grandchildren, and many great grandchildren. Mom prays with me on the phone, in person, in the car, all the time when life's challenges arise. Mom's prayers have conquered many of our life's challenges, and I love her many skills, grace, talents, leadership, and memories she makes. From singing in a circle while she played the ukulele, to playing on the piano to make sure singing started on the right note. She makes memories to pass onto the next generation, to remain strong, and a prayer warrior through grace, with seriousness and poise all her own. She fights the enemy with all her skills and loves with smiles and laughter and a gentle touch.

I know she has shared only a fraction of herself in these later years there at Westminster Towers, and we are all blessed to have her in our lives and to bring her prayers to the Lord. Thank you, Mom, for all the prayers and beauty you have brought to my life.

I love you.

Rebecca Jill Partridge-Beatty, aka middle child.

## Wishing Sue Nazak a Happy Mother's Day

by Pam Mcilvaine & Rick Nazak

Greetings! Do you know, Sue Nazak?! Well, we are here to share so you may get to know her a little bit better... As her children, Rick and Pam, we can attest to her being a faithful servant of the Lord. She was always volunteering in the community and at church and involved in whatever activities we had as kids and continues to do so today with grands and great -grands!. Mom continues to be the matriarch of our family and always there for us. She is one of the most loving, intelligent, person of character and class. We love you and are proud to be your kids!

Grace, Kindness, Faith: My mother is the kind of woman whose love shows up before you even realize you need it, usually armed with a prayer, a knowing smile, and a gentle reminder that God's got this - and so does she. Deep in her faith and perfectly comfortable laughing at herself, she weathered life's storms with a resilience that could put superheroes to shame yet still finds room in her heart to forgive faster than most people can hold a grudge.

She believes in grace - both the divine kind and the everyday kind. She has a voice that emerges at the most unexpected moments-while folding laundry, washing dishes, or offering hymns that somehow turn an ordinary room into a sanctuary- and honestly, it's impossible not to smile when she breaks into song.

Loving beyond measure, especially when it comes to her family, she gives her heart freely, backed by deep and steady Christian faith that has carried her through life's hardest seasons. She's resilient in ways that amaze me, forgiving in ways that humble me, and proof that grace isn't something you talk about on Sundays - it's something you live every day.

Loving, unshakeable, she is living proof that strength doesn't always roar; sometimes it hums hymns, tells great stories, and loves you endlessly, flaws and all.

Happy Mother's Day, Mom  
Love, Whit



*Sue Nazak*

# Vespers

by Pastor Lee

Several times I have had people ask me “Exactly what is Vespers”. Well, there are two answers to that. The first is what is Vespers in the history of the Christian Church, and secondly what is Vespers here at Westminster Towers.

In the history of the Christian Church, in many denominations and communions, Vespers (sometimes called Evening Prayer) is the last worship service marking the close of the day. It was designed to be a time to sanctify the evening with prayer, devotion, singing, and listening to God’s word. Its origins actually date back to the Jewish evening prayer service both at the temple and in synagogues. The name comes from both Latin and Greek words meaning “evening” or “evening star.”

At Westminster Towers, Vespers in our late afternoon/early evening worship service is held at 4:00 in Heritage Hall. It usually lasts 30-40 minutes. It is marked by singing, praying for specific and general needs, for the

world, our nation, and Westminster Towers. I try to regularly preach through various books of the Bible or portions of books of the Bible. In the past few years, we have looked at I, II, and III John, the book of Psalms, and most recently, I Peter. The messages are designed to help us apply God’s Word to our daily lives.

I would like to invite everyone from the Towers to attend Vespers. We are just beginning to study The Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7). This sermon is preached by Jesus to tell his followers what it means to live a life focused on him and living as members of his kingdom. Matthew begins his recording of the sermon by telling us that Jesus began his ministry by “proclaiming the Gospel of the kingdom.”

If you have never attended Vespers, or have in the past, but no longer do, I would encourage you to join us Sunday afternoons at 4:00 as we begin to listen to Jesus tell us how he calls members of his kingdom to live.



*Etta Kett says....*

## Disabled/ Hearing Impaired COMMON COURTESY

Tap on the shoulder of a hearing-impaired person to get his attention. Speak slowly and distinctly with your head turned toward the person.

*Don’t shout at a hearing impaired person or one who is wearing a hearing aid. Write notes if necessary. Speak directly to the person instead of a companion or interpreter.*

The Activity Committee will meet on Monday, May 4th, 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



# Places to Worship Around The World

by Milt Jellum

*Continued from April 2026 edition of Windows.*

SULTAN QABOOS MOSQUE, Muscat, Oman: Construction took 6 years and 7 months and is large enough for 20,000 worshipers. The main minaret is 300 feet high. The Chandelier Weighs 7.7 tons and has a built-in staircase for maintenance. In order for Pauline to go inside the Mosque, she had to get completely covered (expect her eyes). Shoes are not allowed in any Mosque.



*The Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque in 2014*



*The chandelier is truly of gigantic proportions having a diameter of 8 meters making it the size of a 3 bedroom detached house but twice the height!*

SHEIKH ZAYED GRAND MOSQUE, Abu Dhabi, UAE: Constructed from 1994 to 2007 and covers an area of 30 acres. The Mosque has 82 domes and 1,000+ columns with a capacity for 40,000 worshipers. The world's largest carpet at 35 tons and 2,258,000,000 knots is found in this Mosque. In 2011, we had several days of sightseeing in Dubai including seeing the city from the 124<sup>th</sup> observation deck of the Burj Khalifa Tower, the tallest building in the world at 2,722 feet (just over one-half mile). The BK Tower has 57 elevators and 8 escalators. Another sight was watching people ski on an indoor slope at a giant shopping mall. The ski slope has five trails, and penguins are let out once a day to interact with people. The mall has over 1,200 stores. The main part of the trip was a cruise from Dubai to Abu Dhabi, Fujairah, Muscat and return to Dubai through the strait of Hormuz.



*Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque in Abu Dhabi is the UAE's largest mosque, known for its stunning white-and-gold architecture, 82 domes, 1,000 columns, and the world's largest loomed carpet.*

# Spring Gardening Underway

by Ed FitzGerald

If you are looking for a quiet reflective place to enjoy the sounds, smells, and see emerging spring, take a moment and visit the Towers Community Gardens. It is a beautiful meditative place right next to the lower parking area. It used to be a bit of grass where resident gardeners just dug in the dirt. About 8 years ago, a Tega Cay Boy Scout troop offered to construct six raised gardens for cultivation. When they arrived with tools and lumber, a magic transformation occurred! What had been a bit “tacky” became organized and beautiful. A year later, the scouts revisited the garden and constructed six more raised beds. The Towers provided water access and irrigation as well as an arbor for a fragrant Confederate Jasmine vine. During the transformation, we were fortunate to have Mary Alice Mitchell and Van Chambers with us. Both skilled gardeners inspired the less skilled to achieve beautiful garden plots with flowers, plants, herbs, and vegetables. Van and Mary Alice are no longer with us; however, their spirits still dwell in the plots.

This year, all plots are under cultivation and beginning to flower. There are benches and comfortable chairs which surround the gardens watched over by a pastoral statue of St. Francis. Consider making a visit to smell the unique fragrance of the jasmine, breathe the uplifting joy of temperate spring air, hear our resident birds singing for mates, and view the famous Carolina Blue sky. It is a special place, a gift to our community, a perfect spot for meditation, prayer, or possibly meeting a new and interesting resident. Take a moment to reflect that we are fortunate to reside in a caring place during our twilight years. Offer a prayer for mercy, peace, and kindness!





- Wondering what to do with your new phone if not using it? Drop it off at Holly Brackett's office across from the Art Room. Good idea to place some tape on the receiver with your phone number. The phone will be stored for future use.
- If you live alone, always wearing your Emergency Pendant is essential. If you experience a fall, or need assistance, and cannot access your pendant, you will be helpless until someone realizes you are missing. It is good practice to periodically test your pendant to insure it is working. It is usually quiet at reception on weekends. Call the reception person telling them you will be testing your pendant. Activate the device, and await their call to your listed phone number. Make sure your contact information listed is up to date.
- If your sense of direction is a problem and you are wondering which elevator you are riding (North or South). Check under the digital direction display. There, you will find a notice of the cab you are riding. Thanks, Alice, for this tip.
- Don't forget, Corn Hole is played every Friday at 3pm in Heritage Hall. The court is set for senior competition at 15 feet, making it good competition and exercise for both Women as well as Men. It is simple to understand and easy to learn. Come down on a Friday, and give it a try.
- The City provides electricity to the Towers. Recently, we have experienced city wide temporary power interruptions. With power demand increasing in our area, interruptions may increase. Time to insure you have emergency battery and flashlights working and in a location easily found in a darkened apartment. There is back up power in Independent Living for operation of one elevator!
- The new trash and garbage handling system is currently being installed, and it appears to be a major improvement for the Towers. Deposited trash and garbage will be moved outside the building and dumped into to the newly installed handling system two or three times a day. When the large container is full, it will be carried to the city landfill for dumping. No more garbage odors and critters in the basement area!
- Pool is open, but a bit nippy. JR is working to get the water temperature just right. The facility looks beautiful and is a real asset to Towers life. There is a bathroom and changing area with shower located in the pool area.
- After a few years absence, the Towers participated in the opening parade that starts Rock Hill's Come-See-Me celebration. Residents filled the bus and limo, that had been dressed in beautiful paper flowers. Then, with enthusiasm, we rode the parade route waving to the spectators. All had an amazing time enjoying being part of the opening celebration. The Christmasville parade is next!
- We may have a kleptomaniac about! There have been several reports of items displayed on the corner shelf at door gone missing during the night. A few days ago, our shelf was wiped clean. A special vase with real flowers and a handmade doll disappeared. Think twice before displaying an item of value on the corner shelf.

# May Outings

# APRIL 2026 MEMORIES

## Signup at the Bulletin Board

Friday, May 1

11:00 am Lunch at Fish Market in Baxter

Friday, May 1

4:15 pm Northwestern High School JV  
Baseball game against Indian Land HS

Sunday, May 3

1:30 PW's Ice Cream

Sunday, May 3

3:00 pm Rock Hill Symphony

Tuesday, May 5

11:00 am Outing to Top Golf

Wednesday, May 6

4:30 pm Dinner at Outback Steakhouse

Friday, May 8

8:30 am Neighborhood Walmart (no sign  
upsheet)

Friday, May 8

10:30 am Brunch at Ebenezer Grill

Wednesday, May 13

11:00 am Lunch at Culver's

Thursday, May 14

12:00 pm A Tour of Her Place

Friday, May 15

4:30 pm Dinner at Casa Tequila

Wednesday, May 20

10:00 am Outing to Camden, SC, for a tour  
and lunch

Friday, May 8

8:30 am Neighborhood Walmart (no sign up  
sheet)

Friday, May 22

11:00 am Westminster Park Community  
Cook-out

Friday, May 29

10:30 am Sullenburger Museum &  
Picnic at Airport Overlook



## Resident Association Quarterly Meeting

Tuesday, June 2 at 2:30 PM  
in Heritage Hall

*Everyone is Encouraged to Attend*

