

# VISIONS

NEWS FROM THE OAKS—A UNITED METHODIST COMMUNITY

FALL 2017



## Great things are happening at The Oaks!

With November being National Alzheimer's Month, it is only appropriate that we announce officially our next project, a secure dementia unit.

In order for The Oaks to offer the complete continuum of care, a secure dementia unit is necessary. With approval from The Oaks Board of Trustees, over the last few months we have begun exploring this project by engaging the Department of Health and Environment Control (DHEC) as well as a healthcare architect to give us direction on the addition of a secure unit in the Sheffield Medical Center. It looks as if the unit will be housed on one

hallway of the building which will allow us to offer 14 beds. I will keep you updated on the progress of this project, including the funding.

The Alzheimer's Association's data show that over five million people have Alzheimer's, and every 66 seconds someone is diagnosed with it. By 2050, it is projected that more than 16 million people will have the disease. In South Carolina, 86,000 people have the diagnoses, and by 2050, it is projected that 160,000 people will have it. South Carolina has the eighth highest death rate from Alzheimer's.



**Andy Cox**  
CEO

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## PACE—ADULT DAY CARE

PROGRAM OF ALL-INCLUSIVE CARE FOR THE ELDERLY

### ABOVE AND BEYOND

#### What makes The Oaks PACE Special?

The Oaks PACE provides more than medical care; we have a specially trained transportation department with a fleet of buses and lifts.

Each morning and afternoon, our specially trained drivers go into the homes of our participants to assist them from their homes to the buses then to our day health center. At the end of the day, our drivers assist them to the buses from our day health center and back into their homes. Consistency is important to the daily routine of our participants. Our participants have the same drivers which makes them feel comfortable throughout the transportation experience. For their families, this transportation system allows them to maintain their daily routines as well.



**Please call The Oaks PACE at 803-268-5300 and ask for our Intake Nurse to find out all of the extra services PACE can provide.**

**Let us be your safe haven in the day while enjoying the comfort of home at night!**

**Elaine M. Till, NHA, CRCFA**

VP of Medical & Supportive Services/Director of PACE



### WHAT IS SENIOR SOLUTIONS AT THE OAKS?

The Oaks' home care program is Senior Solutions and this program serves The Oaks' campus as well as Orangeburg, Bamberg and Calhoun Counties.

Senior Solutions is a non-nursing service that can provide a minimum of 3 hours of assistance per visit, up to 24 hours a day in the community and a minimum of 1 hour per visit on The Oaks' campus.

#### Some of the available services through Senior Solutions are:

- Assistance with dressing, bathing and personal care
- Personal shopping
- Meal preparation
- Assistance with laundry
- Transportation with errands and medical appointments
- Companionship

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL

**803-268-1709**

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**Congratulations**  
to  
**Rachel Fanning,**  
**Administrator**  
of  
**Hoffmeyer Assisted Living**  
as of  
**November 1, 2017**





## An Update from the Marketing & Development Office

Since the last newsletter, our Oaks family has grown! Please join us in welcoming Lonnie and Nancy Shrine (French Quarter 29), Bill and Sue Thomas (French Quarter 30), Bob and Louise Beckett (Soon to be French Quarter 25) and Inez Corley (Assisted Living). In addition, we have commitments from Julia Fletcher and Faye Smit, both of whom will move to Asbury. In the last few months, we have had two moves within independent living and one move from independent to assisted living.

Our outreach continues! As you know, we believe in providing educational opportunities both for you and for the community. We are excited to announce a partnership with the South Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church where we will host a one day workshop on Aging and Ministry in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. This day-long event will be led by Dr. Richard H. Gentzler, Jr., author and director of Encore Ministries for the Tennessee Conference and former director of the center on aging and older adult ministries for the General Board of Discipleship of The United Methodist Church. Retired Bishop Ken Carder will also participate with us by leading a workshop on dementia and caregiving. This event will be held on March 10, 2018, and we expect to have

attendees from all over the state on campus that day.

During this season of Thanksgiving, we would like to pause to thank you for supporting the ministries of The Oaks in all the ways that you do. Giving is fulfilling! Each of you fills a need here at The Oaks, from singing in the choir to volunteering in campus life, The Twig or gardening projects, to participating in collection projects and giving financially, so for what you do, we thank you!

**John Wesley said it best,**

*Do all the good you can  
By all the means you can  
In all the ways you can  
In all the places you can  
At all the times you can  
To all the people you can  
As long as ever you can.*

If The Oaks might serve as one of your charitable organizations, we would be most appreciative of your generosity and would love to work with you. Contributions may support any area on the campus, including the new dementia unit, as well as a variety of established funds. Fundraising for the dementia unit has begun, and we are happy to report that it is off to a wonderful start. Contributions may be given in various

ways, from outright cash gifts to planned gifts through your estate to charitable annuities which provide you with income. Many of you are aware of and support the Resident Assistance Fund which is used to bridge the gap for those residents whose resources have been depleted, and they are no longer able to provide for themselves financially. Support of this fund is crucial to The Oaks' mission, and your support is appreciated both by The Oaks and by those residents who benefit from it.

We appreciate you! You serve as ambassadors for The Oaks in your circles of friends, and you so graciously welcome our guests to campus when they are here visiting. Your warm greetings impact their decisions, and we want you to know how much we appreciate you! As always, if you know of folks who may be interested in The Oaks, please make this office aware of their interest.

During this season of Thanksgiving, we are thankful for the many blessings in our lives, including the opportunity to serve you.

Best wishes for a wonderful holiday season!

**Lisa Livingston**

VP of Marketing & Development

**Nikki Peake and Mary Till**



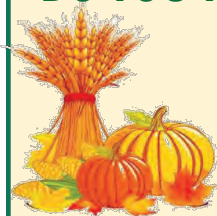
## INTRODUCING THE ACORN SOCIETY

The Acorn Society recognizes those individuals who have chosen to ensure the future of The Oaks through their estate plans. If you are considering a planned gift or if you have already established one, we very much want to recognize your thoughtfulness and generosity through membership in the Acorn Society.

Please contact Lisa Livingston in the marketing and development office to let us know of your plans.

## DO YOU KNOW THE OAKS 10 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS?

- 1953-1963 – Dr. James Frank McLeod Hoffmeyer served as the 1<sup>st</sup> Superintendent.
- 1962-1975 – The Rev. Cellis Woodard served as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Superintendent.
- 1975-1978 – Raymon P. Masneri served as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Administrator.
- 1978-1979 – Allan Broome served as the 4<sup>th</sup> Interim Administrator.
- 1979-1982 – Rev. Jame E. Alewine served as the 5<sup>th</sup> Executive Director.
- 1982 – 1986 – Rev. Ernest Heape served as the 6<sup>th</sup> Executive Director.
- 1986-1996 – The Rev C. Burton Sheffield served as the 7<sup>th</sup> Administrator.
- 1996-2004 – Johnnie Benson served as the 8<sup>th</sup> Chief Executive Officer.
- 2004-2015 – Rev. James McGee served as the 9<sup>th</sup> Chief Executive Officer.
- 2015 – Present - Andy Cox is serving as the 10<sup>th</sup> Chief Executive Officer.





## STAFF CORNER



*L to R: Michelle Avinger, Roy Dickson & Johnnie Mae Cleckley*

### Roy Dickson

*Director of Dining*

Before Roy came to The Oaks, he was Regional Sales Manager for Norwegian Cruise Lines, and Dining Director for S.S. Norway Conversion, Oslo Norway, and was a Catering specialist for Reid's. He completed a culinary course Miami Dade Community College.

At The Oaks, Roy is responsible for planning of all menus, special events (wine and cheese, fine dining, entertainment events with anything from snacks to Hors D'Oeuvres, picnics-at the pond, special holiday dining, and 3 meals each day served to all of our residents, guests and The Oaks staff. Roy stated that he does all of this, "with great excitement and a big smile for our residents."

## DINING STAFF



**Below is a list of the staff, dates of employment and the position that they hold.**

<b>Roy Dickson, Dietary Director</b>	10 years	<b>Fannie Preston, Dietary Aide</b>	22 years
<b>Johnnie Mae Cleckley, Supervisor</b>	43 years	<b>Christine Kimbrough, Dietary Aide</b>	2 months
<b>Michelle Avinger, Supervisor</b>	16 years	<b>Mary Sanders, Dietary Aide</b>	6 years
<b>Thomasine Jones, Cook</b>	20 years	<b>Cleo Turkvan, Dietary Aide</b>	23 years
<b>Monika Brunson, Cook</b>	4 years	<b>Rose Thorton, Dietary Aide</b>	2 years
<b>Jeanette Fludd, Cook</b>	9 years	<b>Bobbie Barber, Dietary Aide</b>	7 years
<b>Loretta Mack, Cook</b>	10 years	<b><u>Absent From Photo:</u></b>	
<b>Chris Watson, Porter</b>	12 years	<b>Rose Shuler, Cook</b>	20 years
<b>Mark Fairey, Porter</b>	3 years	<b>Marian Simpson, Cook</b>	20 years



## Welcome New Staff!

**Marcus Barnes, Grounds**  
**Katie Horne, Wellness**  
**Melonie Jones, Switchboard**

**Christine Kimbrough, Dietary**  
**Lois Tobin, Dietary**  
**Jerome Whaley, Grounds**





### **April B. Parler, CLRT, MBA** *VP of Independent Living & Executive Manager*

April is a lifelong resident of the Orangeburg area. She brings an abundance of leadership knowledge and operational management experience to our team. She worked over 15 years in the Community Healthcare industry prior to joining The Oaks.

April holds associate degrees in both public service and healthcare. She also graduated from Claflin University, Magna Cum Laude with both a Bachelor of Science Degree in Organizational Management, as well as a Master's Degree in Business Administration with 18 graduate hours in Finance.

April is married to Jay Parler, and they have four children: Chandler, Harrison, Gracin, and Cael. She is a member of the Orangeburg Rotary and active member at Four Holes Baptist Church.

She has a positive attitude, dynamic energy, and a desire to give back to our community. She brings a warm smile and loving approach to the residents of The Oaks.



### **Tammy Leach, Director of Campus Life**

Tammy came to The Oaks in February of 2006 as the Campus Life Assistant under Linda Biswell and the Activity Coordinator of Clinkscales Assisted Living. She continued to work in both areas until 2009 when Clinkscales was delicensed. In April of 2015, Tammy became the Director of Campus Life.

Her responsibilities include organizing and maintaining an activity program designed to meet the needs and interests of the residents. Campus Life is responsible for holiday celebrations, entertainment, trips, assisting with voting affairs, craft projects, continuing education classes, and the organization of clubs and special interest groups. Campus Life is also in charge of the campus libraries, game room, computer room, Retired Attire, Shabby Chic and the Bazaar.

### **Caroline Jernigan, Campus Life Assistant**

Caroline joined The Oaks family in April of this year as the Campus Life Assistant. She is a retired teacher and has lived in the Orangeburg area with her husband for over 36 years. As the Campus Life Assistant, her duties include updating the weekly calendars, the activity line and birthday lists. She also helps the Campus life Director conduct activities, drive for trips, and decorate for holiday celebrations.



### **Vera Stonawska** *Director of Wellness*

Vera is a former competitive bodybuilder originally from the Czech Republic. She is ACSM certified personal trainer, group fitness instructor and certified pool operator. Vera has been working at the Oaks since May 2010. She teaches a variety of classes at the Oaks. Vera is currently practicing yoga and working on a balance program for the future wellness activities at the Oaks.

### **Katie Horne** *Fitness Coordinator*

Katie graduated in 2014 from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Parks, Recreation & Tourism Management with concentration in Therapeutic Recreation. She loves working with people and for people. Katie enjoys swimming, kayaking, running and a variety of team sports, such as volleyball. Katie joined The Oaks in October 2017.

### **Tammy Metts** *Beautician*

Tammy has worked as a stylist for twenty two years, and for sixteen years, she has served clients here at The Oaks. Tammy has a warm, friendly personality and always has a smile for you!

### **Celeste Smith** *Group Fitness Instructor*

Each week, you can find Celeste at The Oaks teaching Zumba and Shag. She is an excellent dancer and is loved not only by our residents but by the Orangeburg community. She also teaches tap dancing to all ages. Celeste joined The Oaks in September 2017.



## FUN TIMES AT THE OAKS

### Volunteer Appreciation Tea



### Steppers at The Fair



### Solar Eclipse Party



### Ice Cream Social



### UMCOR Hurricane Relief Supply Kit Making





## MORE FUN TIMES AT THE OAKS!

### Annual Bazaar 2017



### Employee Appreciation Luncheon



### The Oakie Dokes



### Stringer Chapel Choir

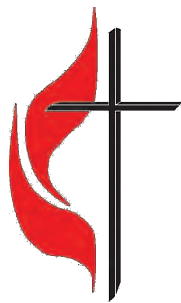




# Halloween Party!







## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

1 Thessalonians 5:11 says, "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing" (NIV). This is a good thing, isn't it? To build one another up allows us to also build ourselves up. When we talk about others in a fashion that is complimentary, then we see the good in them. Lots of us have been through hard times and endured difficulties, but those difficulties and hard times are (hopefully) not what define us. In my life experience, one of the most helpful things that is relatively free or inexpensive that has helped me get through hard times is music. What are some of your favorite music artists? Elvis, Johnny Cash, Jackie Wilson, The Isley Brothers... the list is endless! Think about how timeless our hymns are - "Amazing Grace" was written in 1779, "Because He Lives" was written in 1971, and "Now Thank We All Our God" was written in 1663. Our Christian heritage through song spans time, space, language, and culture. We are all one in Christ Jesus, and our music is a huge testament to that truth.

This month, we have lined up a few times that we can gather together, in addition to Sunday morning worship, to hear some good hymns!

November 11 the drama ministry at St. Mark UMC is putting on a play at 6pm titled "The Wedding of the 21st Century;" November 16 Rev. Ed Stiltz will play at 2pm in the Magnolia room; November 26 we are having a special worship service at 11am to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Nancy Freeman Stringer Memorial Chapel; and that night we are taking a bus to hear Eric Honer play at St. Paul UMC at 6pm. Come join us for all of these wonderful events! Aretha Franklin said, "Music does a lot of things for a lot of people. It's transporting, for sure. It can take you right back, years back, to the very moment certain things happened in your life. It's uplifting, it's encouraging, it's strengthening." Come enjoy music and song with us this November as we continue in our journey as Christians! We look forward to seeing you.

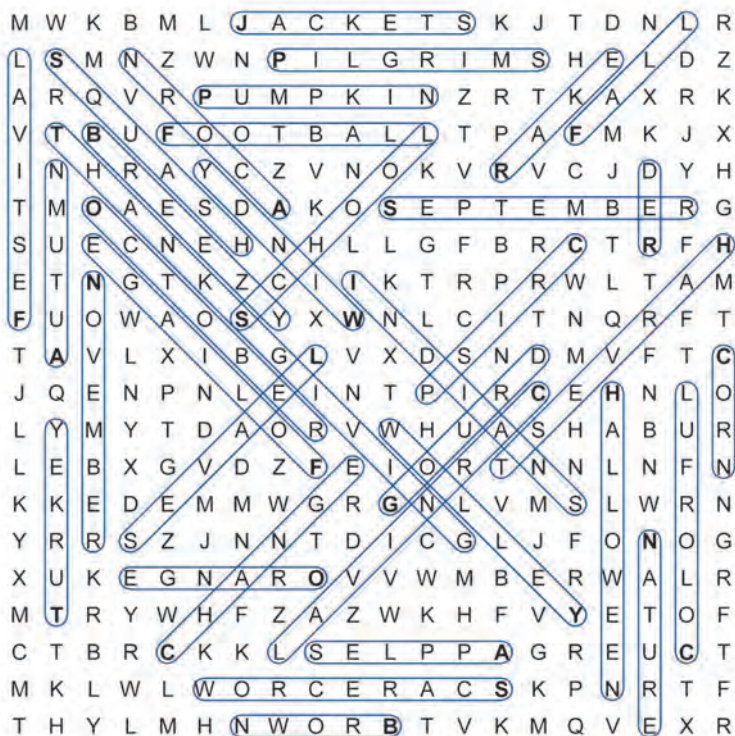


**Rev. Meredith Dark**  
Chaplain

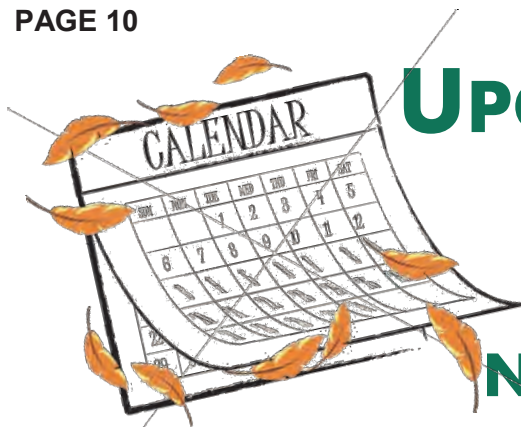
### The Nancy Freeman Stringer Memorial Chapel Celebrating Twenty-Five Years

On Sunday, November 26, we will celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Nancy Freeman Stringer Memorial Chapel.

The chapel was made possible by the love, gifts, and time of many residents, friends, churches, individuals and groups. The chapel was dedicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mrs. Nancy Freeman Stringer whose gift through the Stringer Foundation helped the chapel become a reality.





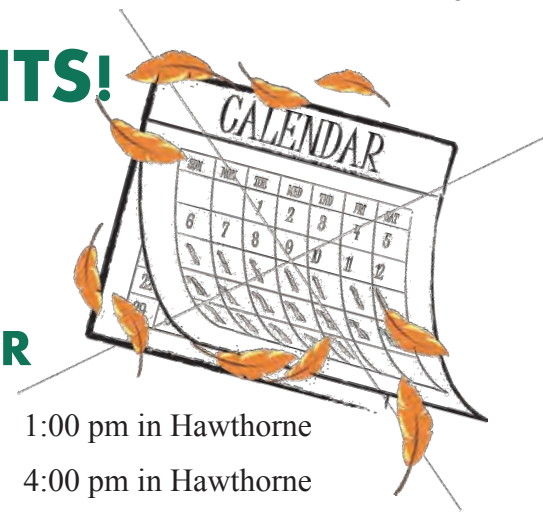


# UPCOMING EVENTS!

## MARK YOUR

## CALENDAR!

### NOVEMBER—DECEMBER



**1<sup>st</sup> Monday** of the month **Bible Study**—spiritual

**Sunday 11-19** **Life & Operas of Verdi**—education class

**Wednesday 11-20** **Experiencing Medieval Europe**—education class

**Wednesday 11-22** **Ed Stiltz**—entertainment

**Thursday 11-23** **Thanksgiving Meal**

**Sunday 11-26** **Commemorate Chapel Anniversary**

**Sunday 11-26** **Eric Horner Concert**—trip

**Monday 11-27** **“Christmas Tree Decorating Contest”**

*All living areas will decorate a tree and a panel of judges will vote on which tree is decorated the best.*

**Tuesday 11-28** **Messiah Concert - Stevenson Auditorium**

**Wednesday 11-29** **Farnum House Tour - Cost is \$10.00 per person**

**Monday 12-4** **Palmetto Jazz**

**Thursday 12-7** **Wine & Cheese Social**

**Thursday 12-7** **Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony**

**Thursday 12-7** **Bamberg Chorale**

**Monday 12-11** **Northwoods Mall**—shopping trip

**Tuesday 12-12** **Jubilant Singers**—concert

**Monday 12-18** **Annual Christmas Banquet**

**Friday 12-29** **New Year’s Celebration**

1:00 pm in Hawthorne

4:00 pm in Hawthorne

6:15 pm in Walsh

2:00 pm in Magnolia

Dining room

11:00 am in Stringer chapel

TBA from lobby

2:00 pm in all buildings

6:15 pm leave lobby

9:30 am leave lobby

10:30 am in Magnolia

4:00 pm in Magnolia

6:00 pm in Woodard Lobby

7:00 pm in Stringer chapel

Sign up in Campus Life

1:30 pm in Magnolia

5:00 pm in dining room

2:00 pm in Magnolia

We are collecting new, unwrapped toys for Toys for Tots. The collection box is located in Woodard Lobby. If you would like to donate money and have us shop for you, please see Tammy in Campus Life.

*Call Tammy or Caroline at (803) 535-1570 for more information.*





# Fun in the Fall Word Puzzle

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Acorn	Crisp	Jackets	Red
Apples	Fall	Leaves	Scarecrow
Autumn	Festival	Nature	School
Breezy	Foliage	November	September
Brown	Football	October	Squash
Carnival	Gourd	Orange	Thanksgiving
Change	Halloween	Pilgrims	Turkey
Colorful	Harvest	Pumpkin	Windy
Corn	Indians	Rake	Yellow







## ABOUT REAL ID

The US Congress passed the REAL ID Act of 2005 as a result of the 9/11 Commission's recommendation to standardize government-issued identifications, like driver's licenses. This is a federal law that affects federal agencies, federal buildings, and military bases. A REAL ID license is valid for no more than eight years.

## YOU DO NOT NEED A REAL ID

If you have a valid US Passport or US Passport Card, military ID, or another federally approved identification, you may use this as your form of identification to pass a TSA checkpoint at airports nationwide and visit a secure federal building or military installations at any time.

If you know you will not be boarding a commercial flight or visiting a secure federal facility or military base, you do not need a REAL ID.

### You do not need a REAL ID driver's license or identification card to do any of the following:

- Drive
- Vote
- Apply for or receive federal benefits for which you're entitled (Veterans Affairs, Social Security Administration, etc.)
- Enter a federal facility that does not require an ID (i.e. a post office)
- Access a hospital or receive life-saving services
- Participate in law enforcement proceedings or investigations (serve on a federal jury, testify in federal court, etc.)

## SOUTH CAROLINA'S EXTENSION

The US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has given South Carolina an extension (<https://www.dhs.gov/real-id/south-carolina>) until October 10, 2018. Your current, unexpired SC driver's license or identification card can be used as your identification to enter secure federal buildings or visit military installations until October 10, 2018.

## GETTING A REAL ID

You soon must change your South Carolina driver's license or identification card to a REAL ID license or ID to use it as your identification to pass airport security, enter secure federal facilities, and visit military installations nationwide.

If you're interested in changing your current card to a REAL ID license in the future, bring all of the following documents to an SCDMV branch now:

### You will need to take the following documents to your SCDMV branch:

- **Proof of Identity**  
Examples: Birth certificate or valid US Passport
- **Proof of Social Security Number**  
Examples: Social security card or W-2 Form that has your social security number and name and your employer's name
- **Proof of all Legal Name Changes**  
Examples: Marriage license or court order issued by your county's family court

*You must show a complete name change history that links your birth certificate name to your present day name. If you have a valid US Passport or US Passport Card with your legal name, you may use that as your name change document.*

- **Two Proofs of Current, Physical SC Address**  
Examples: Current, unexpired SC license or ID and a no more than 90-day-old bank statement with the same name and address

*You must have original or certified copies of all documents. The SCDMV will not accept copied or scanned versions.*