Proud to be a partner in the fight to end Alzheimer’s disease.

In 1989, St. Paul's Senior Living Community was the first facility in the area to offer special care and therapy for those with Alzheimer’s disease. The Defibaugh Alzheimer’s Special Therapy Unit was recommended by Pennsylvania State Inspectors as a model for other facilities.

Read inside and learn how St. Paul’s continues to be ahead of the curve in Alzheimer’s and dementia care and a partner in the fight against Alzheimer’s disease.
A Message from Chris Wright

This year has developed into another eventful and productive year. We recently completed a master plan project for our campus featuring a renovation of the fourth floor in The Heritage. Once completed, the front part of this floor, named Jones Serenity Lane, will serve as an extension of our secured neighborhood for individuals suffering from dementia. This additional space will provide accommodations for up to 25 additional residents who need special services in a secured environment.

In addition, the master plan includes the construction of five additional single dwelling homes in The Colony and the construction of an apartment building featuring six two-bedroom apartments. We are currently marketing those new accommodations and will begin construction when 50% of the apartments are reserved. Lastly, we are working with an architect to explore the possibilities of renovations to the Keifer building. Over the past few years we have invested nearly $200,000 to update the outside of the building and now our focus turns to the inside. Details about that project will come as they develop.

Also this year, we have purchased two homes in the Greenville community and are developing a new concept of care called Community Living. These accommodations are designed for individuals who are nursing home eligible, have limited needs, and prefer to live in the community. Each home will house three residents who are cared for 24/7 by our Without Walls Care Partners who will assist with all activities of daily living. Our first home is scheduled to open in early August. We are excited about this new concept and the options it gives to individuals whose options now are quite limited.

This year, The Auxiliary of St. Paul’s completed its financial commitment of $98,000 towards our Garden of Love courtyard, a beautiful outdoor space for residents of Jones Serenity Circle. In addition, they have committed to raising funds for the purchase of our second transportation vehicle. The Auxiliary has raised more than $500,000 since its inception in 1973, and we are grateful for their efforts in raising funds that have supported so many resident initiatives making life much better for those who call St. Paul’s home.

St. Paul’s is proud to partner with the Alzheimer’s Association and the American Cancer Society to raise funds that support research and education for Alzheimer’s disease and cancer. For years, St. Paul’s has supported Alzheimer’s care in countless ways including our Special Therapy wing that opened in the early 80’s and adult day care. Today, so many of our residents and family members are personally affected by this disease, and our efforts remain strong through our partnership with the Alzheimer’s Association and initiatives such as Jones Serenity Circle and Lane, our Alzheimer’s support group and our Alzheimer’s staff education. You’ll read more about our partnership and our efforts in the fight against Alzheimer’s.

I always like to take this opportunity to recognize and thank our team and our board members who are faithful to our mission. Their passion and participation in our daily efforts towards making St. Paul’s the best it can be for those we serve is immeasurable, and I am grateful to have this opportunity to work alongside such talented and committed individuals.

I hope you take the opportunity to read about life at St. Paul’s in this summer edition. You’ll find that life is full of meaningful activity and relationships that run deep. In August, we will hold our 2nd Annual Color Me Happy 5k Run and in October we will hold our biennial Caring Hearts on Fire gala. We welcome you to join us for these events and the many others that take place on our campus. As always, I invite you to come and be part of our St. Paul’s family. Join over two hundred volunteers that support the many services, activities and events we offer. Explore the possibility of making St. Paul’s your home. If you are considering a senior living community in your future, we invite you to take a close look at ours – we’d love to have you.
Community Living Provides New Options

To meet the ever changing needs of older adults in the communities we serve, St. Paul’s is pleased to introduce the addition of Community Living beginning in August.

Community Living features two three-bedroom homes located in Greenville offering a beautiful residential environment with 24/7 care provided by our Without Walls Care Partners. Care Partners offer assistance with all activities of daily living such as grooming, dressing, bathing or showering, mobility and assistance with self-administration of medications as well as services including meals, housekeeping, laundry and transportation.

Our Community Living homes consist of three private bedrooms, living and dining rooms, full kitchens, accessible bathrooms with roll-in showers and beautiful outdoor spaces for residents to enjoy. Residents can take pleasure in the company of fellow residents and members of the care team or enjoy the privacy of their own bedroom.

Community Living is designed for individuals who are nursing home eligible and qualify for the Pennsylvania Aging Waiver Program or who can pay privately and prefer to live in a residential atmosphere. Often these are individuals who can no longer live alone or no longer want to live alone.

Residents of Community Living are free to engage in daily activities as much or as little as they’d like such as cooking, cleaning and helping with their personal laundry, and fun family activities such as crafts, games, movies and much more.

Costs for Community Living are established for each resident and are based on PA Aging Waiver funds plus room and board. The Waiver Program typically covers up to 8 hours of private duty care each day.

For more information about our Community Living, please contact Rita Clemente, Vice President of Community Relations at 724-589-6909.
Partners in the Fight Against Alzheimer’s Disease

For decades, St. Paul’s has had a deep commitment to its residents and families who are affected by Alzheimer’s disease. Through the years we have always strived to provide state-of-the-art Alzheimer’s care and accommodations. We have compassion for those who deal with this disease every day and we want what is best for them.

Throughout our history, St. Paul’s has cared for countless individuals who have suffered or are suffering today from this devastating disease. Although the approaches for care have changed over the years – our commitment remains steadfast.

In 1989, the Defibaugh Alzheimer Therapy Unit was dedicated and provided care for 48 individuals with Alzheimer’s disease. The Defibaugh unit closed in 2005 when The Villas opened and featured The Meadows – a new neighborhood that specialized in the care of individuals with dementia.

Also in the 80s, adult day care was offered for individuals and their caregivers who needed support on a limited basis.

During the 70s and 80s, St. Paul’s nursing staff employed Reality Orientation – techniques that supported reorienting an individual with Alzheimer’s to person, place and time.

Today, Alzheimer’s care at St. Paul’s is comprised of Jones Serenity Circle (JSC), a neighborhood that occupies the space once occupied by the Defibaugh Alzheimer Therapy Unit. It is home for 24 individuals who need a secured environment and specialized care.

Jones Serenity Circle offers private accommodations and beautifully decorated common areas for all types of gatherings. The Garden of Love is adjacent to JSC and is a lovely courtyard provided by The Auxiliary of St. Paul’s through its generous gift of nearly $99,000. This outdoor space features walking paths, gardens and various sitting areas.

Also today, Habilitation training is offered to our staff members who care for residents with Alzheimer’s disease across our continuum. It focuses on helping those with advanced dementia use the skills and abilities they still possess as well as an effort to educate care workers on how to train others.

Currently, we are expanding our accommodations on the 4th floor of The Heritage to include Jones Serenity Lane – adding 19 more private rooms, beautiful dining accommodations and comfortable gathering spaces. Jones Serenity Lane also features a multisensory room known as Snoezelen designed to calm senses when desired.

Through the years, we have valued our partnership with the Alzheimer’s Association, maximizing training opportunities, supporting research through fundraising and special projects and more.

The Alzheimer’s Association is the leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer’s care, support and research. Its mission: To eliminate Alzheimer’s disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health.

St. Paul’s partnership includes participation in the annual Walk to End Alzheimer’s. We invite you to join us as a team member to walk on Saturday, September 8 or by supporting our team through a donation.

Each year we participate in The Longest Day. The Longest Day is all about love–love for all those affected by Alzheimer’s disease. On the summer solstice, we team up with the Alzheimer’s Association to help raise funds and awareness.

St. Paul’s offers an Alzheimer’s Support Group on the first Tuesday of every month. Meetings are held in The Keifer building and are facilitated by Rev. Glenn Sadler, Michelle O’Malley, Client and Staff Development Coordinator for Without Walls, and Sherry Hodge. This support group is open to everyone—those who are personally affected by Alzheimer’s disease and those who may know someone who is.

We invite you to join us in this fight against Alzheimer’s and we appreciate all those who already have. Statistics show that everyone is affected by this disease in some way and so we thank you for the part you play in making a difference.

Bob and Margie Hays (pictured here at The Colony Family Picnic) became residents at The Colony in August 2016. In just under two years, Bob’s dementia worsened and the need to move into Jones Serenity Circle became inevitable.

Margie had this to say about Bob’s move, “I am thankful and happy that the transition was able to be gradual. The support we got–and continue to receive–from our neighbors and employees really eased the transition. The employees in Jones Serenity Circle are unbelievable! Their interactions with, attentiveness to and awareness of each resident is far above and beyond anything we thought was even possible.”
Jones Serenity Lane to Open this Fall

Jones Serenity Circle opened in 2015 as a secure neighborhood with specialized care and accommodations for 24 individuals with memory loss.

Since that time, the need for dementia care has continued to grow.

“We’ve been receiving more inquiries for people with memory issues,” said Vice President of Personal Care Services Robin Knight. “Since Jones Serenity Circle has been full since the day it opened, we identified there was a need for more accommodations. Secure dementia neighborhoods are few and far between in our area.”

The hope was to renovate the remainder of the 4th floor at The Heritage and open Serenity Lane with accommodations for up to 25 additional residents.

In stepped Dick Jones of St. Marys, PA to make that hope a reality. He and his wife Patti, who now resides in Jones Serenity Circle, are two of the most generous patrons St. Paul’s has ever had.

They made the lead gift for Jones Serenity Circle and have now made a $100,000 lead gift for the creation of Jones Serenity Lane, not to mention several other gifts over the years.

“Throughout our marriage, God blessed Patti and I more than we could have ever imagined,” said Dick. “He also gave us challenges we didn’t expect, like Patti’s dementia, teaching us to trust in Him. It’s our privilege to serve Him by helping others at St. Paul’s.”

Renovations on the 4th floor began in May 2018. When complete, the neighborhood will have secure keypad entry, more common living space with an expanded lounge and sitting room, aesthetic improvements, a new spa and updated dining room.

A dedication for the new neighborhood will be held on September 11, 2018 - Patti’s birthday.

For more information about Jones Serenity Lane, please contact Knight at 724-588-7610 ext. 1151 or rknight@sp1867.org.

Floor Plans

Jones Serenity Lane will offer two apartment floor plans - the Johnston and the Westcoat. The Johnston is 345 square feet with a bedroom/living room combo, bathroom and kitchen area. The Westcoat is 473 square feet and features a large bedroom, bathroom, living room and kitchen area.

The floor plans were named after two long-time board members - Bill Johnston and Rev. Dr. Paul Westcoat, Jr. Both were instrumental in the creation of St. Paul’s very first Alzheimer’s Unit in 1989.

Johnston joined St. Paul’s board in 1974 and served for 20 years, 14 as president. In 2013, he and his wife Lawanda moved to The Colony, a community he was instrumental in building. He passed away the following year. Lawanda still lives at The Colony and is St. Paul’s longest-serving volunteer at 39 years. Over the years, the Johnstons have made a number of philanthropic gifts to St. Paul’s.

Rev. Dr. Westcoat has faithfully served on the board for 53 years, making him the longest-serving board member to date. At 87, he still makes the drive from Greensburg for the quarterly board meetings, serves on the Development Committee and is the Pastor of St. John’s Harrold Reformed UCC. Rev. Dr. Westcoat has helped lead St. Paul’s through many changes and innovations in the last half century.
Construction Continues on the Porticos

St. Paul’s broke ground on April 30, 2018 for construction of three porticos outside the main entrances of The Villas, The Heritage and The Ridgewood.

R Builders of Greenville is the general contractor for the project. Construction is expected to be complete by September 1. Visitors and staff will then be able to drive up to the main entrance under cover, providing protection from inclement weather.

The porticos are the result of a $500,000 “Raise the Roof” fundraising campaign, which was successfully completed last year through the support of many generous donors.

A ribbon-cutting and dedication is planned for September 11, 2018 for the donors who gave major gifts to the campaign.

An additional reception will be held for all the staff who donated in support of the project. St. Paul’s staff contributed more than $58,000 for the porticos.

The 2nd Annual Color Me Happy 5K Race, Roll & Stroll will take place on Friday, August 10.

Registration is at 9:30 a.m. and the race begins at 10 a.m. near The Villas. The route winds through The Colony, around The Ridgewood, through the Garden of Love at Jones Serenity Circle, and in front of The Heritage.

Join in the fun as employees and community members run (or walk) a 5K through campus while residents cheer them on and douse them with colorful powders.

Following the race, stick around for the “Color Burst Jam!” when all participants get to “show their colors” with a DJ and snacks.

Last year, everyone had such a good time, the Color Me Happy 5K Race, Roll and Stroll was destined to become an annual event. Please join us, or if you can’t be here, be sure to check our website photo gallery (www.stpauls1867.org/about/photo-gallery) for the colorful and hilarious photos following the event!
The 7th biennial Caring Hearts on Fire gala will be held on Saturday, October 6, 2018 from 5:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Join us for an elegant night out, full of delicious food, fine wines and beers, an exciting live and silent auction, music and friends. You won’t want to miss it!

Proceeds from the gala support benevolent and unfunded care at St. Paul’s for residents who exhaust their financial resources and cannot afford the full cost of their care. Biennially the event raises more than $100,000, ensuring we can keep our promise that residents will never have to leave St. Paul’s because of financial reasons.

Reservations for the event are $75 and can be made by calling Robyn Weaver at 724-588-7610 ext. 1146 or emailing rweaver@sp1867.org.

A variety of sponsorship opportunities are still available. This is a great avenue to promote your business or honor a loved one, while helping give peace of mind to the many men and women who make their home at St. Paul’s and those we serve in the community through St. Paul’s Without Walls.

Prizes are also needed for the live and silent auction. If you are interested in sponsorship or donating a prize, please contact Gail Fay at 724-589-4667 or gfay@sp1867.org.

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The Auxiliary’s new fundraising project, introduced in 2018, is the purchase of a second transportation vehicle to take residents to appointments, out for errands, on trips and to events, among other outings.

A Couple of Colony Crafters Donate Profits to St. Paul’s Initiatives

An inspiring friendship and business venture, “Nola’s Knits & Bits,” is the collaborative craft business of Nola McGranahan (above, right) and Marge Fenton, two residents in The Colony. They presented CEO and President, Chris Wright with a check for $1,000 at the annual meeting of The Auxiliary at St. Paul’s on Saturday, May 19.

The donation is slated as the first payment toward the auxiliary’s new project — a second transportation vehicle to take residents to appointments, out for errands, on trips, outings and to events.

Nola’s husband, Lynn, was a resident at The Villas for more than four years. The couple had many experiences riding in the older wheelchair van, and Nola recalls them being “bumpy rides that were cold in the winter.”

The duo have been donating their profits back to St. Paul’s since they began their venture. Monies have been given to the Keeping the Promise campaign, to help purchase tables and chairs in the Rust Colony Square Pavilion and the fire pit project at Colony Square.

Nola and Marge are in the midst of another season of craft shows. Marge sews everything from aprons to wine bottle bags, and Nola knits accessories like scarves, hats and boot cuffs and household items like wash cloths and dish scrubbies. Nola schedules the craft shows and handles the paperwork, and Marge delivers the wares and helps with setting up and packing up at the various venues.

“I’m so excited that our great partnership can help get more comfortable transportation for the residents, especially those in wheelchairs,” Nola said.

2018-2019 Auxiliary Executive Board (back row, l. to r.) Member at Large, Marge Fenton; new Members at Large, Diana Miller and Carole Langiotti; Vice President, Mary Ellen Bayuk and President, Karen Crawford; (front row): Staff Liaison, Rose Hoffman; Member at Large, Joan Waldschmidt; Secretary, Nancy Morgart; Treasurer, Bonnie Kautz and Member at Large, Jennie Kather. Not pictured: Past President, Lois Eastlick.

Upcoming Auxiliary & Fundraising Events

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Celebrating 45 Years
1973-2018

Arms of Love & Service

The Auxiliary of St. Paul’s

[Image of Auxiliary members]
Members of the St. Paul’s Childrens’ Home Alumni Association gather every year for their annual summer picnic. This year, more than a dozen alumni attended with their family members. Their favorite pastime while together is sharing fond memories of their years lived at St. Paul’s. Many of the best memories were during the leadership of Rev. and Mrs. Morris Cooper—fondly referred to as Papa and Mama Cooper. Alumni described Papa Cooper as strict but loving. Howard Smith took credit for giving Papa Cooper his grey hair!

Three cottages were built in the early sixties for orphans to reside and were referred to as North and South Cottage and Kintigh Cottage. Beverly resided in Kintigh, and Bob, Fred, Howard and Andy lived in the North Cottage (pictured to the left), later named the Jackson Cottage for an orphan killed on Rt. 58 in front of the Childrens’ Home. Today, those buildings are referred to as Corman, Cooper and Kintigh apartments and are part of The Colony independent living.

Both Lois and her husband Mike and Delores and her husband Jake have moved back “home” to St. Paul’s and reside in The Colony.
Colony resident, Coralee Armstrong welcomed a family of robins into the neighborhood as they set up house in a hanging basket in her front yard. While Coralee was away visiting family, she returned to find a nest and enjoyed keeping an eye on the progress throughout the spring!

Jim and Karen Ondo moved into The Colony in June 2014. It didn’t take them long to realize the natural beauty that was right in their own back yard. While exploring the wooded land behind Rust Colony Square Pavilion, the Ondos decided a little “cleaning up” was all they had to do to create a series of walking paths for all to enjoy.

Initially, Jim simply borrowed a chainsaw from the maintenance department and the couple began blazing the trail. After a short time, Jim decided some heavier equipment was needed and invested in a tractor to finish the project—and to keep the trail maintained.

The Ondos worked tirelessly for nearly six months to create what is now The Colony Walking Trail that measures 0.6 miles around the outer rim.

When their grandchildren Emma, Henry and Wyatt come to visit, the entire family enjoys spending the day clearing the path and exploring the woods.

Thank you to the Ondos for your hard work in creating and making this beautiful natural path accessible for all!

Three craftsmen from The Colony (from l. to r. on bridge): Norm Simons, Irv Milheim and Bill Sayles, also shared their time and talents so woodland explorers can enjoy the walking path.

With at least 65 man-hours between them, they built a 20’ x 4’ bridge to cross the creek where a culvert had broken and washed away with heavy rain.

In their spare time, the men constructed the bridge over the course of three weeks and finally, St. Paul’s maintenance crew pulled the bridge across the chasm and set it in place. We’re thankful and blessed to have residents who contribute their gifts to benefit our community.

▼ Colony resident, Coralee Armstrong welcomed a family of robins into the neighborhood as they set up house in a hanging basket in her front yard. While Coralee was away visiting family, she returned to find a nest and enjoyed keeping an eye on the progress throughout the spring!
St. Paul’s Continues the Fight

For the 13th year in a row, St. Paul’s participated in Greenville’s Relay For Life, the American Cancer Society’s signature event to raise money for cancer research, programs and services.

The event was held on July 14, 2018. St. Paul’s had 36 walkers on the team and 5 residents who are cancer survivors participate. The team exceeded their fundraising goal of $5,000, raising $6,137 for the fight against cancer.

This year’s theme was holidays/seasons. St. Paul’s chose Easter for the campsite theme and the tagline “St. Paul’s is Hoppin’ for a Cure.”

The campsite was decorated with Easter decorations created by St. Paul’s residents and staff members’ children who volunteered to help. The Easter Bunny’s Sweet Shoppe was open for business, featuring a variety of baked goods, iced coffee and cotton candy.

Colony resident Margie Hays and Ridgewood resident Adele Lehosky crocheted and donated adorable bunny and chick hats to sell. There are still some available for sale at the Bistro at St. Paul’s for $5 - $10, depending on the size.

St. Paul’s CNA Lauren Best brought four of her rabbits to the Relay For Life, which were very popular with the visitors. She also graciously donated the raffle prize - a gift certificate for a baby Dutch bunny.

Special thanks to staff members Jenna Cordek, Leann McCurdy, Dawn Hartman and Diane O’Brien, who worked so hard to coordinate St. Paul’s team, fundraising efforts and campsite activities.
St. Paul’s Senior Living Community is proud to be a partner in the fight to end Alzheimer’s disease. The Alzheimer’s Association recognizes June 21—the longest day of the year—with the slogan “the day with the most light is the day we fight” to end Alzheimer’s disease. Employees, residents, family and friends wore “purple with a purpose” to raise awareness for Alzheimer’s and other dementia-related illnesses. Information stations were located in the lobbies of each building on campus where we distributed information, accepted donations, shared homemade cookies and signed up team members for the annual Walk to End Alzheimer’s (see below for more information). We collected nearly $600 in donations that will support the St. Paul’s team. Thank you to all who volunteered their time, donated and supported this worthy cause!

Join the St. Paul’s team as we Walk to End Alzheimer’s on Saturday, Sept. 8 at Linden Pointe in Hermitage, Pa. Contact St. Paul’s team captain, Tammy Lininger, to join our team and/or make a donation to support the Alzheimer’s Association. In 2017, our team of 54 registered walkers raised more than $12,000 for Alzheimer’s research. Let’s do it again—even better—this year!

Held annually in more than 600 communities nationwide, the Alzheimer’s Association Walk to End Alzheimer’s is the world’s largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer’s care, support and research.
Katie Hrdlicka was hired as a Care Partner with St. Paul’s Without Walls (WOW) Home-based Care Services in October 2015. Traditionally, WOW administrators evaluate client conditions and match Care Partners to meet individual client needs. When Marge Heppner began the process to employ WOW services for her husband, Harry, who was suffering from dementia, she also wanted a chance to interview the potential caregiver(s). In this particular instance, roles were reversed and Katie was informally interviewed a second time by the Heppners—who decided she was a perfect fit!

Harry and Marge Heppner, both retired school administrators, moved into The Colony at St. Paul’s in 2011. Sadly, Harry passed away in December 2017. Katie had been Harry’s caregiver and led their team of WOW caregivers for the last three years of Harry’s life.

“It was such an honor for me to assist in giving Harry his final wish,” Katie said, “To stay at home until his final day.”

In her nomination application, Marge wrote, “Katie always showed the utmost respect for both Harry and me and clearly, she was sensitive to and understood our needs and was committed to meeting them.”

Aside from the outstanding quality of care and team leadership that Katie provided, Marge wrote, “What made Katie extraordinary is the fact that she became a vital part of our lives. I trusted her completely. She poured herself into her care for Harry which inevitably made a huge impact on him and me.”

“Katie provided great care but she also provided peace of mind and assurance that having Harry at home was the right thing to do,” Marge added.

“This was the best working experience I could have ever asked for,” said Katie. “And to be nominated for this award – and know that I made such an impact on their life – is such a great feeling!”

The strong relationship that developed also included sharing personal life experiences as Katie has a 9-year-old son, Adam (who Harry referred to as “Tiger”), with autism. “Being school administrators, children had been such a large part of their lives. Harry loved visiting with my son. Adam could snap [Harry] out of a bad day immediately,” Katie said.

Katie and her husband of 10 years, Jeff, reside in Jamestown, Pa. and attended the PHA’s annual award ceremony in March. Katie was “proud to represent St. Paul’s,” as one of Pennsylvania’s 195 direct care workers who were nominated for this award. And, needless to say, we are proud that Katie is part of our St. Paul’s family!

At the time of Katie’s nomination, she was working part-time as a Universal Worker at The Ridgewood and currently, she is a Resident Assistant in Jones Serenity Circle, and exclaims “I love working at St. Paul’s—it’s what I feel like I was meant to do!”

Meet the W.O.W. Administrative Team

Nadine Buchanan (front), Administrative Assistant, handles client and staff inquiries and daily office tasks including scheduling On-the-Go dining meals and medical supplies orders and deliveries.

Michelle O’Malley (middle left), Client and Staff Development Coordinator, hires and supervises the direct care workers (Companions and Care Partners) and manages Client Intakes (assessments and Individual Service Plans). She also works closely with clients and staff on care and service questions/issues.

Rita Clemente (middle left), VP of Community Relations, manages the daily operations of our home and community-based services. She also oversees marketing strategies and independent living in The Colony at St. Paul’s.

Michelle Bish (back row, left), Community Outreach Specialist, is responsible for developing relationships in the community, promoting Without Walls and its services to prospective clients and recruiting qualified Care Partners.

Linda Iliff, Office Manager (back row, right), manages day-to-day operations including billing, payroll, and scheduling as well as staff and client relations.
Welcome New Officers and Members to the St. Paul’s BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Employees, board members and guests gathered at the Iroquois Boating and Fishing Club in Conneaut Lake, Pa., on Tuesday, April 17 to celebrate and congratulate 25 employees, four retirees and two board members for more than 500 years of combined service.

10-year honorees include: Mary Ann Aurandt, Nancy Bielobocky, Ashley Buchholz, Teresa Findley, Patricia Gardner (Retiree), Kelly Harper, Sarah Heverly, Christi Hibbard, Rose Hoffman, Linda Iliff, Michele Miranda, Bob Sherbondy (Board Member), Beverly Stake (Retiree), Cristina Suciu, Frances VanEpps, and Kimberly Yeager.

15-year honorees include: Audrey Bates, Joan Baxter, Judy Bowser (Retiree), Tina Cascio, Sandra Ewart (Retiree), Diana Morian and Patricia Yallum.

20-year honorees include: David Butler, Debra Calenda and Jack Walter (Board Member)

25-year honorees include: Barbara Holiga, Theresa Mcgarvey, Marlene Randolph and Jama Romine.

Three employees (pictured above, right) were honored for 40 years of service to St. Paul’s. From left to right: Kathy Beckstein, Vicky Dodds and Cathy Boyer.

Congratulations! And THANK YOU for your exceptional service and dedication to our wonderful organization! (To see more photos from the event, visit www.stpauls1867.org/about/photo-gallery)

In April, at the spring Board of Directors meeting, the above-pictured Board Members were elected to their new roles on the Executive Board. We would like to welcome new Board members: Donovan Curtis and Helen Nichols, representing Colony Council President and Vice President, respectively; Rev. June Boutwell and David Hummel.

St. Paul’s would also like to extend a sincere thank you to our outgoing Chairperson, Doug Anderson for his six years of dedicated service as our Board Chair.

Since our inception, St. Paul’s has been blessed to have a group of dedicated and talented people who volunteer their time to serve as our Board of Directors and for that, we are truly thankful!
Celebrating our Eldest Residents

“Beautiful young people are acts of nature, but beautiful old people are works of art.” ~ Eleanor Roosevelt

Myrene enjoyed watching the total solar eclipse last year and when she was asked if she could see the sun, she replied, “No, but I can see the moon!”

Naomi, surrounded by family, at her 107th birthday celebration last September.

Myrene Stoyer (left) and Naomi Whitehead are our eldest residents at The Villas. Myrene celebrated her 107th birthday in July and Naomi will be 108 in September! Oh, the stories they can share! We’re proud and honored these beautiful women call St. Paul’s home.

FACTS: Both of these works of art were born before the sinking of the Titanic and before the first crossword puzzle was ever published!

Promoting a Culture of Caring & Recognizing our Team Members

The members of our team strive to provide excellent care and are encouraged to treat others as they would want to be treated. We invite you to recognize staff members who make a difference in life at St. Paul’s.

One way to recognize the good works of our staff is to submit a Caring Heart. Caring Hearts are listed bi-weekly in The Homefront, the employee newsletter, and monthly in Campus Connections.

Each fall, we host our Distinguished Staff Awards recognizing staff who excel in several areas. We invite and encourage you to nominate staff members who meet the criteria for any of these awards.

We’ve created a link on our homepage to make it even easier for employees, residents, family and friends to recognize those who exemplify our culture of caring.

Visit www.stpauls1867.org and simply CLICK HERE to fill in the appropriate form.

Nominations for Distinguished Staff Awards must be submitted no later than Friday, Sept. 7, 2018.
The annual **Snowflake Ball** was held at The Villas on January 25. Residents and family members dress up and enjoy delicious hors d’oeuvres and live music in the beautifully decorated Headland Friendship Commons.

Family members attend to enjoy the evening with their loved ones and volunteers from the Thiel College football team honor some of our residents by escorting them to the event.

The Life Enrichment Staff at The Villas put a tremendous amount of work into this evening not only by transforming the space into a winter wonderland, they also assist residents with hair, make-up and jewelry selection.

Women from across campus gathered together for the annual **Women's Retreat** on February 27. The theme of this year’s retreat was “The Church’s Work in Disaster Relief,” and the event featured guest speakers involved in disaster relief through the United Church of Christ.

Celebrating everything from traditional holidays like the 4th of July to National Crossword Puzzle Month—residents and staff all enjoyed the annual **Calendar Tea** at The Ridgewood!
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The Colony enjoyed an ice cream social in early July to welcome new residents to the neighborhood.

Staff Appreciation Day was July 11. All employees were served a meal and entered into a reverse raffle with cash prizes!

Residents at The Heritage celebrate all seasons and holidays with parties and crafts!

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The Ridgewood celebrated Memorial Day and the crafters created and gifted eight patriotic wreaths to the veterans who live there.
Another unique Joining Generations activity took place in May when two St. Paul’s volunteers and international students from Thiel College prepared a traditional Chinese dinner to share with residents from across campus. Zechen Huang is pictured at left with Martha Baird, resident at Jones Serenity Circle and Hongyu He is pictured at right with Shirley Brown, resident at The Heritage. Both residents have visited China. The feast included a shredded cucumber appetizer, carp soup, three side dishes, three entrees and snow pear and lily bulb soup and pineapple pastry for dessert!

The wooden lanterns in the photos above were handmade by Hong and she gave them to residents. After dinner, a question/answer session was held for residents to get to know a little more about them and the traditions.

Zechen is from Guangdong Province, his city is Guangzhou, and he studies marketing and accounting at South China University of Technology. Hongyu He is from Shanghai. She is an MIS major (Management of Information Systems) and studied first in Salt Lake City and then at Cal State Northridge in Los Angeles before transferring to Thiel.
Woodland Apartments Feature An Open Floor Plan and Two Bedrooms

This spring, The Colony at St. Paul’s introduced a new style accommodation that features two bedrooms, an open floor plan that incorporates the kitchen, living area and dining area, a laundry room, added storage and a patio.

Plans have been prepared to build an apartment building that will house six two-bedroom apartments. Three different floor plans range in square footage from 950 sf. to 1190 sf. Once three apartments are reserved, construction will begin.

These apartments bridge the gap between currently offered one-bedroom apartments – 682 sf. and two-bedroom Estate homes that start at 1367 sf. and will serve as a comfortable home for single adults and couples.

The building features a lovely common area, seasonal storage spaces and covered parking that will accommodate one car for each apartment.

For information or to schedule a personal tour, contact our Marketing Department at 724-588-7610.
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Q & A session will follow presentations.

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CEO, Community Counseling Center of Mercer County

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