

MEADOWLARK



Friday Nights 6:00 p.m. in the TV Lounge

Homeless to Harvard - This is the inspiring true story about a young girl, Liz Murray, who despite being homeless at 15 and dealing with personal tragedy manages to finish high-school and accepted to Harvard.

Mr. Holland's Opus - Composer Glenn Holland (Richard Dreyfuss) believes that he'll eventually write a transcendent piece of music, but in the meantime he's taken a job at an Oregon high school. Though at first the job frustrates him, and his unconventional methods often draw the ire of the straight-laced vice principal (W.H. Macy), Mr. Holland grows to love his students as the "temporary" position stretches into a decades-long career -- and in the end, they reveal just how much they love him back.

Mary Poppins - When the children of the wealthy and uptight Banks family are faced with the prospect of a new nanny, they are pleasantly surprised by the arrival of the magical Mary Poppins. Embarking on a series of fantastical adventures with Mary and her Cockney performer friend, Bert the siblings try to pass on some of their nanny's sunny attitude to their preoccupied parents.

Happy New Year

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| Countdown | Celebration | New Year | Party Poppers |
| Confetti | Fireworks | Clock | Noisemaker |
| Midnight | January | Cheers | Resolution |
| Balloons | Happy | Goals | Sparklers |

LEADERSHIP CORNER

Happy New Year!

What a privilege to have served you in 2018. I look forward to seeing what 2019 has in store for The Willows.

We know the South Wing will have a brand new, warm, welcoming look. If you have not been down there to check on the progress, make the trip. The seating area with the new fireplace is a lovely new space to gather and appreciate! We anticipate much more to enjoy as the renovations continue. We also hope to have a number of new residents to fill some current open units and the new apartments in South Wing.

Our current student-in-residence, Cara, will be with us through the Spring. Be sure to come out to some of her planned activities (these are listed on your activity calendar). She has some new and creative things for you to do and enjoy. We will begin interviewing for our third student-in-residence candidate in early spring.

Each of you play a special part in making The Willows a great place to live. You are so kind, neighborly and helpful to each other. I hope the staff and I continue to learn much from your example and from the stories you share with us.

Together we are committed to empower you to lead lives of purpose and joy. Let us see what we can do in 2019 to create new opportunities and new memories for each of us.

God Bless you all.

Cheryl A. Loftis, Director



Whether we look forward to the New Year with excitement, anticipation, opportunity or concern here are a few suggestions: Take time for the little things, send a card to encourage someone, call a friend or family you have not talked to in a while and lend a listening ear. Do something you always wanted to or something you always enjoyed and have not done in a while.



CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS



PICTURE DAY Tuesday, January 8 8:00 a.m. (Activity Room)

It is the time of year that we need to update our photo records to comply with regulations. Gerry would like to see your smiling face starting at 8:00 am or right after breakfast if you prefer. Photos will be taken in the Activity Room until 9:15 a.m. If you cannot be present during this time, Gerry will arrange to take your photo at another time



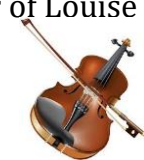
Wii BOWLING COMPETITION Friday, January 11 1:15 p.m. (TV Lounge)

Come try your hand at bowling the easy way! Just swing a half-pound remote control and knock the pins down! Join Kim for this fun activity!



VIOLIN RECITAL Friday, January 11 2:30 p.m. (Activity Room)

Come enjoy an afternoon violin recital being offered by Dot Whitbeck, daughter of Louise Schnitzel.



SOUDERTON ALUMNI MEN'S CHORUS AT DOCK WOODS Monday, January 14 6:00 p.m. (Shuttle)

As we ring in the New Year and continue to celebrate the Christmas season, we will enjoy an evening concert with the Souderton Alumni Men's Chorus. This men's chorus represents four generations of musical performers from Souderton Area High School who are excited to share their repertoire of musical selections with us! Following the concert a donation will be received. Sign up with Gerry to go along.



WINTER LUAU/BEACH PARTY Friday, January 18 6:00 p.m. (Activity Room)

Come dressed to heat things up at an early winter beach party with Cara! Enjoy beach-theme snacks and drinks. We will not show a Friday night movie tonight.



ARM CHAIR TRAVELER Wednesday, January 23 1:30 p.m. (Activity Room)

Join us in the Activity Room as we 'travel' to India to visit it's most famous architectural wonder - the Taj Mahal!



JANUARY 'BEAT THE BLUES' BINGO Tuesday, January 29 1:15 p.m. (Activity Room)

Prizes! Prizes! Prizes! Come warm yourself with a cup of hot chocolate and homemade cookies as we play a variety of bingo games!



TRAVEL TO LAOS WITH BONG Thursday, January 31 1:30 p.m. (Activity Room)

This month Bong will be teaching us about the different groups of people that reside in Laos, and the different languages which are spoken there.



May light always surround you;
hope kindle and rebound you.
May your hurts turn to healing;
your heart embrace feeling.
May wounds become wisdom;
every kindness a prism.
May laughter infect you;
your passion resurrect you.
May goodness inspire
your deepest desires.
Through all that you reach for,
may your arms never tire.

~ D. Simone

COMMUNITY HEARTBEATS ~ Pastor Debra Neild



We have celebrated the birth of Christ and welcomed in a New Year. It is now time to look forward to the Lenten season! The Pastors of Living Branches invite all residents, staff, volunteers, and family members to consider writing a brief devotional for one of the days of Lent. Pastor Debra has a list of the Lenten scriptures for each day. Please contact her to choose a text about which you would like to write. The completed devotional should be no more than 250 words and turned in to Pastor Debra by February 14. You may also add artwork, poetry, or lyrics of songs to illustrate the text you have selected. Submitted articles may be edited for length and clarity, but we will try to maintain the intent of the writer. Lenten Devotionals will then be distributed to all campuses after March 4, 2019, to anyone to who would like one. If you need assistance with completing your devotional, let Cheryl at the front desk know and I will reach out to assist you.

Our next Women's Book Club will discuss *The Forgotten Garden* by Kate Morton and then receive our next book, *At Home in Mitford* by Jan Karon. *At Home in Mitford* is set in the charming village of Mitford, North Carolina. The village rector, Father Tim, is looking for something more and ends up getting more than he bargained for when a dog the size of a sofa moves in, a neighbor begins wearing a path through his hedge, and an unloved boy joins the story. This is a rich, provincial comedy in which mysteries and miracles abound. All women are welcome to join us in the Sunroom on January 3rd at 2:30 p.m.

This month, we will begin our third Philip Gulley book, *I Love You, Miss Huddleston*. This book is the uproarious story of Philip's coming-of-age years in Danville, Indiana. It promises to make us laugh and stir our memories just as much, if not more, than the other Philip Gully books we've read so far. Everyone is welcome to join for some laughter and sharing, Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the Activity Room.

Funeral Choices, Costs, and Conversations is an informational presentation being offered at Dock Woods on January 24 at Dock Woods at 7 p.m. This will help residents and families become informed about various options for funeral and memorial services. This very informative meeting will be led by Wren Miller from Huff & Lakjer Funeral Home but does not come with any expectation that you purchase services from them. Transportation is not provided to this presentation; you would need to travel with your family to attend.

Resident Council

You will soon receive an an invitation letter to consider serving as a representative on the Willows' 2019 Resident Council. This letter will provide information about the role of a representative and will include a reply sheet on which you may accept or decline any potential nomination.

If you have questions or concerns about serving on this council, please see Gerry.



"Let us keep the Christmas spirit, share it with others far and near, from week to week and month to month throughout the entire year!"