SAVE THE DATE
2026 DOCK WOODS TREE LIGHTING RECEPTION
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3
6:00 p.m. FA/HEARTHSIDE BISTRO/BISTRO LOBBY

Mark your calendars! The tree lighting reception will be held on Thursday, December 3. at 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. with holiday refreshments. At 7:00 p.m. we invited Dock Mennonite Academy chamber singers and musicians as this year's featured entertainment. At 8:00 p.m. will be the official 2026 tree lighting! More information will be forthcoming in the December Docket.

WELLNESS CENTER

Cathy Nanovic has agreed to serve as interim coverage for the RL Nurse from October 5 through October 16. If an RL Nurse has not been hired by then, we will identify another interim resource to provide coverage until Cathy returns at the beginning of November. There will be no changes to clinic or lab schedules. All clinic and lab days and hours will remain the same.

The Walk-in Wellness Clinic is open daily Monday through Friday from 8:45-10:45 a.m. and on the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month from 1:30-3:30 p.m. or by appointment at any other time. You can schedule a time to see the RL nurse during her normal office hours of 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Premier Medical Lab Services are available by appointment only for residents of Dock Acres, Dock Gardens, the Villas and residents of Dock Manor who have joined the Wellness Center. Please bring your lab and any therapy orders to the RL nurse in the Wellness Center at least forty-eight business hours before your requested appointment. Labs are drawn Mondays at 9:00 a.m., Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m. and Thursdays at 7:30 a.m. in the Wellness Center Clinic. To make an appointment with any of the following, please inform them that you will be seen at Dock Woods.

Dr. Janet Isaiah and Dr. Stephanie Varghese
Montgomery Podiatry
Call: 215-361-5769 to schedule

Brigitte Harken, CRNP
Tracy Young, CRNP
Tri Valley Primary Care
215-723-3280

Dr. Madelynn Petrancuri and Dr. Holly Forst
Live Better Hearing + Balance
(Associates in Hearing)
Call: 215-855-4217

Dr. Adam Millis, Optometrist
Health Drive 888-964-6681

Jennifer LeBlanc, Massage Therapist
484-363-3779 to make an appointment.

NEW

RL SOCIAL WORKER DROP-IN TIME
MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS
WELLNESS CENTER
2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

A Living Branches Community Newsletter

DOCKET

November 2026

DOCK WOODS

V.A.M.M. VETERANS DAY CONCERT
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11
7:00 p.m. (DERSTINE CHAPEL)

In celebration of Veteran's Day, we have invited the VETERANS ASSOCIATION of MILITARY MUSICIANS to perform. V.A.M.M., co-founded in 1996 by Chief Warrant Officer (Retired) Raymond Helinsky and his wife, Staff Sergeant (Retired) Anna Marie Helinsky, is an organization of retired military musicians located in the Suburban Philadelphia area. Many of the military musicians have served twenty or more years in military bands. The Concert Band and Jazz Band rehearse weekly and perform for community concerts, military and public ceremonies, and retirement communities. Following the concert a DONATION will be received. A shuttle will pick up at each entity beginning at 6:20 p.m.

MEN & WOMEN'S JOINT BREAKFAST
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13
8:30 a.m. (FISHER AUDITORIUM)

Attention Ladies and Gentlemen! You are invited to sign up and attend the annual Men & Women's Joint Breakfast. We have invited Lenape Elder John Thomas of the Delaware Tribe of Indians as our guest speaker. Dr. Thomas was an active member of the American Indian Movement, which brought attention to issues of Indigenous sovereignty beginning in the 1960s. He ferried mail from hostages to their families during the Iran Hostage Crisis, provided leadership for the International Indian Treaty Council (IITC), combated grave desecration, and maintained his activist work into the twenty-first century, as just a sampling of his work. As a part of the Welcome Home Project in the Classroom, Elder John Thomas currently gives lectures as part of the ongoing partnership with Ursinus College. Please make your reservations by calling or emailing Eileen Burks at 215-368-4438, extension 44121, or Eileen.burks@livingbranches.org The price of the breakfast is $10.50 per person plus tax. A shuttle will pick up at each entity beginning at 7:50 a.m.

BOOK FAIR - EAST COAST BOOK & GIFT SALE
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24
11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. (FISHER AUDITORIUM)

As the holidays approach we invite you to shop at the East Coast Book & Gift Sale. There will be a selection of children's books, cookbooks, sports, inspirational books and gift items from toys to home items at great, discounted prices. Cash and credit cards are accepted. A rebate from the total sales will benefit new purchases for the Dock Gardens library. Mark your calendars and invite family and friends.

ALDINGER FARMS "BABY KANGAROOS"
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23
2:00P.M. (DERSTINE CHAPEL)

Come and enjoy the time of your life holding a baby kangaroo. On Monday, November 23rd at 2:00 p.m. in the Derstine Chapel, Aldinger Farms will be bringing along two to three baby kangaroos that you will be able to hold in a pouch. The farm currently has 11 kangaroos and works with different zoos helping them maintain the health of these exotic animals. These baby kangaroos, on the road daily, bring so many smiles all over Pennsylvania and they will also do the same for Dock Woods residents and staff. Invite family and friends to come enjoy an opportunity to hold and be up close to these adorable babies! A shuttle will pick up at each entity beginning at 1:20 p.m.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

SEATED CHAIR VOLLEYBALL
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 23
2:00 p.m. (FA)

CORNHOLE
MONDAY NOVEMBER 9
2:00 p.m. (FA)

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3
2:00 p.m. (CH)

Please join us as we gather to honor and remember the residents who have passed away during the past six months. Together, we will celebrate their lives, reflect on their contributions to our community, and offer support to one another through remembrance. All residents, family members, and staff are welcome.

"GIVE THANKS" SEATED CHAIR BINGO
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4
2:00 p.m. (RR)

Prizes! Prizes! Prizes! Join us in the Recreation Room for "Give Thanks" Seated Chair Bingo. Come and enjoy playing a variety of bingo games at 2:00 p.m. with a new bingo sheet per game. Don't forget to bring along a marker or pencil, and a book to place your bingo sheet on. Please make your reservations with Eileen Burks.

DANCE WITH VICTORIA
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 19,
11:00 a.m. (RR)

Please note the time change and come enjoy Dance with Victoria in the Recreation Room on November 5, and 19 at 11:00 a.m. Enjoy this hour of dance movement and have fun together! Each class explores a variety of dance styles, with both seated and standing options. Feel free to participate at your own comfort level. Be sure to mark your calendars!

SHORT FILM *"SILENCE of the SQUEAKS"*
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5
2:00 p.m. (CH)

Please join Serenata Personal Care in the Derstine Chapel at 2:00 p.m. as they premier their 3rd annual short film called, *"SILENCE of the SQUEAKS."* This is a 30-minute fun filled mystery, sure to make you laugh! Hope to see you there!

BLUEGRASS/GOSPEL MUSIC
w/ JAPETH & RACHEL RITTENHOUSE
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9
2:00 p.m. (DERSTINE CHAPEL)

Please join Japeth and Rachel Rittenhouse who will play a mix of Gospel, Bluegrass and Folk, with a few surprises thrown in. Japeth and Rachel are local farmers and musicians from the Franconia area. In addition to managing the family farm located on Allentown Road, they also teach music lessons at Clemmer Music. A shuttle will pick up at each entity beginning at 1:20 p.m.

MUSIC & DRUMMING FOR FITNESS
TUESDAY, November 10 & 24
10:00 a.m. (OC3)

Bring a friend and join the PC residents on the 3rd floor of Oakwood Court for an exciting 30 minutes of seated drumming set to fun and energetic music! The group will drum to autumn themed songs. Drumming to music is an excellent way to work out while having fun with your friends.

RL NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11
2:00 p.m. (FA)

ALL Residential Living residents are invited to attend the monthly birthday celebration. If you are a November birthday celebrant, please call or email Eileen Burks at 215-368-4438, extension 44121, or Eileen.burks@livingbranches.org by Tuesday, November 10 if you plan to attend and receive your birthday plant. This month we have invited vocalist/keyboard entertainer Michael Evans as our afternoon entertainment. A shuttle will pick up at each entity beginning at 1:20 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP & FUN HOUR
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12
2:00 p.m. (FA)

As we prepare to give thanks for Thanksgiving, we plan to have a scavenger hunt throughout the building. Be sure to wear your comfortable shoes and ask a friend to join you. We will have you return to the Fisher Auditorium after we have found a number of printed turkeys hidden in certain areas of Dock Gardens and enjoy some seasonal refreshments. This is a fun event to meet some new friends! Mark your calendars! A shuttle will pick up at each entity beginning at 1:20 p.m.

SONGS WITH SETH - SENTIMENTAL MEMORIES AUTUMN MUSIC
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13
2:00 p.m. (BISTRO)

Autumn is here, and you are invited to join Seth Laucks for a joyous journey into some of the sentimental sounds that give us that autumnal aura. We will come together to sing &

RESIDENT BIRTHDAYS AND UPDATES

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RESIDENTIAL LIVING TRIPS

RL DINE AROUND
JOSEPH AMBLER INN
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18
4:00 p.m. (TRIP)

The Living Branches coach will be traveling to Montgomeryville, to enjoy the 5:30 p.m. reservation at the Joseph Ambler Inn. You will be seated at tables of 4 & 6 and receive a check per table. Sign up with Eileen Burks by calling or emailing her at 215-368-4438, extension 44121, or Eileen.burks@livingbranches.org The coach will pick up at each entity beginning at 4:00 p.m.

SCHWENKFELDER LIBRARY & HERITAGE CENTER
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20
12:45 p.m. (TRIP)

The Living branches coach will be transporting residents with reservations to the Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center to explore the Schwenkfelder and Perkiomen Region Roots, experience the PA German past through the museum by viewing the rich collections in the museum's library, archives and Seipt Family Barn. There are a few seats available, and the price of this trip is $5.70 per person for transportation. Sign up with Eileen Burks, and the coach will pick up at each entity beginning at 12:45 p.m. for the 2:00 p.m. tour.

INDIAN VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY
MOVIE: "PRESSURE"
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24
1:15 p.m. (TRIP)

The Living Branches coach will be transporting residents to the Indian Valley Public library to enjoy the movie, *PRESSURE*. This 2026 war drama starring Andrew Scott as James Staag, and Brendan Fraser as Dwight D. Eisenhower as the pair whose work was to plan the Normandy landings during World War II. In the tense 72 hours before D-Day, General Dwight D. Eisenhower AND Captain James Staag an impossible choice – launch the most dangerous seaborne invasion in history or risk losing the war altogether. Like in the movie, Eisenhower did postpone a decision until the Morning of June 4, but Stagg suggested a 24-hour postponement rather than a two-week delay.

The price of this trip is $3.50 per person for transportation. Sign up with Eileen Burks by calling or emailing her at 215-368-4438, extension 44121, or Eileen.burks@livingbranches.org The coach will pick up at each entity beginning at 1:15 p.m.

BRANDYWINE MUSEUM OF ART
MONDAY, DECEMBER 21
12:00 noon (TRIP)

The Living Branches coach will be traveling to Chadds Ford, PA to enjoy the Guided Museum Tour at the Brandywine Museum of Art. At 1:30 p.m. we will enjoy the guided museum tour of the renowned collection of Andrew Wyeth and works by generations of the Wyeth family of early American portraits, pastoral landscapes, and elegant still-life paintings. This museum is housed in a historic stone mill building with contemporary glass-walled additions overlooking the Brandywine River. Following the guided tour, we will enjoy time visiting the Holiday Trains, Galleries and Gift Shop. Please make your reservations with Eileen Burks by calling 215-368-4438, extension, or Eileen.burks@livingbranches.org The price of this trip is $32.10 per person. The coach will pick up at each entity beginning at 12:00 noon.

CHEF'S DINNER
November 19, 2026
5:00 p.m.

FLAVOR OF ESPANA

Enjoy an elegant Spanish-inspired evening beginning with a tomato-rubbed amuse-bouche topped with serrano ham, followed by a fresh grilled octopus carpaccio salad drizzled with Spanish olive oil. An intermezzo of fried eggplant with honey leads into the main course of pan-seared cod served with patatas bravas and mixed seafood in a rich Zarzuela sauce. Conclude the meal with a traditional Spanish flan for dessert. Make a reservation by calling 52407 or emailing fooddw@livingbranches.org

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play sentimental ballads, love songs, jazz standards with a few spooky and silly classics. You will also have a chance to pick from a "musical menu" of various genres. No musical experience or skill required! All are welcome!!

JEFFERSON HEALTH OUTREACH
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16
2:00 p.m. (CH)

Please join Susan Smith, member of the outreach team from Jefferson Health for this month's topic, "**Discrimination in Healthcare.**" Learn about trust, communication, and what you need to know to get the care you deserve! Come and learn about this very interesting topic to give you some guidelines to follow in senior living! A shuttle will pick up at each entity beginning at 1:20 p.m.

THANKSGIVING POTLUCK
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17
5:00 p.m. (DMCR)

You are invited to sign up at the Dock Manor bulletin board in November, on the DW Community Thanksgiving Potluck sheets provided. Some suggestions for food to bring mashed potatoes, sweet potato casserole, stuffing, green bean casserole, baked macaroni & cheese, cranberry salad, coleslaw, rolls & butter, and an assortment of desserts like pumpkin pie, apple pie, pecan pie, chocolate cake, and vanilla ice cream. If you have any questions and would like to help to set -up or clean up, please contact RUTH KINSEY AT 215-393-8565. THANK YOU, RUTH KINSEY AND ELLA MAE KALBACH, for preparing and baking the turkeys for the potluck dinner.

HYMN SING WITH ROMA & FRIENDS
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18
2:00 p.m. (FA)

As we celebrate Thanksgiving this month, we have invited Roma Schankweiler, pianist, and her guest musicians, Bill Kuhfuss, Ken Kriebel, and Perry Townsend for the one-hour hymn sing. Ruth Stephano will announce your hymn requests which include everyone's favorite hymns, as we all sing together. A shuttle will pick up at each entity beginning at 1:20 p.m.

STEPPIN' OUT
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19
2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. (RR)

Is your loved one experiencing dementia or other health challenges? Bring your loved one to enjoy music-making, art-making, and friendly conversation in the recreation room. The Steppin' Out facilitators, Seth Laucks, Annette Echanis, and Kim Mumford are experienced professionals who can engage your loved one in activities. You are welcome to stay or "step-out" to Hearthside Bistro for a break. This is held on the third Thursday of the month.

WINE IN THE WOODS
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24
4:30 p.m. (CHRISTOPHER'S)

As we prepare for Thanksgiving come and share what you are grateful for with your friends at your table. This is a great evening to sit back and relax as you enjoy the wine you bring to this BYOB wine/social. Wine glasses will be available for you along with other beverages. Appetizers will be available for you to enjoy. Please make your reservations with Eileen Burks by calling or emailing her at 215-368-4438, extension 44121, or eileen.burks@livingbranches.org Just a reminder to take your remaining wine with you after the social!

THANKSGIVING SERVICE
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25
2:00 p.m. (CH) (See Pastoral Care article)

AMICI OPERA COMPANY
DONIZETTI'S, DON PASQUALE
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29
2:30 p.m. (CH)

You are invited to join artistic director and founder of Amici Opera Company, Ralph Tudisco, in the Derstine Chapel for the afternoon opera, Donizetti's, Don Pasquale. Residents of Living Branches receive free admission with their id badge. There is a fee charged to guests at the sign-in table located in the Chapel porch hallway.

HISTORY'S MYSTERIES OF AMERICAN PRESIDENTS (PART1)
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30
2:00 p.m. (CH)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Join historian Herb Kaufman in the Derstine Chapel at 2:00 p.m. for History Mysteries of American Presidents: Part One. Explore intriguing stories, controversies, myths, assassination attempts, secret operations, and little-known facts about America's presidents. Shuttle service begins at each entity at 1:20 p.m.

REPORTS

ANNUAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Each year we prepare a disclosure statement for the Department of Insurance, which regulates life plan communities. This year's disclosure statement was made available at the end of October. If you are interested in having a copy, please call the administrative office receptionist. Give your name and phone number, and a copy of the disclosure statement will be delivered to you.

SARA SPOTLIGHT

Reminder - SARA is for emergency situations.

How do I know that my pendant is still working?
Your pendant checks in with the SARA system on a regular basis. When the SARA system detects a low battery, it will send an alert to staff with plenty of notice.

FUND DEVELOPMENT

Holiday Bazaar at Souderton Mennonite Homes

Souderton Mennonite Homes Auxiliary hosts a Holiday Bazaar on Friday, November 13, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturday, November 14, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Bazaar features: Craft vendors, homemade baked goods, special sales in The Corner Store, Oyster Stew in the Apple Orchard Café. This year there will be shuttle service from Dock Woods to the Holiday Bazaar on Friday ONLY. The shuttle will pick up Dock Woods residents at the Fisher Entrance at 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. The return shuttle bus will deliver residents from the Souderton Mennonite Homes Entrance at 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. to Dock Woods Fisher Entrance. No sign-ups needed! If you have questions, talk to Rose Hackman at 215-368-4438, ext. 44305.

Annual Giving Request for Benevolent Care

As we approach the time when many of us begin to plan for our year-end giving, we want to remind you about the benevolent care ministry at Living Branches. The gap in funding for residents who are no longer able to pay the full cost of their care continues to grow each year and we appreciate your ongoing support. It is through your faithful gifts that we are able to provide quality care for all of our residents, regardless of their financial status. Year-end mailings will be sent out by the end of November. Contributions should be returned to the Fund Development office no later than Thursday, December 31, 2026, in order to be acknowledged for the 2026 tax year. Thank you for considering Living Branches in your year-end giving!

Legacy Giving Reminder

The end of the calendar year is also the time when we remind Legacy Giving Circle of Faith members about their annual support for the benevolent care ministry at Living Branches. If you have pledged a gift for 2026, you have until Thursday, December 31, 2026, to fulfill your pledge. If you don't remember if you have fulfilled your pledge, please contact: Rose Hackman, Admin Assistant for Fund Development, 215-368-4438, ext. 44305 Rose.Hackman@LivingBranches.org or Colin Ingram, Associate Director of Fund Development 215-368-4438, ext. 44304, Colin.Ingram@LivingBranches.org.

GIFT SHOPS

The Acorn Shop

Fall items 50% off
Hours: Monday-Friday 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Saturday 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Enjoy tax-free shopping on 11/13 and 14 in the Acorn Shop!

Dock's Gifts & Treasures Shop

Fall items 50% off
Kitchen Glass items 25% off

Hours: Monday-Friday 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Saturday 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Purchases at our Acorn Shop and Gifts & Treasures Shop benefit the Benevolent Care Ministry of Living Branches. The Acorn Shop has a donation box by the register for the Benevolent fund as well.

Nook Shelf

Stop by the Nook Shelf located outside the Acorn Shop to see what awesome thrift items are on sale. Please pay for these items at the Acorn Shop. If the shop is closed, you can pay with exact change or make out a check made payable to Dock Woods and hand it in at the Welcome Center. Check the TV in the hallway and/or the binder on the Nook Shelf to see what furniture items we have available for sale.

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DOCK STEWARDS

If recycling, sustainability, and protecting our environment matter to you, come be part of Dock Stewards. We meet on the first Thursday of each month at 1:00 p.m. in Conference Room A.

VOLUNTEERS

The Gifts and Treasures Shop needs your help! A bagger is needed on Tuesdays and a temporary cashier on Thursdays! The shop hours on those days are 1:00 p.m. – 3:00pm. It is only 2 hours of your time! Please consider contributing to your community in this way. It would be so appreciated!

Reminder for volunteers - if you were unable to attend one of the in-person meetings in September, make sure to follow the instructions we sent you in the mail and watch the online video and complete the acknowledgement form. For all volunteers: If you haven't done so already, please send your updated TB Questionnaire and proof of receiving your flu shot to us as soon as possible as it was due to the volunteer office by 10/31/2026. If you have any questions or concerns, call Jennifer Wilson at 215-368-4438 ext. 44189.

REMINDER

As the holidays approach, please remember that team members are not permitted to accept tips, gratuities or gifts from residents or residents' family members.

PASTORAL CARE

November is a time to gather and give thanks. Thanks for God's protection throughout the past year. Thanks for our family, friends, and those who have cared for us along the way. Thanks for the memories we still cherish of those who have gone before us. In giving God thanks for all these wonderful gifts, we are living our best 'Thanks-Living' lives.

On Wednesday, November 25 the pastors of Living Branches invite you to come together and take time to praise God for all He has done for us this past year. Our Thanksgiving Eve Service is a time to bring all three Living Branches campuses together into one blended service. The celebration will take place in the Derstine Chapel at Dock Woods, will be live streamed to the Summit View Auditorium at Souderton Mennonite Home and the Activity Room at the Willows. As a way to represent each of our wonderful communities, staff and residents from all three campuses will be participating in our service as they lead us in song, scripture, and the bringing of God's word. Ed Brubaker will also be joining us that afternoon. It will be a wonderful time to be reminded of how God has blessed us individually, while celebrating together as a whole community. The live service will take place at 2:00 pm.

To bless the larger communities around us, our offering will be given to Keystone Opportunity Center in Souderton, PA. This organization is committed to helping community members in need by offering a comprehensive array of social services that educate, encourage, and empower them to become self-sufficient. All campuses will be taking a monetary collection at the Thanksgiving Eve Service. Both Souderton Mennonite Home and The Willows will also collect food donations. Please check with one of our pastors if you have questions.

Our prayer is that this service will remind us that even though we live on different campuses, Living Branches is one united community who serves a gracious and loving Lord. Let's give thanks to the Lord for all He has done for us by lifting together one voice and one song. May you be blessed!

Pastors Tami, John, Susan, Debra, and David