

Landis Communities Update



Mission Statement
Following God's call to creatively serve the diverse needs and interests of older adults by developing opportunities and collaborative relationships.

Nearly 50 pastors, lay leaders and others involved with congregations from the area gathered Thursday, April 27 for the Landis Communities Annual Clergy Breakfast. Participants heard from a panel around the theme, *The Church and 'Post Career' Adults: New Models for Changing Times.*

Connecting intentionally with churches is something Landis Communities sees as very important. In addition to events

like this, the organization is very willing to serve as a resource to groups large or small. As more than 10,000 boomers turn age 65 every day, learning how to support these folks and harness their great energy in positive ways is a very important subject for all organizations who use volunteers. If you would like to host, at no cost, members of the Landis Communities team, please contact Larry Guengerich, Director of Communications and Church Relations at (717) 381-3526.

To learn more about the *Comforting Live at Home Services and Feel at Home Communities®* offered by Landis Communities, please visit www.LandisCommunities.org.



Last year a volunteer group of residents formed, naming themselves the Friends of the Woods and Wetlands. They volunteer time, talent and expertise on behalf of the flora and fauna on the Landis Homes campus.

The group sees its mission as nurturing a diversity of native plants to support the ecosystems of Leaman Woods, Kurtz Run and the connecting wetlands. The group also spends time studying relevant environmental issues and makes recommendations of

practices consistent with good stewardship of the natural world on campus and beyond.

Looking at specific efforts They are divided into working groups including: Birding; Butterflies; Flora; Fauna; Invasive Plants and Mapping.

Currently members are working to reestablish

populations of native species of reptiles, amphibians and birds in the six-acre dedicated wetlands. They are also working to propagate native paw-paw and persimmon trees, zebra swallowtail butterflies and pollinator bees. One special area of interest is monitoring bluebird nests on campus to assist in a higher rate of survival for these important birds.



Looking for birds and butterflies in the restored wetlands at Landis Homes. More information can be found here. <http://www.landishomes.org/campus-life/living-green/>



A partnership between Landis Communities and The Ware Institute of Franklin & Marshall College has led to interns using their interest in art to share with those with memory loss. It is well documented working on art projects is one way to keep folks with memory loss engaged with life and that it helps with cognitive function.

This year, Eden East was happy to have senior Jamie Braverman serving in this role. In addition to the art projects each week, she also was able to share with the Memory Loss Support Group that meets monthly at Landis Homes.

The group is operating in partnership with the Alzheimer’s Association Greater Pennsylvania Chapter. The public is invited. For more information call Landis Homes (717) 581-3939 or email supportgroups@landishomes.org. For more information about ADS see adultday.landishomes.org or call 717-581-3939.



Recently, Landis at Home clients, friends, and current and former team members gathered to

celebrate their 10th Anniversary of providing support services to persons choosing to remain in their own homes. “I remember those early days when we were starting out and were learning as the program grew,” said Faith Hoover, who served as the first director of the program from 2007-2012.

Currently Landis At Home is seeking part time home care aide team members. If you know of persons interested in this work, please see the information below. You can learn more about the services provided by Landis at Home at www.landisathome.org or by contacting us at 717-509-5800.

Director of InHome Services Michele Sipel working at evaluating applications for home care aides for Landis at Home.



We are glad to have had Jaleen Leon at Steeple View Lofts for the last eight months. As a Millersville University Intern working on her Master’s in Social Work, Jaleen served as Residence Assistant.

She assisted Residence Director, Michael Sprunger, in the office and supported residents in many ways. Jaleen was an asset this past year as she got to know residents and assist them in whatever they needed. Jaleen will be missed and we wish her all the best!

Learn more about Steeple View Lofts by visiting www.steepleviewlofts.com or by calling (717) 413-0078.



Welsh Mountain Home



Elevator modernization at Welsh Mountain Home was recently completed and approved for use. This photo shows resident Jane Buckwalter taking the first ride!

Executive Director Andrew Maines commented on the effort saying, “Thanks to all the donors that contributed to this effort. We are grateful to those who made it possible to raise the



\$118,000 needed for the elevator project. It will help residents and staff move more freely.” More information about Welsh Mountain Home can be found on their web site at welshmountainhome.org or by calling 717-355-9522.

Mountain View Terrace



An affiliate of Welsh Mountain Home

Landis Communities was happy to help support the recent HDC MidAtlantic banquet. This local organization partners in the operation of Mountain View Terrace.

Founded in 1971, HDC MidAtlantic is a 501(c)(3) non-profit dedicated to providing quality affordable rental housing for working

families, seniors and individuals with disabilities throughout Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland.

The organization owns, develops and/or manages more than 3,500 affordable apartments. For more information about HDC, see their Web site <http://hdcweb.com/>. While there, you can learn more about Mountain View Terrace and how to apply for the waiting list.


At the event, Brian Hudson was chosen Housing Advocate of the Year for his dedication, advocacy,

and service to the affordable housing community. Mr. Hudson is the Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA). PHFA works to provide affordable homeownership and rental apartment options for senior adults, low- and moderate-income families, and people with special housing needs. We congratulate him on this award.



Corporate Structure

Landis Communities
 [2011]


 Enriching Lives

LandisCommunities.org

Coordinating body for subsidiary organizations.

Grows out of the nearly 50 year history of Landis Homes.

Committed to:

- Keeping Landis Homes strong and vital.
- Providing a number of affordable living options.
- Providing services at home
- Developing creative partnerships in support of all of these areas.

Partner Ministry of Lancaster Mennonite Conference

Conference Related Ministry of Atlantic Coast Conference

Landis Homes Retirement Community [1964 / 7-1-2012]

LandisHomes.org




 **PATHWAYS INSTITUTE** for Lifelong Learning [2008]

Adult Day Services  [1989] AdultDay.LandisHomes.org


Children's Learning Center at Landis Homes [2004]

Welsh Mountain Home [1924 / 1-1-2013]

WelshMountainHome.org




Mountain View Terrace [2015]



Affiliate 3 — future plans

Home/Community Based Services [Projected 2017]

Landis at Home [2007] LandisatHome.org



Quality Living Choices [12-2011]

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 1001 E. Oregon Road • Lititz, PA 17543-9205

Steeple View Lofts [2013] SteepleViewLofts.com

