New Day in New Cottage Homes

“We felt at home right away,” said Ruth Weaver in the cottage home she and her husband Richard moved into on June 21, 2010.

The Weavers were the first residents to make one of 23 new cottage homes on the south side of campus their new address. As we go to press, more new cottage homes are being occupied each week.

The moves also mark a new day for Landis Homes in that these are the first newly built homes since 1994 and the first to incorporate new green building methods. These include:

- **Geothermal Heat Pumps:** Collects heat from within the earth during the winter and displaces heat back to the earth during the summer for cooling using an underground piping or “loop” system with approximately 70% of the energy used being renewable.

- **Tubular Day-lighting:** Brings daylight in to dark spaces so that residents can switch off electric lights during the day and enjoy the efficient and healthful natural lighting.

- **Rainwater Harvesting:** Collecting and storing rainwater from roofs of homes using rain barrels to reduce the use of domestic water for irrigating plants and storm water runoff.

- **Solar Attic Fans:** Uses the power of the sun to provide attic ventilation and costs nothing to operate.

In October, new neighbors to the cottage homes will begin moving into the hybrid homes next door which use the same sustainable building materials and practices as the new cottage homes. These new homes will be the first of hopefully many in the area to achieve LEED certification.

While the cottage homes in this first of three building phases are reserved, there is availability in the hybrid homes and in the cottage homes slated for the coming phases. Call Residency Planning for more information at 717-581-3935.
Just as trees grow and change through seasons of life, so do individuals and organizations. Landis Homes is privileged to have a history of dedicated team members to serve in many capacities. This year we will be seeing two departments change significantly as two long-term directors, Don Good and Clyde Espigh, retire.

Pastoral Care

Over the years we have valued the leadership of Don Good as the Director of Pastoral Care. He retires this summer after 26 years of service. We are deeply appreciative for the compassionate ministry and the countless acts of caring by which Don has touched the lives of many residents and their families.

During Don’s tenure, Landis Homes saw many changes including: adding the West Bethany Chapel, expanding the ministry of Caring Teams, beginning support groups such as those for grieving residents and those separated from their spouses due to illness, becoming a congregation for residents who needed a church home, and acting as a resource for pastors through workshops and breakfast meetings.

As Don retires, we are re-structuring the Pastoral Care department to include Church Relations. Landis Homes values strong relationships with congregations, and with the encouragement of the Landis Homes Board of Directors, is open to new ways of being supportive and strengthening these connections.

We are happy to welcome Donna Mack Shenk in a new role as the Director of Pastoral Care and Church Relations. Donna’s experience includes chaplaincy in a long term care facility as well as working as an RN in several communities, including Landis Homes.

We are also happily anticipating the addition of Jim Leaman in the fall in the position of lead chaplain. In this role he will focus primarily on serving residents and families in healthcare and personal care. Jim’s experience includes serving 33 years as a pastor.

Finance

Clyde Espigh has announced his retirement for the end of 2010 from his role as Director of Finance. Clyde has worked for more than 22 years in this position and has overseen the financing of the community as it added the suites and Westview apartments, Harvest View, many new cottages and now the expansion of Landis Homes to new cottage and hybrid homes. He has also witnessed the doubling of the resident population, the addition of community services and multiple changes in the ways retirement communities’ finances are to be accounted and reported.

As Clyde retires, Landis Homes is happy to announce Carolyn Burke as the new Vice President of Finance/Chief Financial Officer. Carolyn has many years experience in working with retirement community accounts first at ParenteBeard, LLC (formerly Parente Randolph LLC) and most recently as Director of Accounting with The Jewish Home of Greater Harrisburg.

I am personally very excited to welcome Donna, Carolyn and Jim to the Landis Homes community, and we look forward to continuing to build on the strong foundations of pastoring and stewardship that has been laid over the years at Landis Homes.
New Finance Officer Begins

Carolyn Burke, RN, BSN, CPA, was recently hired by Landis Homes as Vice President of Finance/Chief Financial Officer. She formerly served as Director of Accounting with The Jewish Home of Greater Harrisburg.

From 1999-2008, she was a member of the ParenteBeard LLC’s (formerly Parente Randolph LLC) Senior Living Services Group in the Wilkes-Barre, PA office. Initially, her focus was on audits of several senior living services clients that included continuing care retirement communities, skilled nursing facilities and subsidized housing projects for seniors. Landis Homes was one of her earliest assignments. She later moved into a supervisory position at ParenteBeard.

Burke graduated summa cum laude from Misericordia University with a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting and also earned a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from Bloomsburg University. Prior to working in public accounting, she spent 8 years working as a registered nurse and she continues her nursing license. She is a member of the American and Pennsylvania Institutes of Certified Public Accountants.

Carolyn lives in Mechanicsburg, where she enjoys her two cats, reading, walking and watching the Hershey Bears ice hockey team.

“I’m looking forward to meeting new people: team members, residents, board members, and volunteers,” says Carolyn, “and facing new challenges as we all work together to serve the Landis community.”

Pastoral Care Finds New Leadership

In July, Donna Mack Shenk began serving in a new position as the Director of Pastoral Care and Church Relations. Donna will divide her time between providing Pastoral Care on campus and working to strengthen our relations with congregations of all residents, and with our sponsoring conferences.

Donna’s experience includes chaplaincy in a long term care facility as well as working as an RN in several communities, including Landis Homes. She most recently has served as a full-time Chaplain with Hospice of Lancaster County, where she has helped build a strong hospice team in Lancaster City.

Prior to joining Hospice in November 2008, Donna served as Director of Chaplaincy Services at Ephrata Hospital for more than 11 years from June 1997 to October 2008.

Donna with her husband Jim served with Eastern Mennonite Missions and Mennonite Central Committee in Swaziland and Mozambique for a total of seven years. She served as a registered nurse at Landis Homes in 1992, and then again as a charge nurse in the mid 1990s. She also has nursing experience at Virginia Mennonite Retirement Community and in other healthcare settings.

Donna and Jim are members at Akron Mennonite Church, where she also served on the lay Pastoral Team. She enjoys tandem biking, perennial gardening and time with her family and grandchildren.

“I am blessed to be joining the Landis Homes community, as I fully embrace the vision, mission and guiding values of this community,” says Donna. “I look forward to learning and serving together as we follow Christ in all of life.”
Pathways Institute to Kick-off Fall Session

By Susan Stauffer, Director of Pathways Institute

Pathways Institute for Lifelong Learning will preview its fall session at a special reception on August 12. This event will be held in the West Bethany Chapel and the Azalea Room at Landis Homes beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Jack Hubley, News 8 Naturalist and host of WGAL-TV’s A WILD MOMENT will be the special guest speaker at a program beginning at 1:00 p.m. in the West Bethany Chapel. Jack’s presentation entitled “Critters Beyond Your Back Door” will be an interesting start to the fall semester.

Each of the fall instructors will then be introduced and share highlights of what they will teach during the fall 2010 term. At the conclusion of the program refreshments will be served in the Azalea Dining Room. There will be opportunities to meet many of the wonderful individuals involved with the Pathways Institute, and the new catalogs will be available at the end of the reception.

The new fall 2010 Pathways schedule will be added to the Landis Homes website at www.landishomes.org on the day of the reception which will give access to the new catalog and on-line registration.

To attend the August 12 event, please call 717-569-3271 or send an e-mail to sstauffer2@landishomes.org with your RSVP by Monday, August 9, 2010.

August Art Reception to Feature Nature at Large

An art reception featuring a Lancaster photographer will be held at Landis Homes in August. Don Ziegler of Akron attended Eastern Mennonite University and did graduate studies at the University of Virginia.

Don and his wife Priscilla taught in the Congo and in the West Bank, before moving to Pennsylvania and raising their two children.

Don’s exhibit will feature close-up images of items in nature, especially flowers and plants.

The opening reception, to which the public is welcome, will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 3, in the Harvest View lobby and galleries at Landis Homes. The works will continue to be on display through October.

Violinist Amy Martin Burkholder will provide music during the reception.

Landis Homes is located at 1001 East Oregon Road, Lititz. For more information, call 717-381-3550 or visit the website www.landishomes.org.
Landis Homes Benefit Auction on September 11, 2010 includes this exquisite 24”x30” deep edge canvas, Water Lilies original oil with 23 kt gold sections. Painted and donated by Paris Wyatt Llanso, this piece is valued at $900 and shows Paris’ artistic style of sculptured rich vibrant colored oil paint applied with a pallet knife. All are invited to see Water Lilies and other donated originals and limited edition prints at an art reception on August 3, 6:30-8:30 in Harvest View at Landis Homes.

Alma Eberly is putting stitches into this beautifully appliquéd Country Love quilt donated by Millport Mennonite Church and quilted by the Landis Homes quilters. The quilt auction will begin at 10:00 am with other equally stunning quilts, wall hangings and baby quilts, such as Star Spin, Mariners Compass, Rose of Sharon and Star Over Georgetown. Quilts will be on display at Landis Homes in the Harvest View lobby from July 22 to August 29.

This cherry grandmother clock made and donated by auction committee chair Paul Leaman, along with pictures and descriptions of art works, quilts, antiques, collectables, meals, gift baskets, many other auction items and schedule can be seen at www.landishomes.org

Volunteers, Corporate Sponsorships, Matching Bids, & Patron Donations make this largest fundraising event for the Landis Homes Caring Fund a success. For more information about these opportunities, please contact Gift Planning Services at 717-509-5490 or asprunger@landishomes.org
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January 1, 2010 through June 30, 2010

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Friends of Landis Homes provided funds to purchase copies of *Hymnal Worship Book* for both East and West Bethany Chapels and for the pianos in the households. These gifts were given in honor of Donald W. Good and 26 years of ministry as Chaplain and Director of Pastor Care.
On June 4, 245 golfers played 18 holes of golf to benefit the Adult Day Services (ADS) at Landis Homes. The generous individuals and businesses who participated raised $43,800 to help provide services and financial scholarships to aging adults and their families who choose Adult Day Services at Landis Homes. That amount surpassed all other years.

On the day of the event, Faith Hoover, Director of Home and Community Services interviewed Charlotte Weaver about her experiences at the ADS Center. Charlotte said she was surprised to be talking to a group of golfers at the age of 97. She listed packing school kits to send overseas, learning new things and the caring staff as her favorite activities at the center. Charlotte also told the golfers that her dog Sparky waits each day for her to return home from ADS.

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**Good Neighbor Recognized**

In June 2010 Landis Homes hosted members of the Hurst Family who own and run Oregon Dairy at a breakfast to express appreciation for being a “Good Neighbor.”

Oregon Dairy was recognized for providing Landis Homes with items for the General Store on campus for the past 15 years and also for giving excellent customer service to Landis Homes residents who shop at the main store.

Oregon Dairy supports the annual chicken BBQ, provides welcome baskets to new residents, and gives to the Caring Fund. They are also part of the Landis Homes Emergency Plan as a source for provisions. There is even a path between the store and the Landis Homes campus for persons walking or riding bicycle.

Pictured is President/CEO of Landis Homes Larry Zook presenting a plaque of appreciation to the four brothers of the Hurst Family, Curvin, Willie, Victor and George Hurst, who with their wives attended the breakfast.

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**Student Artwork Selected**

In May, Landis Homes announced the Art Student Award winner for this year. Carli Bowman, a 2010 Lancaster Mennonite High School senior, was chosen for her color photograph entitled “Reflection in a Horse’s Eye.”

The unique color photograph is a close up of a horse’s eye with the reflection of a fence and shadow of another horse. Carli said the horse belonged to one of her neighbors.

“arli says, "In the future I hope to impact and influence others positively through my art.”

Each year Landis Homes selects a piece of artwork from the Lancaster Mennonite High School Spring Fine Arts Festival to become part of a permanent collection on the retirement community campus. In return for the artwork, Landis Homes made contributions to the Lancaster Mennonite School art department and to Carli to further her education.
Heritage Watchers
Starting Fall Series

Instructor Joanne Hess Siegrist, is ready to begin a new session of Heritage Watchers at Landis Homes. This series is designed to lead participants in collecting, organizing and preserving family heirlooms into attractive, safe and “user friendly” forms. Participants are also coached in the how-to of research work and in pursuing an ongoing interview process.

Enrollment is now being taken for this nine-session class which will begin on September 2 for those wishing to research and preserve historical photos and documents. Classes will be held on the first Thursdays each month from September 2010 to May 2011 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the Harvest Room of Harvest View.

For more information contact Joanne at 717-656-6429 or by emailing: jhs606@frontiernet.net.

Senior Games Mean Medals

The 22nd Lancaster County Senior Games took place from June 7-11, 2010 at Franklin & Marshall College. This was one of Landis Homes residents most successful years.

The Senior Games provide an opportunity for Lancaster county residents ages 55 and over to take part in a wide variety of sporting and recreational events. There are over 50 events at these games, ranging from bocce ball and track and field, to weight-lifting and swimming. This year over 900 Lancaster county seniors participated.

Residents of Landis Homes competed in bocce, bench press, swimming, basketball, tennis, shuffleboard and home run derby. The 10 person team brought home a total of 11 medals in a variety of venues during the week.

Barbara Longenecker, Glenn Stauffer (hidden), Arlene Stauffer, Wellness Coordinator Bob Dressler, Anna Mae Habecker, Jane Kauffman, and Charlie Longenecker carry the banner in the opening ceremonies parade for Senior Games 2010.

Voting took place at Landis Homes for the first time on the May 18, 2010 primaries. Residents and voters from the local neighborhood cast their ballots in the Westview Community Room.
August 3
Art Reception
Photography of Don Ziegler & display of donated works by various artists for September 11 auction
Harvest View Galleries
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

August 8
Vocal Concert
Landis Homes Chorus
West Bethany Chapel
7:00 p.m.

August 12
Kick-Off for Fall Semester
Pathways Institute for Lifelong Learning
West Bethany Chapel
1:00 p.m.
RSVP: (717) 569-3271

August 16
Parkinson’s Support Group
“Clinical Research of Parkinson’s Disease”
Susan R. Dunlop, RN
John’s Hopkins Hospital
Westview Community Room
2:00 p.m.

August 31
Memory Loss Support Group Meeting
7:00 p.m.
Warwick Room of the Heritage Memory Support Center
(717) 581-3939

September 2
Heritage Watchers Class
First in a 9-Part Series
Harvest Room
(717) 656-6429
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

September 11
Fellowship Day, Auction & Chicken Barbecue
7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

September 26
World Communion Service
East Bethany 10:00 a.m.
West Bethany 10:00 a.m.

October 12-15
Renewal Services
Glen Sell, speaker
East Bethany 3:00 p.m.

November 24
Thanksgiving Services
West Bethany
7:00 p.m.

November 25
Thanksgiving Services
East Bethany
10:00 a.m.
Benefit Auction begins at 8:30 a.m.
Quilts, Artwork, Antiques,
Handcrafts, Gift Baskets

Chicken BBQ Eat In and Take Out
11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

— Children’s Activities —
Market Place, Flea Market
& Silent Auction

WJTL’s “Kids Cookie Break”
— with Lisa Landis —
Broadcast Live at 9:00 a.m.

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