

# ST. PAUL'S

## SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITY

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Greetings to all of our friends at The Penn West Conference. We pray that you and your family are safe and healthy.

During this past year we have enjoyed some extraordinary opportunities as well as experienced some of our greatest challenges. Through it all we recognize that God is so good to St. Paul's. He watches over our campus and blesses us in

countless ways and for that we are grateful.

Since the beginning of March and the inception of COVID-19, St. Paul's has employed a number of restrictions and guidelines received from the Pennsylvania Department of Health, The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid and The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. During these uncertain times, we are thankful for our Board of Trustees and our entire team who is working every day to keep our residents safe and healthy as well as keeping them engaged in meaningful opportunities.

Unfortunately, due to restrictions we have cancelled our bi-annual Caring Hearts on Fire gala and postponed our family picnics indefinitely. These events provide opportunity for families and friends of St. Paul's to visit our campus. We hope that these and other activities and events can resume sometime in the near future and that the vibrant atmosphere throughout our campus will again shine.

Recently, the St. Paul's Board of Trustees awarded Rev. Dr. Paul Westcoat "Trustee Emeritus." Since



*Rev. Dr. Paul Westcoat*

his appointment as Board Trustee in 1964, he has served on the Farm Committee (when first appointed), although he claims that he didn't know anything about farming; the Personnel Committee; and most recently the Development Committee. Rev. Dr. Westcoat has always considered his primary role as a representative of the church. He considers St. Paul's relationships with the UCC churches as the most valuable throughout St. Paul's history. "It was through the church that St. Paul's was established and countless churches and members of Penn West congregations have supported St. Paul's over time." Dr. Westcoat trusts that his service through the years has made a difference and his hope for the future is that St. Paul's Senior Living Community and The Penn West Conference continue to prioritize and strengthen relationships between the two organizations.

Last May, the Auxiliary at St. Paul's identified its new fundraising project — the purchase of a new 14-passenger bus that will benefit residents in all levels of care across campus. The bus is due to arrive on campus this spring. In November, the Auxiliary held its Annual Craft Show and Bake Sale netting more than \$12,000, all of which will be

donated to support the purchase of the new bus. Since its inception, the Auxiliary has raised nearly a half a million dollars for initiatives that have enhanced resident life on St. Paul's campus.

In addition to the church members who serve on The Auxiliary at St. Paul's and pray for our ministry, many Penn West churches also sent donations to support St. Paul's mission last year. These gifts are so greatly appreciated and needed. The majority were designated to support our Good Samaritan Fund, which ensures residents never have to leave St. Paul's because they run out of financial resources. 62% of residents in skilled nursing care at St. Paul's, and 12% of those living in personal care are helped through the Good Samaritan Fund.

In October 2019, Pastor Nancy Dunmire and volunteers from St. Mark's United Church of Christ in Knox, Pa., delivered 134 blankets to be used as gifts for residents in our personal care residences and



*Pictured from left seated: Pastor Bill Kirker, Director of Spiritual Services at St. Paul's; Ed Dunmire; Pastor Nancy Dunmire; and William Goodlander. Standing from left: Teresa Findley, Director of Annual Giving at St. Paul's; Diana Rex; Linda Aylesworth and Dawn Hartman, Director of Planned and Major Giving at St. Paul's.*

School in 1953, spent three years training to be a nurse and came back to St. Paul's to assist with first aid. Lois later worked as a staff nurse at St. Paul's Old Folk's Home, was supervisor of staff education and had spent a year as the director of nursing. Lois' fondest memories were of her time spent as the Unit Director in the Defibaugh Special Therapy Alzheimer's Unit that was built and dedicated in 1989. St. Paul's was the first facility in the area to offer special care and therapy for those with Alzheimer's disease. Lois taught workshops on reality orientation and re-motivation. Pennsylvania State Inspectors recommended the Unit as a model for other facilities.

Since 1973, Lois has played an integral part in the Auxiliary at St. Paul's. She was one of its founding members and served on the board for decades.

In April 2016 Lois "came home again" when she—very fittingly—moved into Cooper Cottage in The Colony at St. Paul's. And she may well be the resident with the longest history on campus. Lois and her husband Mike moved to the Heritage at St. Paul's in 2019. Lois passed away on May 8, 2020.

St. Paul's is blessed to have had Lois as part of the St. Paul's family. We are grateful for her time and talents that she shared selflessly to positively affect the lives of the orphans in earlier years and residents in later years. She will be greatly missed.

Throughout the years, St. Paul's has been blessed beyond measure with individuals and groups that have invested themselves in our mission. Many of those individuals and groups are from The Penn West Conference and have had a tremendous impact on the lives of those who call St. Paul's "Home." Trust that your contributions (time, talents and treasures) have made a difference and are appreciated.

our nursing home. Since 2009, the group has donated more than 1,300 blankets to residents of St. Paul's Senior Living Community. Pastor Dunmire said, "We are reminding people they are loved and we can wrap them in the warmth of God's love with a simple blanket, we thank God for the opportunity to do this. We feel very blessed and are grateful to St. Paul's for receiving the blankets, for letting us be part of their caring ministry."

This year we said goodbye to a dear member of St. Paul's family – Lois Cooper Eastlick. Lois has been part of the fabric of St. Paul's since 1945. Lois was the middle daughter of Rev. Morris Cooper— administrator of St. Paul's Orphan's Home from 1945 to 1972. Her family moved into the Keifer building at St. Paul's when she was 10 years old.

Lois graduated from Penn High



*Lois Cooper Eastlick*