

Winter  
2022



# Beacon of Hope

 **Wesley Manor**  
Retirement Community  
*feels like home*

## Connecting with staff, friends and family enhances senior living experience

**M**arlene Calhoun moved to Wesley Manor in August of 2019 and resides in the Aldersgate Personal Care unit. Marlene is feisty and sassy as described by her family, friends and the staff who have become part of her family here.

Marlene is a Louisville native growing up with four sisters; Linda, Joann, Lois and Jenny. She is the consummate mother, loving and challenging those around her to be their best. She raised her family under difficult circumstances after losing her husband and being a single mom of three and living in Beecher Terrace apartments. Her oldest son, William, remembers his early childhood in the apartments fondly — due to the atmosphere his mom created in a tough environment.

Marlene graduated from Central High School, completed some college and then worked in the Jefferson County elementary school system for twenty-five years, serving as a manager in the cafeteria. She eventually saved enough to buy a house and move the family into a safer neighborhood.

She was always known as an excellent cook, with her specialty of caramel cake. Marlene's fried chicken and greens were also favorites for her family and friends.

Faith has always played a large part in Marlene's life, as she was an active member of the Zion Baptist Church. She

sang in the choir and always served her church wherever needed. She also enjoyed looking her best and known for her fashion sense — utilizing colorful outfits with fashionable purses and matching footwear every Sunday.

Life can be funny how we all intertwine with each other, and last summer was no different. Wesley hired a new driver to transport our residents to their physician appointments named Lacie Brown. And as fate would have it, Lacie was a childhood

friend of her son William. Lacie recalled how he enjoyed many peanut butter sandwiches and Kool-Aid routinely prepared for him by Marlene after school!

Having reconnected with Marlene after many years has been a wonderful treat in their lives. Lacie often refers to Marlene as “mom” and she sees him as one of her own children. The relationships we all enjoy and protect are some of the most important things that keep us all going.

William speaks of his mother with love, respect and reverence always saying she was “stern, but always approachable, and always offered loving and wise advice.”

Marlene is quick to point out that in addition to her son William, she has two other terrific kids — Danny and

*Marlene is a proud mom of three children, with eight grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren.*



**Marlene Calhoun**

Mitzi Davis — along with a long line of eight grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

Wesley Manor is humbled and honored that Marlene and her family have chosen Wesley's Aldersgate Community. God is good all the time, and our goal has always been to make Wesley Manor “feel like home!” ♥

### SPECIAL 2021 GRATITUDE REPORT EDITION

This issue of the *Beacon* includes our special “Gratitude Report” highlighting some of this year's accomplishments and celebrating our donors!



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## Have a Heart for Seniors Love Offering moving to May 8

At Wesley Manor, we are family – and family cares for its own! This year, our Kentucky United Methodist Churches will receive the annual *Have a Heart for Seniors* Love Offering for our senior living communities in May. This important day supports charitable care and marks our collective show of support for those seniors who have made a difference in our lives, churches, and communities.

Wesley Manor ranks first among these communities in charitable care provided and in the number of residents served through this program. It costs Wesley Manor an average of \$80 per day per recipient – or \$1.5 million annually. Because of charitable care, we have never had to ask a resident to leave our community due to lack of funds.

*Thank you  
for your  
generosity.*

By giving a generous contribution through your church's *Have a Heart for Seniors* Love Offering, you will be supporting a long Wesleyan/Methodist tradition of ministry to older adults. You may also donate securely online at [www.WesMan.org](http://www.WesMan.org) or by mail with your check. You can make a difference in an older person's life! ♥

# TRIBUTE GIFTS BENEFIT OUR SENIOR CARE MINISTRY

An honor or memorial donation is a meaningful way to recognize a loved one. Your tax-deductible gift is not only a tribute to someone special, but it also helps Wesley Manor continue our mission of service to residents & families. When you make a tribute donation, your designee will receive a special card letting them know about your gift in their name. There is a form online at [www.WesMan.org](http://www.WesMan.org) to complete this gift or mail a check to the Development Office with honoree information. The following are the tribute gifts received for the fourth quarter of 2021 (Nov. 1 – Dec. 31, 2021):

*In Memory of  
Lloyd & James Aebersold  
Betty A. Nett*

*In Memory of  
Donald Bolton  
Susan Bolton*

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Cheryl Thomas*

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Anita Kuvin  
Judy & Allen Snively*

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Beverly Maguffee  
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Charles & Kitty McBride  
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Doris Skea  
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*In Memory of  
Vivian Spurling  
William & Deana  
Spurling*

*In Memory of  
Lida Stansbury  
Harry & Sharon Feeback*

*In Honor of  
Pastor Harry &  
Mrs. Retha Todd  
Herndon UMC*

*In Memory of  
Adrion Trail  
Terri & Bobby Trail*

*In Honor of our  
Wesley Manor Family  
Ike & Doris Stetter*

*In Memory of  
Clayton R. Young  
Bob & Susan Henning*

*In Memory of  
Mary Zady  
George Lane ♥*

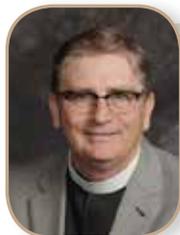


**THANK YOU**  
*Your kindness and  
generosity help us  
provide excellent care  
and positive experiences  
for all residents.*

# New board members bring diverse backgrounds

Wesley Manor Retirement Community has a new group of volunteer board members beginning their terms in 2022. Board members are responsible for setting policy for the operation of the organization, for approving budgets, and for other important items for a four-year period.

We wish to thank those retiring from their service, which include Russ Wardlaw, Jim Barnett, and Bart Doerhoefer. In addition, those filling new roles also include our new chairman, Craig Reynolds and our new vice-chairman, Billy Hopkins, IV — with Steve Jones, continuing as treasurer and Norma Sledge as secretary.



## Rev. Gary Gibson

Gary grew up on a dairy farm near Edmoton, Kentucky. He entered the pastoral ministry

from Beaumont UMC and graduated from Western Kentucky University with a Bachelor of Arts double major in Psychology and Religious Studies. Later achieving a Master of Divinity from Vanderbilt University.

God's call on Gary's life led him to pursue ordination in The United Methodist Church where he took his first appointment in 1984, serving a variety of Kentucky congregations ranging from rural, urban, and suburban.

When Gary isn't working, you're likely to find him spending time with his family; his wife Tammy, their two sons Kyle and Caleb, and their two grandchildren Ryder and Anastasia. He also enjoys playing golf and attending various sporting events.



## Carol Powell

Carol grew up in Boone County, Kentucky (Florence, Y'All). She acquired an interior design degree

from the University of Cincinnati, School of Art, Architecture, and Design and then operated her own successful design firm for thirty years.

Carol and her late husband, Ralph, always called Prospect home, where they attended Christ Church United Methodist for over twenty-five years and served in many volunteer roles. Carol is currently serving on the worship committee as special events coordinator, and helps organize fund raising events for Wesley Manor regularly.

She is blessed with two children and four grandchildren. Carol's mother was a past resident of Wesley Manor's Assisted Living which helps drive her today to help us!



## Jane Thibault

Jane is a published author, spiritual director, and gerontologist.

She received her PhD from the University of Chicago, specializing in clinical gerontology and went on to work as a faculty member in the Department of Family and Geriatric Medicine at the University of Louisville's School of Medicine since 1981. Her research determined that later life did not necessarily promote spiritual enlightenment, but often created spiritual crises corresponding to getting older.

Jane is married to Ron Fryrear who is lay leader of Gateway United Methodist Church in Louisville. She attends both Methodist and Catholic services, blending the sacramental gifts of the Catholic Church with the fellowship emphasis of Methodists. She considers herself an "ecumenical Christian," working with all denominations and viewpoints.

We are excited to embrace the talents and insights of these new board members who bring us with a wealth of knowledge and experiences which will serve our Wesley Manor ministry very well. We wish to also thank all of our current and former board members for their dedication and service to the Wesley Manor mission in serving seniors. ♥

## Celebrating seniors over the holidays!

The holidays are a great time to not only celebrate our wonderful seniors, but also recognize our caring staff and generous volunteers. Thank you for making Wesley Manor a place to be proud of and a true beacon of hope. ♥



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Wesley Manor serves its residents and families with a dedicated and professional staff, in a nurturing Christian community.

SAVE THE DATE!

## 21st annual Swing for Seniors Golf Scramble



- To Benefit Wesley Manor's Charitable Care Program
- Monday, May 16 ~ Noon
- Woodhaven Country Club in Louisville

You're invited to participate in the 21st annual Swing for Seniors Scramble! This popular event takes place at Woodhaven Country Club. Join us for a day of friendly competition including contests and prizes, lunch, snacks and refreshments on the course.

All proceeds benefit Wesley Manor's Charitable Care Program which supports residents who have outlived their resources, to remain in their homes as part of the Wesley Manor community.

For information/sponsorships/registration, visit [www.WesMan.org](http://www.WesMan.org) or contact Carrie Burns, [cburns@wesman.org](mailto:cburns@wesman.org) or (502) 400-3239. ♥



## WESLEY ROAD TRIP Lights Under Louisville

Over the holidays, we took a group of Patio Homes Residents out on the town for an evening at the *Lights Under Louisville* tour. Fantastic light displays, followed by hot chocolate and friendly conversation provided all fun time during the Holiday Season! ♥



### 2022 Board of Directors

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