

Making changes to meet changing needs.

The Friendly Home Building Project Update *January 16, 2009*

ALTERNATE AUDITORIUM PLANS (LATE JANUARY—SEPTEMBER 2009)

In late January, The Friendly Home's main dining room on the first floor will be taken out of service to allow for construction of the new Transitional Care Center. From this point through September 2009, the Auditorium will be used as the main dining room. As a result, recreational programs and church services will need to be held in alternate locations (see information below). In addition, the Auditorium will not be available for private family parties during this time. As new nursing areas are completed and occupied, Members will enjoy meals in the new unit-based dining rooms. Ample notice will be provided to all Members and families as Member moves are scheduled; informational meetings will be held in advance of the moves as well. Thank you for your patience during this time of change at The Friendly Home!

SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES

The Friendly Home's worship service will continue to be held at **10:30 a.m.** each Sunday. The new location will be the **Linden Knoll Dining Room**. Friendly Home staff will be **unable** to transport Members to Linden Knoll for the worship service; however, families are always welcome to attend the services with their loved ones and take responsibility for transporting them there and back. ***Please note:*** All worship services held at Linden Knoll will be video-taped and played back on Channel 4, The Friendly Home's in-house TV system, on the following Sunday at 10:15 a.m.

Pastoral visits to each unit will occur during the week for prayers and administration of the Sacrament.

CATHOLIC MASS

The monthly mass will continue to be held on the second Tuesday of each month at **11:00 a.m.** in the **Linden Knoll Dining Room**. Staff will be **unable** to transport Members to Linden Knoll; however, families are always welcome to attend mass with their loved ones and take responsibility for transporting them there and back. ***Eucharistic visitors*** from St. Thomas More will **continue** to visit Friendly Home Members each Sunday morning.

The Spiritual Life Discussion Group and Bible Study will meet each Monday morning at 10:30 a.m. in Conference Room C located opposite the main elevator on the lower level of the Home. Members who wish to attend should tell their Unit Secretary or Father Roy if they need to be transported.

RECREATIONAL PROGRAMMING

Recreational programs normally held in the Auditorium will be relocated to other units when possible with the exception of the weekly Cocktail Hour. **Cocktail Hour will continue to be held in the Auditorium during this period; however, the time will be changed to 3:00 p.m.** to accommodate set up for the evening meal.

The Recreation Department will continue to provide a variety of programs including music, exercise programs, bingo, games, and more throughout the building. Baking activities will continue to be held in the Member Kitchen and craft groups will meet in the Craft Room, both of which are located on the lower level. Members are welcome and encouraged to attend any and all activities regardless of location. The Friendly Home is also recruiting volunteers to increase the number of one-on-one room visits with Members during this time.

We encourage Members and families to check the monthly recreation calendar for specific activities, dates, times and locations. Calendars will be available on each unit, at the Front Desk and on our website at www.friendlyhome.org. Please don't hesitate to speak to the Recreation staff if you have questions or to inquire about specific programs of interest.

PRIVATE PARTIES

During the late January through September 2009 timeframe, we regret that we will not be able to accommodate private parties in the Auditorium.