

# PINNACLE LIVING

December 2019

HERMITAGE | NORTHERN VIRGINIA



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**Celebrating  
December**

**Spiritual Literacy  
Month**

**Bingo Month**

**Antarctica Day  
December 1**

**Cookie Day  
December 4**

**St. Nicholas Day  
December 6**

**Poinsettia Day  
December 12**

**Winter Solstice  
December 21**

**Hanukkah  
December 22-30**

**Christmas  
December 25**



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wednesday December 18<sup>th</sup> residents who celebrate their birthday in December, can enjoy a luncheon in the Private Dining Room at 12:00 noon. Residents who celebrate their birthday can bring a guest to enjoy this moment with them.

Bonnie Cockrell	3	Margaret Nelson	5
Mildred Marino	8	Robert Glass	11
Della Souders	11	Judith Loth	12
Sallie Holden	14	Mark Oppenheimer	15
Pauline Jernberg	17	Raymond Saunders	17
Joan Callahan	18	Joan Murphy	18
Joseph Johnson	19	Margarita DeRivero	21
John Leeper	22	Paul Albaugh	26
Ada Nelson	27	Joan Maurer	29
Carol Bullock	29	Mary Elaine Green	30

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Resident Christmas Party  
Friday **December 14<sup>th</sup>** join us for Hermitage Annual Resident Christmas Party in the Dining room, from 5-7 pm. Resident can invite their loved ones, family or friends for this occasion. If you do have guests that are interested in attending they can sign up in the guest list at the Reception desk. Thank you!!!!!!!!!!

### NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION

Wednesday December 31<sup>st</sup> join singer Elvis E. at 6:00 pm in the Lobby for his rendition of a New Year's to remember. Elvis E. does a remarkable impersonation of Elvis Presley.

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
Wakefield Chorale

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>**  
Josh Urban Radio Classic

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>**  
Cara Tanstrom Music Program

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>**  
Bill Guey Holiday Project  
Eudora Performing Arts

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>**  
Holiday Cheers w/Barbara/Cindy  
**Bassoon & Flute duet**

**Saturday 14**  
T J Stars/Alexandria Citizens Band  
Advent Christmas

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>**  
Post Modern Jazz Trio

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>**  
Colonial Recorders

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>**  
New Horizon Band

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>**  
Monei Love Peterson & Friends

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
Singer Charlie Lopez

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
Holiday Appreciation w/Victor

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>**  
Loye's New Year's Program

## December Presentations

December 9<sup>th</sup>- Karen Walking Eagle

December 16<sup>th</sup> -Cindy Courville  
Impact on Google in our lives

December 30<sup>th</sup>- Jerry Grossman  
Nixon and Kennedy debate

### STRAWBERRY PATCH

If you would like to volunteer at the Strawberry Patch thrift store, please contact Mary King at 703-797-3880 or EdDee, at 571-216-9028. We are open Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 10-2 pm. One hundred percent of their proceeds goes back into the Hermitage and the Samaritan Fund.

### CANDY GRAM DELIVERY

Friday December 13<sup>th</sup>, we will begin our 12 days of Christmas Candy Gram delivery. The Candy Grams and mailbox will be located in the Lobby. Residents can send it to any resident they choose. Place it in the mailbox provided and an Activity team member will deliver.

### CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Monday December 2<sup>nd</sup> join us for hot cocoa and cider as we decorate the Christmas tree and sing Christmas carols in the Lobby.

### LUNCH BUNCH

Wednesday December 18<sup>th</sup> the bus leaves at 11:00 am for a Lunch Bunch trip to Olive Garden Restaurant. Please sign up in the trip folder at the Reception desk.

### FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Saturday December 28<sup>th</sup> the bus leaves at 6:00 pm for our Annual Festival of Lights trip to Bull Run Park. Its 2.5 mile drive-through displays a variety of lights. You can enjoy the holiday and fairytale vignettes that are sure to entertain you. While most of the displays repeat year-to-year, there are usually new scenes to enjoy, and seeing old favorites is part of the fun.

## Chaplain

## Kathy Howell

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, *It is more blessed to give than to receive. Acts 20:35*

"I'm going to get this for Cindy for Christmas, it is so neat!" I said as I grabbed a toy "Slinky" off the shelf and began to play with it while singing the jingle from the television commercial, *"It's Slinky, it's Slinky, for fun it's a wonderful toy, it's Slinky, it's Slinky, it's fun for a girl and a boy. Everyone wants a Slinky; you ought to get a Slinky."* I held one of the ends of the Slinky on the palm of each hand and watched with fascination with the Slinky and watched with fascination as the metal coils magically moved back and forth from one hand to the other.

I was 5 years old, and it was just a week before Christmas. Bill, age 13, and I were at Woolworth's. It was Bill's job to help me with my Christmas shopping.

"Kathy, I think you're the one who wants that. Are you sure you don't want to get a Slinky for Cindy so you can play with it." said Bill, who is 8 years older than I am, was my shopping partner.

"I'm only thinking of Cindy. She would like it, I know." I said.

"Kathy... be honest." Bill replied.

"Well... Okay. I'll put it back." I said reluctantly

"Come on, Kathy, Cindy is 15 years old. She's too old for toys.

"Okay" I said as I reluctantly reached up and put the Slinky back on the counter. I knew Bill was right. "But what can I get her?"

Bill got down on one knee and looked me in the eyes. "Kathy, giving a Christmas gift isn't about getting someone something you like, it's about thinking about that person and getting them something they like."

We kept shopping and I ended up getting a little mirror that would fit in her purse because Cindy had just started wearing lipstick. I was so thrilled on Christmas Day when Cindy opened the present and told me how much she liked it. But I was even more pleased for the next few years every time I saw Cindy pull the mirror out of her purse and use it.

I never forgot the words Bill spoke to me that day. I'm sure that even by age 5, I had been told that it was better to give than to receive dozens of times. But this was the first time that I remember really understanding what that means.

As the Christmas season unfolds this year may we all experience the joy of giving. May we all give of ourselves in a way that is a blessing to others. May you each have a joyous and merry Christmas and the Happiest of New Years.



### Advent Christmas Music Program

Saturday December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the Auditorium, join us for an Advent Christmas Program with Arlington Forest UMC Orchestra, directed by Randy Sharp and Musicfest Orchestra directed by Dr. Tina Anderson.

## MONTHLY MOVIES

**Sunday December 1<sup>st</sup> - Four Christmases:** When their plans for an exotic vacation fall apart, unmarried couple Brad and Kate must spend Christmas Day trudging around to a quartet of family get-togethers. While Brad counts the hours till he can escape the onslaught of crazy relatives, Kate begins to wonder about her own choices and ponders whether her family members are so crazy after all.

**Wednesday December 4<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Inheritance:** Before ambitious heiress Ellen Langford can inherit her father's business, she must deliver a special Christmas card to her dad's former partner in Snow Falls. When a snowstorm strands her at the town inn, she discovers the true gift of Christmas.

**Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup> - A Christmas Prince:** Christmas comes early for an aspiring young journalist when she's sent abroad to get the scoop on a dashing prince who's poised to be king.

**Wednesday December 11<sup>th</sup> - A Christmas Prince-The Royal Wedding:** A year after Amber helped Richard secure the crown, the two are set to tie the knot in a royal Christmas wedding - but their plans are jeopardized when Amber finds herself second-guessing whether or not she's cut out to be queen.

**Sunday December 15<sup>th</sup> - Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street:** In this Christmas classic, an old man going by the name of Kris Kringle (Edmund Gwenn) fills in for an intoxicated Santa in Macy's annual Thanksgiving Day parade. Kringle proves to be such a hit that he is soon appearing regularly at the chain's main store in midtown Manhattan.

**Wednesday December 18<sup>th</sup> - The Holiday:** Dumped and depressed, English rose Iris agrees to swap homes with similarly unlucky in love Californian Amanda for a much-needed break. Iris finds herself in a palatial Hollywood mansion while Amanda navigates the lanes of a picture-perfect English village. Soon enough, both lovelorn ladies bump into local lads perfect for a romantic pick-me-up.

**Sunday December 22<sup>nd</sup> - Get Santa:** After crashing his sleigh and coming to the attention of the local police, Santa Claus asks a father and son for help to round up his reindeer so he can return home and ensure that Christmas is not ruined for all.

**Wednesday December 29<sup>th</sup> Clara's Ultimate Christmas (2018)** A savvy ten-year-old video blogger's "Ultimate Christmas" unravels into chaos when her dad unexpectedly leaves for New York two days before Christmas. Clara must find a way to adjust to keep her dreams of the perfect Christmas she's been dreaming about from being dashed.

## The Christmas Chronicles



**Wednesday December 25<sup>th</sup>** Christmas Day, join us at 3:30 pm in the Lobby for the 2018 movie "the Christmas Chronicles." Siblings Kate and Teddy Pierce hatch a scheme to capture Santa Claus on Christmas Eve. When the plan goes awry, the kids join forces with a somewhat jolly Saint Nick and his loyal elves to save the holiday before it's too late.

## FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

**Friday December 6<sup>th</sup> - The Holiday Calendar:** A photographer inherits an antique Advent calendar that seems to predict her future -- including a budding romance.

**Friday December 13<sup>th</sup> - Last Christmas:** Nothing seems to go right for young Kate, a frustrated Londoner who works as an elf in a year-round Christmas shop. But things soon take a turn for the better when she meets Tom -- a handsome charmer who seems too good to be true.

**Friday December 20<sup>th</sup> - Holiday in the Wild:** After her husband ends their marriage, Kate embarks on a solo second honeymoon in Africa. There, she and Derek, a pilot, rescue a baby elephant. While nursing the elephant back to health, Kate discovers how much she loves her new surroundings.

**Friday December 27<sup>th</sup> - The Princess Switch:** One week before Christmas, a duchess switches places with an ordinary woman from Chicago, who looks exactly like her, and they each fall in love with each other's beau.

**Friday December 29<sup>th</sup> - The Night Before:** For the last 10 years, lifelong buddies Ethan, Isaac and Chris have gathered on Christmas Eve to celebrate the holidays with a bang. As Isaac prepares to become a first-time father, the friends realize that their annual tradition is coming to a sad end.