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“We Plan to Live Here Many Years”

At just 65 years young, Bill and Evelyn Sloat decided to make the leap and join the Fairmount family this November when their new Wheat Ridge apartment is finished. While many couples who are decades older than the Sloats do not feel they are ready to move, Bill and Evelyn have lots of good reasons to embrace retirement living at their young age.

They explain, “We want to clean out our house now and make the move so no one will have to make decisions for us later. We have no children, and we don’t want to be a burden to our nieces and nephews.”

“Our Lives Were Devoted to Church Work”

The Sloats are no strangers to change. They grew up near Elizabethtown, went to high school together, and married 45 years ago. After graduating from Elizabethtown College, Bill went to seminary, then later earned a Ph.D in church history at Drew University in New Jersey. For almost 40 years they devoted their lives to church work. Bill pastored five different Churches of God General Conference churches. They lived in many places—from Harrisburg, PA, to Findlay, OH—before settling into their current home near Bowmansville 21 years ago. Evelyn held various administrative positions in their church conference and for Diacon Lutheran Services. She also supported Bill’s efforts. She explains, “I took some courses but didn’t get a college



Bill and Evelyn Sloat enjoy seeing progress on the new Wheat Ridge Apartment building that will become home in November.

degree. However, I got a great education by typing, proofreading, and editing all of Bill’s papers!”

Six years ago, Bill stepped away from the pastorate to “go into the world to minister,” as he describes it. At Weaver Markets in Adamstown, he worked his way up to manager, while Evelyn did office and bookkeeping work for local companies. They both continue to work.

“We Love the Values, Ethos, and Community Feel”

Through work contacts, the Sloats heard about Fairmount and decided to take a look. They had watched Bill’s parents choose to live in a continuing care community in retirement and saw how well that model worked for them.

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Drop-In Hard Hat Tour

August 13, 4:00-5:30 p.m. Wheat Ridge Chapel

To get a behind-the-scenes look at the new Wheat Ridge Apartments currently under construction, call 717.354.1811. Note: The area is not yet accessible for wheelchairs and walkers.

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A Song for Challenging Times - *The President's Perspective*

My Perspective articles usually focus on a recent activity, a book I have read, or a current happening at Fairmount. This time I want to share how my Christian walk has been strengthened by the song, *O Praise the Name*. The words keep running through my mind. I hope you too will be inspired by the words. Its powerful message speaks volumes to anyone going through a difficult time.

Many of us face numerous challenges and obstacles that are just part of life. But as Christians we have many positive ways to respond. We can pray, read Scripture, and/or get support through friends or church. I depend on all of these in my daily walk with Jesus, but sometimes it is inspiring music that gets me through challenging times.

While I find value and inspiration in both old hymns and contemporary music, *O Praise the Name* is a newer song with a beautiful message. I encourage you to listen to the entire song, but here are a few of the lyrics that have bolstered my faith: *I cast my mind to Calvary, where Jesus died, they laid Him in the tomb, sealed by a heavy stone. Oh praise His name forevermore.**

"Through all of our suffering we can continue to praise the name of the Lord."

These words remind us that though we suffer, the Lord our God has taken our suffering upon Himself so that we may have eternal life. So through life's challenges, we can continue to praise Him. For that, I am truly blessed and will "praise His name forevermore"! What an inspiration for us all!

* Hillsong Worship. Songwriters: Dean Ussher, Marty Sampson, Benjamin Hastings © Capitol Christian Music Group

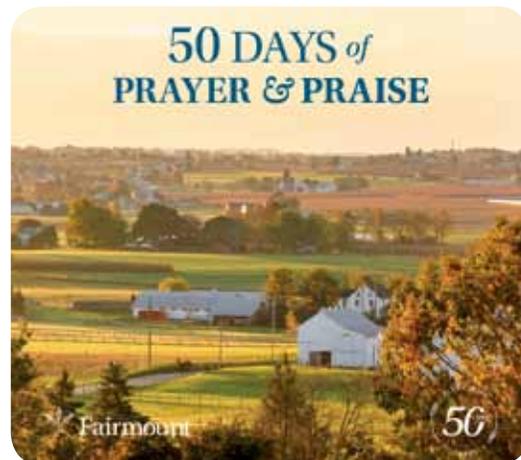


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50 Days of Prayer & Praise

The long-awaited book, *50 Days of Prayer and Praise*, is published at last! Originally envisioned as a small booklet of praises and prayer requests, it evolved into a beautiful commemorative book complete with pictures of historical milestones from the past 50 years tied to 50 corresponding prayer requests.

50 Days of Prayer and Praise is available at the Wheat Ridge front desk. The requested donation of \$10.50 per book will help cover the design and printing costs.



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Welcome! to the 9th Annual Open House

Along with 17 other local Life Plan communities, Fairmount is opening its doors for our 9th Annual Open House on Saturday, October 19, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Don't miss this opportunity to come and see what cottage and apartment living here at Fairmount are all about. ➔



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Bill and Evelyn visited Fairmount and were impressed. The new Wheat Ridge Apartments appealed to them for many reasons.

“We were amazed by the quality of accommodations and the size of what we can get here for the cost. We loved Mitch (Director of Marketing) and loved the facility with its values, ethos, and community feel,” Bill explains. “We especially like that the new apartments connect to the existing Wheat Ridge building. If one of us has to move into another level of care, we can still be close to each other. And the November move-in date gives us time to downsize and ready our house for sale without rushing.”

“We don't like this in-between phase though,” Evelyn admits. “There are so many decisions to make, things to part with, and a lot of extra work. But we look forward to the time when we can relax and

read, visit with friends and family, and maybe do a little traveling. We consider ourselves young. We are coming here to live many full years!”

If you are interested in retirement living in the future, get the process started now by calling the Marketing Office at 717.354.1810. While most of the new Wheat Ridge Apartments have been reserved, several are still available, or you can put your name on the waiting list and postpone coming until you are ready! ➔

Phase One Renovations Complete

On June 26, an open house was held for the Wheat Ridge Personal Care (WRPC) area, signaling the completion of Phase One renovations. Ready for residents to enjoy are a new, centrally-located activity room, living room, and Care Center (below left) and modern kitchen (below right). Also included is an office for the Director of WRPC. Phase Two renovations are already underway, and include the addition of two WRPC resident rooms, a new dining room, and upgrades to the sunroom and hallways. Watch for updates in the next *Perspective*. ➔





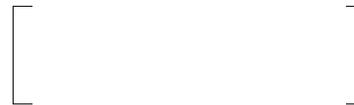
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Items of Interest

October Health Expo

Fairmount is planning a Health Expo on Thursday, October 10, 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. in the Farm Crest Community Room. Come benefit from presentations on health issues and a flu-shot clinic. Get information on topics such as hearing, vision, heart, and diabetes. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Central PA Blood Drive

The Central PA Blood Bank will hold a blood drive on Thursday, August 15, from 11:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. in the Farm Crest Community Room. Walk-ins are welcome until 6:00 p.m. To make an appointment, please call the Blood Bank at 800.771.0059

Benefit Auction Needs

- **Theme Baskets**
Donations of theme baskets, supplies, and/or money toward additional theme baskets are always welcome.
- **Dining For Dollars**
Consider hosting a Dining for Dollars event. To host a meal, please call 717.471.6691 by August 10.
- **Auction/Flea Market Items**
New items for auction or good used items for the flea market are always welcome.



30th Benefit Auction & Barbecue Saturday, September 14, 2019



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