

United Methodists at Work: Changing lives through elder care

Marilyn Kreyer has lived at Asbury Park for more than three years in an independent living cottage. She said her daughter wanted to build a house in Newton and hoped her mother would move closer from her home in Pratt. Marilyn chose Asbury Park, formerly



Marilyn Kreyer chose Asbury Park for its friendliness.

Friendly Acres, because the staff responded to her requests the same day—"they were eager and friendly—I visited the campus, and I liked what I saw!"

What still amazes her today is the friendly people on the campus.

"Everyone was so nice when I moved in, which I expected initially," she said. "But it never stopped." Still after three years, Marilyn is touched by the kindness and friendliness that she receives from the staff and elders.

"I am a hermit by nature, so to be drawn into a community where I feel like I am part of something like as if in a club - that is something I have never had before, it is a wonderful feeling." Marilyn said.

Retirement and long-term care facilities like Asbury Park that are related to the United Methodist Church are called to develop a covenant relationship with the church to reinforce a sense of joint mission in service with the elderly, encourage the provision of charitable support and provide a channel for the assistance of the whole church, and encourage institutional settings that holistically meet the needs of the elderly.

Asbury Park in Newton and Wesley Towers in Hutchinson have long had a relationship with the United Methodist Church through Kansas West Conference.

Through this partnership, seniors receive quality care throughout the many stages of aging.

The United Methodist Church is called to be an advocate for the elderly, and the aging process is part of God's plan for life. The support system at Asbury Park and Wesley Towers provide ways for adults to relate to Jesus Christ and to live their faith in their community.



Learn more at:

Asbury Park's site: www.asburypark.org

Wesley Towers' site: www.wesleytowers.org

Kansas West Conference site: www.kswestumc.org

Board of Discipleship site: www.gbod.org/coa/default.asp