Dear Friends,

How times flies. It’s hard to believe that January will mark my third anniversary at Rolling Ridge. In the time that I’ve served as director, we’ve been working hard to improve the grounds and renovate our facilities. Although the property is looking fabulous, Rolling Ridge is more than just a “pretty face.” Our ministry is making a spiritual difference in the lives of people.

Let me share three stories:

**Francine** began coming to our Richard Rohr contemplation group late last year. Her husband has early stages of Alzheimer’s, so when she heard about our new “Revive and Thrive” Day Apart for those with memory challenges and their care partners, she knew she needed to attend with her husband. She was not sure if he would, but he did, and together they discovered that they are not alone in the struggle and have now found support and community.

Since the United Methodist General Conference earlier this year, **Pastor Kristin**’s church has been struggling. But training in Rolling Ridge’s Gateways to God program has provided her with tools to listen and lead that have brought hope to the church as they envision a new future and choose to live into their call as God’s people.

**Tony** is a special needs child. When asked if he would be welcomed at Rolling Ridge’s new Eco-Adventure summer program for children, we of course said, “YES!!” The experience was life-giving for him and the group as he found a loving community and learned a lot about the Earth and how to care for God’s creation. (*name changed to protect identity of child)*

Rolling Ridge is committed to providing spiritual support and community, along with resources to help you and your church grow in faith. We are a place where everyone belongs as we connect all people, God and creation.

If these commitments are important to you, please support our efforts and give a year-end gift. Our mission is to awaken lives to God as we transform communities with love. And through the new range of programs we offer, we are making a difference in the lives of people like Francine, Kristin, and Tony.

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TOP TEN HIGHLIGHTS

1. Art @ the Ridge
2. Our heat works!
3. The new patio
4. Richard Rohr Programming
5. EcoAdventure
6. New furnishings
7. “Revive and Thrive”
8. Legacy Rose Garden
9. Worship in the Woods
10. Ground-breaking of the Mansion in 1919 - Our Centennial Legacy Celebration

The first annual “Art @ the Ridge” was held on September 29, showcasing work of the Andovers Artists Guild and other local artists and non-profits. Over 300 people attended. Join us September 27, 2020.

Thanks to the generosity of many, we were able to make the necessary repairs to our boiler, allowing the Ridge to stay warm, and guests remain comfortable.

The new patio across from the Oval Room was created for guests to relax in a new cozy spot in the beauty of outdoors.

A terrarium made with love at our first EcoAdventure Day Program. Look for an inter-generational EcoAdventure in summer of 2020. Thanks to all the volunteers who supported this first time program.

“Revive and Thrive: Living well with memory challenges” brought together loved ones and care-givers for a day to connect and be cared for.

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