



King's Grant *Town Crier*

January | 2026

From the Executive Director's Desk:

Dear Residents, Staff, and Stakeholders,

I hope each of you had a Merry Christmas and a relaxing holiday season. This time of year often brings big feelings—many of which are joyful and magical, while others can be stressful or even sad. As we transition into the New Year, let us be mindful of these different experiences. My wish for each of you is a year filled with peace, joy, and happiness.

The Souter family enjoyed a magical Christmas that included some old traditions and a few new activities that we hope to continue. Santa came, and seeing the magic through Cita's eyes was beyond special. Though the weather was summer-like, we built a fire and enjoyed our last Christmas as a family of three. Yes, by next Christmas, Cita will be a big sister, and we are all so excited. Of course, there are many overwhelming feelings of "Are we sure we are ready?" but we are so very excited.

Before we dive into 2026, I'd like to give a nod to a few highlights from this past year. So, here we go...

- ◆ Strategic & Master Planning: Completed strategic planning and began master planning.
- ◆ Growth & Operations: Achieved 17% turnover and record occupancy.
- ◆ Campus Improvements: Started apartment renovations that include new amenities and completed the bocce ball court.
- ◆ Innovation: Launched a new community app and introduced the trishaw.
- ◆ Culture: Achieved "Great Place to Work" status. Mid-management retreat

Wow—I am sure I am missing something, as it was certainly an incredible year. While we will all take a short breather to reflect and enjoy our success, looking ahead to the new year has me even more excited. I hope you will all join me in taking full advantage of our many amenities, travel opportunities, and social events here at King's Grant.

As always, I thank you for your continued support and passionate spirit for King's Grant.

*James Souter,
Executive Director*





Rev. Bonnylee Witt

The Chaplain's Office, January 2026

Happy New Year

January 2025 Schedule

Victory Chapel Services

Sunday Afternoon 4:15 PM

SUN. JAN. 04 REV. PALMER LOWER

SUN. JAN. 11 KG BONNYLEE WITT

SUN. JAN. 18 NAOMI HOGE MUSE

SUN. JAN. 25 KG BONNYLEE WITT

All Are Welcome!

**"Arise, shine, for
your light has
come,
and the glory of
the LORD rises
upon you.**

Isaiah 60:1 NIV

**Bright Morning Star,
your light has come,
and the birth of Jesus
has overwhelmed us with joy.
Like the magi of long ago,
may we be drawn to you
and offer you such gifts
as we are able. Amen.**

**"We spend January 1st
walking through our lives,
room by room, drawing up a
list of work to be done, cracks
to be patched. Maybe this
year, to balance the list, we
ought to walk through the
rooms of our lives...not
looking for flaws, but for
potential." — Ellen Goodman**



Pastoral Events in January 2026

Service of the Holy Eucharist Thurs. Jan. 08, 2025 at 1:30 PM

Victory Chapel Led by Rector John Adams All are Welcome!

First Baptist's Service of Communion Wed. Jan. 07, 2025 2:30 PM

Victory Chapel Led by Rev. Mike Hatfield

Women's Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study

1:30 PM Pheasant Room Facilitator Anne Hartman

Monday Morning Meditation & Prayer Time in the Pheasant Room

Every Monday Morning 10:30—11:15 AM

Art & Soul Spirituality Class Exploring Spiritual Connections Through

Art Every Monday Afternoon 2:00—3:00 PM Multi-Purpose Room

THE HISTORY OF THE BIBLE

**JOIN US EACH WEEK...THURSDAY MORNINGS 10:30 AM FOR AN
EDUCATIONAL & EXPLORATION OF THE HISTORIES AND
MYSTERIES OF THE BIBLE... LOCATION VICTORY CHAPEL**

In Loving Memory...

Jacqueline Moore, JD Lester, Archie Bolt

Resident Birthdays

Nancy Philpott	1/1	Martha Drane	1/22
Byron Corcoran	1/3	Milt Davis	1/23
Nash Lawson	1/3	Cora Nemec	1/23
Betty McIntosh	1/8	Sarah Altizer	1/23
Lanie Loos	1/15	Claude Swanson	1/23
Martha Clark	1/15	Jodi Hash	1/25
Richard Komorowski	1/15	James Stone	1/26
Bob Moore	1/16	Joretta Draper	1/29
Carolyn Alderman	1/20	Patricia Hokanson	1/30

Cheers to Many Years!
 Resident Anniversaries 

BG & Ed Adams - 1/17 - 44 Years!

Brenda & Joe Williams - 1/20- 62 Years!

"WHAT GOOD IS THE WARMTH OF
SUMMER, WITHOUT THE COLD OF
WINTER TO GIVE IT SWEETNESS."

- John Steinbeck

Celebrating Years of Service

3 Years:

Amy Seidle, Rehab Director

Tiffany DeLoatch Bailey,
Physical Therapist

Julie Turner, Speech Therapist

Heidi Zuniga, Physical Therapy
Assistant

Tina Williams, Beautician

1 YEAR:

Lesia Philpott, Cook

Victoria Warren, Housekeeper

Maegan Nelson, Occupational
Therapist

Welcome Aboard!

Please Help Welcome Our
Newest Employees to King's Grant:

Marlena Deskins- HC Life
Enrichment Coordinator

Katie Young, DSA

Morgan Ayers, DSA

Alex Brickey, Occupational
Therapist

Staff Birthdays

Sue Jacobson	1/01
Carrie Hairston	1/02
Amber Cochran	1/07
Honesty Martin	1/08
Jeff Naff	1/15
Dejah Hylton	1/10
Tiffany Hall	1/13
Linda Green	1/23
Kennedy Dodson	1/25
Luke Dalton	1/26
Janet Ashby	1/27
Jeff Hylton	1/27
Lavar Pinchback	1/31
Kate Reynolds	1/31



TAI CHI for arthritis & Fall Prevention Program



The Tai Chi for Arthritis & Fall Prevention program was developed by Dr. Paul Lam and uses gentle Sun-style Tai Chi routines that are easy to learn and suitable for every fitness level.

This evidence-based program is safe and effective for people who want to improve their quality of life, strengthen muscles, improve flexibility, and reduce their risk of falling.

Location:
King's Grant
4th. Floor
350 Kings Way Road
Martinsville, VA 24112

Series Length:

Mondays at
3:00 pm
for 16 weeks

Class Period length:

Approximately 45 minutes
starting
January 26, 2026

If you have any questions regarding the class, please feel free to contact Southern Area Agency on Aging at 276-632-6442 or Melissa Puckett at mpuckett@southernaaa.org

Class Space is limited so register early.

Please contact Margie if you have any questions at Ext. 1200 or 276-806-0033.

✧ Welcome to 2026! ✧

As we begin a new year, let's focus on wellness—taking care of our minds, bodies, and spirits. Small steps each day, like staying active, eating well, resting, and connecting with others, can make a big difference. Wishing you a healthy, peaceful, and positive new year ahead!
-KG Wellness Staff



DEAR DEVELOPMENT,

What are some philanthropic resolutions I can make for the New Year?

- Newly Inspired at King's Grant

DEAR Newly Inspired,

We're so glad you asked! Here are 10 philanthropic New Year's Resolutions to consider:

1. Turn one-time gifts to your favorite charity into recurring monthly donations.
2. Shift some of your spending to support local small businesses and social enterprises.
3. Reduce your carbon footprint to help people and planet through online giving.
4. Declutter and donate useful and good-condition items quarterly.
5. Incorporate charitable giving, such as bequests or beneficiary designations, into your Estate plan.
6. Use your professional or practical skills pro bono to support a local nonprofit or community group.
7. Create an annual "impact budget" in your financial plan specifically for philanthropy, deciding in advance how much goes to local aid, global aid, and emergency response.
8. Advocate for a worthy cause you are passionate about through sharing information, making a phone call, or attending a community meeting.
9. Make a "challenge gift" by pledging a donation to inspire and involve others in a worthwhile fundraising campaign.
10. Schedule a yearly tax and giving review with your tax or financial advisor to ensure your generosity and tax plan work together.

We wish you and your families a blessed New Year!

HAPPY GIVING!

The Development Team

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JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS

set your reminder!

Tues, Jan. 6th	First Tuesday Breakfast - No meeting, see details below-	8:00 AM Breakfast – Trellis
Tues, Jan. 6th	Town Hall with Sunnyside Communities President Josh Lyon and CFO & Cathy Symanski.	10:30 AM– Victory Chapel
Thurs, Jan 8th	Gee-Mackey Duo	2:30PM Victory Chapel
Thurs, Jan 8th	Grief Group Chat	2:00PM Francks' Place Theater
Fri, Jan 9th	Bust Outing: Danville Cinema 12 with an Early Dinner.	11:00AM Depart 300 Entrance
Sun, Jan. 11th	Bust Outing: Les Misérables at the Tanger Center	10:15AM Depart 300 Entrance
Mon, Jan. 12th	Pastor Glenn & Singers	10:30-11:15 AM Victory Chapel
Wed, Jan. 14th	You're Welcome to Learn with Us– Speaker Tierra Dillard 911 Director	10:00AM Multipurpose Room
Thurs, Jan. 15th	Bus Outing: Lunch at Chatmoss Country Club	11:00AM Depart 300 Entrance
Thurs, Jan. 22nd	Bus Outing: Treasure Hunting (Shopping) and Lunch in Greensboro	10:00AM Depart 300 Entrance
Fri, Jan 23rd	National Pie Day– Enjoy a piece of pie with your friends and neighbors	3:00PM Francks' Place
Fri, Jan. 23rd	Bus outing: Piedmont Arts Opening Reception	5:00PM Depart 300 Entrance
Mon, Jan. 26th	Monday Night at the Movies– Elvis	6:30PM Francks' Place
Tue, Jan. 27th	Bus outing: Breakfast at Debbie's in Stoneville, NC	9:00AM Depart 300 Entrance
Wed, Jan 28th	Resident Council Meeting	3:00PM Multipurpose Room
Thurs, Jan 29th	Monthly Birthday Party Entertainment– Robbie Vance	2:30-4:00PM Trellis Room
Fri, Jan. 30th	Music by Karla Raye & Special Menu	5:00PM-7:00PM Francks' Place

Monthly Birthday Party

Thursday, January 29th
Trellis Room | 2:30-4:00
Entertainment: Robbie Vance

Name / Surname: _____ Date: _____

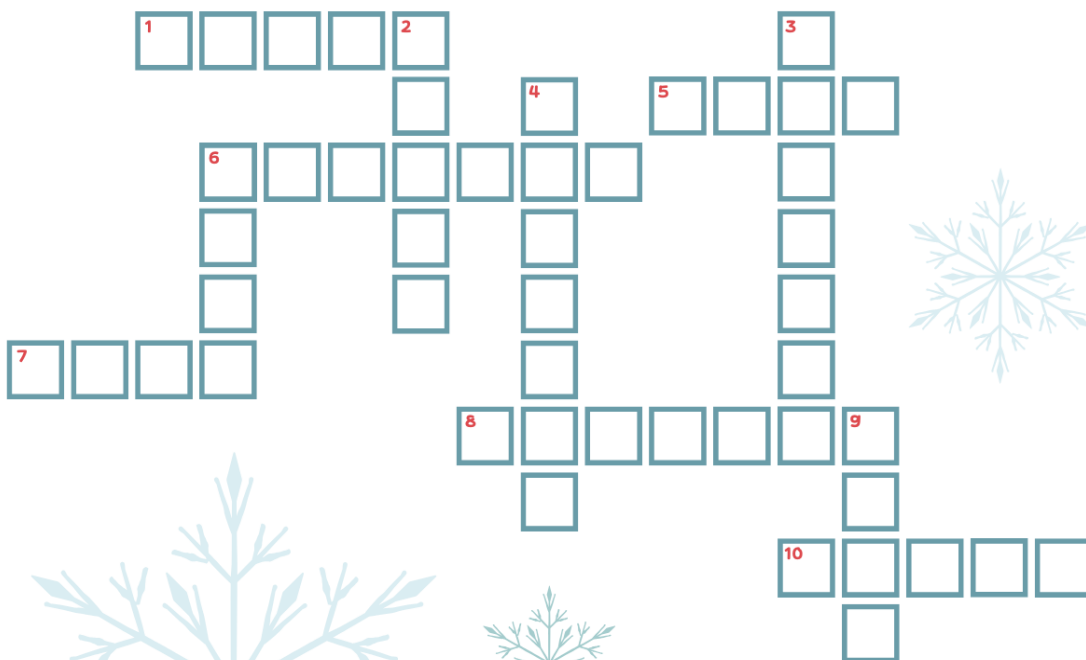


WINTER

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Read the clues below and fill in the grid.



ACROSS

1. Shoes for snowy or rainy days.
5. A type of tree that stays green.
6. Warm clothing for the upper body.
7. The opposite of warm.
8. Warm gloves for hands.
10. Related to very cold regions.

DOWN

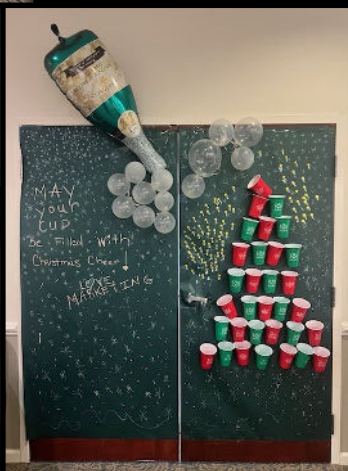
2. Cloth worn around the neck.
3. A figure made by stacking snowballs.
4. A black-and-white bird that can't fly.
6. A small vehicle for sliding on snow.
9. Frozen water that falls from the sky.



Staff Door Contest

Thank you to everyone who participated in our door decorating contest. It was great to see so much holiday spirit!

Congratulations to **Memory Care** for winning with their **"Trip Down Memory Land"** door.





We would like to extend our sincere thanks to everyone who participated in the Alzheimer's Walk and the Christmas Basket Auction. At King's Grant, we are proud to support such a meaningful and important cause.

It is our pleasure to share that we raised **over \$3,358.54 in total**, including funds from the Rock-A-Thon and other donations. This incredible achievement would not have been possible without the generosity and support of our community.

🎉 Snapshots 🎉



Resident Spotlight of January



We would like to take a moment to recognize and celebrate one of our very special residents, Wendy Shook, who has lovingly overseen our Remembrance Garden and thoughtfully created all of the ornaments on our Chrismon tree in the Victory Chapel.

Each ornament is a Chrismon—white and gold Christian symbols displayed on an evergreen tree. These beautiful designs represent Jesus' life, story, and identity, with white symbolizing purity and joy, and gold representing majesty and glory. Together, they tell the Gospel through meaningful and timeless designs.

She has been a resident of King's Grant for 12+ years, and throughout that time, her dedication, creativity, and servant's heart have helped make our community beautiful in every season. We are truly grateful for her hard work, commitment, and the care she pours into everything she has done.

Thank you for all you do to make King's Grant such a special place. ❤️🌟

The big black bird with the big tail and the yellow eyes is a male great-tailed grackle. The bird with the more varied color is the female. King's Grant gets its share of common Grackles with much smaller tails. The pictures you see were taken in Texas on my trip west. The Great-tailed Grackle is a noisy, adaptable blackbird, often seen in large groups around open areas and cities.

MALE GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE



FEMALE GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE

BILL CHARLES PHOTOGRAPHY

Thanks and a Happy New Year to All

A Word of Thanks and a Happy New Year to All Fellow Residents, Families, and Friends: We want to express our thanks for your response to the 2025 Gift Fund Drive. Many of our Staff have expressed their appreciation for your gifts and thoughtfulness. Your generosity was a blessing to them and to us all. May Peace, Love, and Joy reign in our community and our world in this New Year!

With Sincere Thanks,
The KGRA Gift Committee



Alzheimer's Support Group Meeting

In-person meetings on the fourth Tuesday of every month



Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 27th

3:00 – 4:00 P.M.

Main Conference Room

(4th floor across from the Multi-purpose Rm)

This meeting additionally invites family members and/or support persons.

ASK US ANYTHING!

The King's Grant marketing team is ALWAYS here to answer any questions or concerns you may have. We assure you that we will always listen to the voices of our residents and respond accordingly.

There are many ways to contact us. Choose the way that is most convenient for you!



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BEarles@kingsgrant.cc \ 276-634-1138

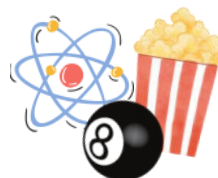
Roger Owens, Move-In Coordinator
ROwens@kingsgrant.cc \ 276-634-1202

What's Happening at Francks' Place?

Billiards: Every Tuesday & Thursday from 1:00—4:00pm.

Movie Matinee: Every Tuesday at 3:00PM at Francks' Place Theater.
Popcorn and Drinks available. Titles will be announced the week Prior.
Sign up in the resident app or contact Sharon at 1585.

Wondrium: Come Learn something new! Shown every Monday from 1:30-2:30PM in Francks' Place Theatre.



Services available on King's Grant Campus

McCormick Dry Cleaning: Pick-ups/drop-offs on Tuesdays & Fridays, times vary.

Seamstress: Pick-ups/drop-offs by appointment only.
Contact Sylvia Smith at 276-618-1441

Safety Deposit Boxes: are available on campus.

Notary Publics: are available on-site by appointment.

CPR & First Aid Classes: Tammy Shorter ext.1137

Nail Technician: Manicures and pedicures by appointment. Contact Kelly Flint at 276-806-5722

For Clinic Hours and Services call ext. 1481

Transportation: For shuttles, appointments, or shopping requests, contact Ed Ledbetter or Ron Dailey at ext. 1129. If they are busy and you need a shuttle, dial ext. 1513 (Guard House).

Electronic Funds Transfer:
Auto-draft from checking/savings accounts available.
Contact Stevie Zola at ext. 1132

Beauty/Barber Shop: For appointments, contact Tina Williams at ext. 1488

Massage Therapy: Kim Kid 276-734-5015 & Cindy Rhoday 276-634-7300, on-site by appointment

House Keeping Services: Contact Mike Moyer schedule services 276-634-1496

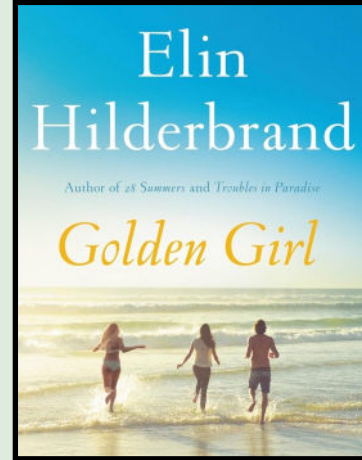
Francks' Place BOOK CLUB



Next meeting is
Wednesday, January 7th
12:00 PM | Francks' Place

If interested in becoming a member, contact
Joan Montgomery (1349) or Dawn Howe (1313)

King's Grant Book Club January Edition



On a perfect June day, Vivian Howe, author of thirteen beach novels and mother of three nearly grown children, is killed in a hit-and-run car accident while jogging near her home on Nantucket. She ascends to the Beyond where she's assigned to a Person named Martha, who allows Vivi to watch what happens below for one last summer. Vivi also is granted three "nudges" to change the outcome of events on earth, and with her daughter Willa on her third miscarriage, Carson partying until all hours, and Leo currently "off again" with his high-maintenance girlfriend, she'll have to think carefully where to use them.

Next meeting will be on Monday, Jan. 26th
11:45 AM — Private Dining Room



**To contribute to the Town Crier, please submit
information by the 17th of each month to:**

**Brenlyn Buzzeo, Executive Assistant, at
bbuzzeo@kingsgrant.cc**



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