

Episcopal Church Home

Board Corner Report- April 2024

Birthdays of the Month

Neighborhood Birthdays

- Danielle King 4/14
- Norvie Lay 4/17
- Margaret Gay Gibson 4/21
- Verna Bailey 4/22
- Kay Suffolk 4/24
- Charles Neff 4/26
- Marion Liebert 4/30



Dudley Square Birthdays

- Martha Tafel 4/1
- Mary Sauer 4/5
- George Nevitt 4/7
- Margaret Robben 4/18
- Roy Watson 4/19
- Robin Garr 4/22
- Gordon Ragen 4/22
- Madeleine Arnold 4/29
- Susan Miller 4/29
- Patricia Olthuis 4/29



Dementia Panel Provided Advice and Uplift

On March 12, Episcopal Church Home hosted a panel discussion on dementia. Moderated by Elizabeth Pace, the panel featured a diverse array of experts and provided a comprehensive approach. Each offered unique perspectives on this complex topic. The audience exhibited a remarkable level of engagement, reflecting the importance and relevance of the subject matter. Attendees posed questions that enriched the discussion.

Many of the questions were directed to Dr. Meghan Brennan from UofL Geriatric Medicine. She provided clinical insights, shedding light on the different types of dementia, and available treatment options. One of the more memorable insights Dr. Brennan shared was, "if you've met one person with dementia, you've met one person with dementia." She explained that both symptoms and disease progression vary substantially and are difficult to predict.

Several other panelists shared their expertise. Kelly Gannott, representing Kentucky ElderLaw, offered legal perspectives, addressing issues related to estate planning, guardianship, and financial management for individuals with dementia. Erin Gillespie, from the Alzheimer's Association, shared resources and support services available to individuals and families affected by dementia. Cheryl Young, representing Episcopal Church Home, discussed innovative approaches to dementia care, emphasizing the importance of person-centered care models and holistic support systems. Her insights underscored the importance of creating nurturing environments that prioritize the dignity and well-being of individuals living with dementia. Amanda Russo, from Keller Williams Louisville East, offered insights into real estate considerations for families affected by dementia, addressing issues related to housing transitions and specialized care facilities.

Some of the most powerful discussion came from Cherie Marshall and Kathy McKinley. Drawing from their personal experiences as daughters of a loved one living with dementia, Cherie and Kathy added profound depth. Their narratives of resilience resonated deeply with the audience. While both noted challenges and complex emotions, Cherie and Kathy described how meaningful life continues to be for them and for their mother. One of the most poignant anecdotes they shared was how they thought keeping their mother at home with them was the right thing to do. Yet, they noted the thriving that took place once their mother was receiving person-centered and specialized care at ECH.

As the event came to a close, it was evident that the exchange of knowledge and experiences had not only fostered greater understanding but also served to uplift and inspire hope among the audience.

