



# METHODIST HOMES

of Alabama and Northwest Florida

*The mission of the Methodist Homes is to enrich the lives of older adults and all those who serve them in faith-based communities, where life is celebrated, relationships are valued, teamwork is embraced, service excellence is expected and the touch of God's love is ever-present and ageless.*

FAIR HAVEN  
Birmingham

WESLEY PLACE  
ON HONEYSUCKLE  
Dothan

WESLEY GARDENS  
Montgomery

MATHISON CENTER  
Panama City

WESLEY HAVEN VILLA  
WESLEY SCOTT PLACE  
HAVEN OF OUR LADY  
OF PEACE  
Pensacola

EPWORTH HOUSE  
Selma

WESLEY ACRES  
WESLEY ACRES II  
WESLEY GLEN  
Decatur

WESLEY APARTMENTS  
WESLEY PARK  
Anniston

November 30, 2018

Dear Residents, Family Members and Friends,

I have had the opportunity to be at Mathison twice since I last wrote to you, and I am pleased to see the continuing progress. All parties, including Methodist Homes, the insurance companies, the contractor, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the state of Florida are all interested in getting Mathison open and operating as soon as possible! We still anticipate that date to be toward the end of February.

Restoration work continues every day inside the community. Currently, the removed insulation and sheetrock are being replaced, with painting and detail cleaning to follow close behind. Additionally, all replacement carpet has been ordered and is under production. You may once again make plans to visit Mathison to retrieve personal items, if desired, and I recommend that you make a phone call to 850-215-4663 in advance of your trip to ensure access to the specific area needed.

There has been some recent media attention as it pertains to the Mathison residents who have made their temporary home in our other Methodist Homes communities. I am including the links to several of the online and TV news stories that have appeared recently, should you wish to enjoy them.

**AL.com**, an online news agency covering Alabama and the reaching into the Florida panhandle, posted a brief story a few days ago, and can be read here:  
<https://www.al.com/news/2018/11/methodist-homes-in-alabama-housing-residents-from-panama-city.html>

**WTVY**, a TV station (CBS affiliate) in Dothan, Alabama, interviewed Jo Pace with Thelma Churchwell, as well as the executive director of the Dothan community, and the video can be viewed here:  
<https://www.wtv.com/content/news/Hurricane-Michael-evacuees-take-refuge-in-the-Wiregrass-501579002.html>

**WVTM**, a TV station (NBC affiliate) in Birmingham, Alabama, recently did a follow-up Thanksgiving interview with Janie Sias and James Stott, and the video can be viewed here:  
<https://www.wvtm13.com/article/hurricane-michael-evacuees-spend-thanksgiving-in-birmingham-weeks-after-storm/25293217>

**Senior Housing Business**, an online and print news source covering the development, investment and operations of seniors housing properties, published this article on their website about a week after the storm:

<http://www.seniorshousingbusiness.com/the-latest-news/methodist-homes-relocates-florida-residents-due-to-hurricane-michael-panama-city-community-remains-closed>

In addition to these stories, the North Alabama Conference and the Alabama-West Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church have been briefed by me, and have carried information on their websites and in their newsletters about Mathison, as many pastors and others have expressed their concern for this beloved community. The Alabama Nursing Home Association made a nice post about Methodist Homes' handling of the evacuation and the subsequent housing made available.

We produce our own monthly e-Newsletter called *Mission In Action*, and I invite you to subscribe to see the latest of what is happening all across our Methodist Homes system in Alabama and Northwest Florida. You can use this link <https://methodisthomes.us19.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=a5ed7d45fb09434311f75e1c2&id=d74d1e923c>, or call Sherri Easdon, Public Relations, at 205-951-2442, and she can add your email address to receive the monthly *Mission In Action* e-Newsletter.

Thank you for your continued support and your prayers.

Very truly yours,



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