

## NEWLY RENOVATED KIRK APARTMENTS ARE DEDICATED AT THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOME AT MONTREAT

On May 15, a beautiful Sunday afternoon, board members and friends of the South Carolina Home gathered in front of the Kirk Apartments to dedicate the eight renovated units. As the group shared in a Litany of Dedication, they remembered that *“throughout history, God’s people have dedicated their churches, their homes, their possessions, and their lives to God in recognition of his Lordship. The South Carolina Home desires this day to dedicate the renovated Kirk Apartments in the same manner. These apartments stand as a visible sign of God’s provision. They are a gift from God – through many people – and today we humbly ask God to bless those who will, for years to come, find rest and renewal in and through these apartments....May the lives of those who find rest here be changed for eternity!”*

These apartments, named for Mrs. Amanda Kirkpatrick, hostess of the Home for 40 years, were built in two phases. The first four units were constructed in 1971; the second four were added in 1985. While they provided shelter for many guests in the past forty years, they were in need of updates and serious renovation.

Following major work on all eight units to bring them up to current building codes, these apartments have some of the best guest space in Montreat. New exterior siding and painting make the units aesthetically appealing; interior painting makes the room cozy and welcoming. New windows and doors make the units useable year-round. Six of the units have new kitchenettes with new appliances and redesigned, more user friendly, space. Units 101 and 102 have new baths that can accommodate those with wheelchair. Each unit still has outdoor seating with peaceful views of Montreat.

Funding for the renovations came from gifts to the capital campaign from 21 churches across South Carolina and 88 individuals / families from both South Carolina and beyond. John I. Smith Charities, Greer, SC, also contributed to the campaign.

Two plaques commemorate special gifts to the campaign:

**The renovation of this apartment was made possible through gifts from**

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In loving memory of  
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The Rev. Alan Arnold, General Presbyter/ Stated Clerk of Trinity Presbytery, shared these words: *“Today, in this place, we your people lift high the matchless name of Jesus, to sing your praise with our whole being, to give thanks for the foresight, planning, and generosity of those who love the ministry of this place. None can compare to you, Lord, so we gather with grateful hearts in this sacred space and offer our worship in humility and thanksgiving. We pray it will be pleasing to you.”* May this always be so for those who come share in the life and ministry of the South Carolina Home at Montreat.

The Rev. Jim Lowry, HR, from Great Falls, SC, and step-great-grandson of Amanda Kirkpatrick, shared some family reminiscences that spoke to the connectional nature of our church and how so many connections are made by those sharing times at the South Carolina Home in Montreat.

The South Carolina Home belongs to the five presbyteries in South Carolina. Visit the website [[www.schomemontreat.org](http://www.schomemontreat.org)] to learn more about the home and how you can arrange a visit to "YOUR HOME" in the mountains. Chuck Brown is the Manager of the Home. You can reach him at 800-669-7460.

Just a hint ....we're planning another celebration...the William Brearley Home, the first home on the site will be 100 in 2012. So, we're going to gather on July 4, 2012 to celebrate that anniversary. We hope you'll plan to join us!