

### Communities of Faith/Communities of Interest: UMRC and a Century of Progress



October 1906: Groundbreaking ceremony marks start of construction of The Old People's Home on 33 acres donated by Chelsea industrialist Frank Porter Glazier.

October 1907: First 10 residents arrive in horse-drawn carriages.

December 1915: Dedication of Hanley Hall with 24 rooms.



May 1926: Dedication of third building, adding 28 more rooms.

1941: Name changes to The Chelsea Methodist Home.

1942: Kresge Hall construction begins, financed by the Kresge Foundation and others.

October 1949: Dedication of four-story Kimball Hall.



May 1952: Dedication of colonial-style chapel.

December 1961: Dedication of nursing care building with 59 hospital rooms and 22 apartments.



February 1963: Dedication of Boulevard Temple in Detroit, an affiliate community, with skilled nursing care, independent living, and assisted living.

1969: Construction begins for Chelsea Garden Apartments, an independent living facility in a wooded portion of the main campus.

May 1972: Dedication of Crippen Memorial Building.

1975: Name changes to United Methodist Retirement Homes.

1983: Work begins on Wesley Hall, the first residential unit dedicated to memory loss in the United States.



June 1985: Dedication of the Dorothy McVittie Kresge Health Care Center, a 110-bed nursing facility named in honor of its fund raising campaign chairwoman.



September 1991: Dedication of Dancy House, with 76 independent living apartments. Corporate name becomes United Methodist Retirement Communities.



1998: Building construction commences on The Pines Senior Apartments; opens in 2000.



2000: Towsley Village opens for nearly 100 residents with Alzheimer's disease.