

The logo for LS3P, featuring the letters 'LS3P' in a white, serif font. A small red square is positioned below the '3'.A photograph of a modern, two-story building with a mix of wood, stone, and glass. The building is illuminated from within, and the sky is a deep blue with some clouds. A paved road curves in the foreground, and a grassy area is visible. A tall, thin pole stands in the foreground on the left.

All Are Welcome

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Wesley Commons Continuing  
Care Retirement Community

The city of Greenwood, South Carolina, has a lot to recommend it. Between the mild climate, the annual Festival of Flowers, the charming Uptown district, the golf courses, and the southern charm, it's little wonder that Greenwood is increasingly popular with a growing demographic: retirees. These seniors have diverse interests, backgrounds, and lifestyles, but are united in their desire to be a part of a thriving community.





Wesley Commons Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC), meets that need by offering a lifestyle option for just about everyone. From independent living cottages to apartments to assisted living to skilled nursing, Wesley Commons provides care at all levels, along with options to make the retirement years fulfilling and enjoyable. The Wesley Commons approach to wellness is holistic and includes physical, spiritual, and mental wellness for its patients/residents; this ethos is visible in the welcoming facilities, the diverse gathering areas for structured and informal gatherings, and the integration of the campus into the wider Greenwood community. Patients/residents are encouraged to take advantage of the easy access to cultural, entertainment, educational, and recreation options nearby.

Wesley Commons is deeply rooted in the Methodist tradition, and the community's values translate into the dignity, compassion, and care afforded to all people, regardless of income levels. All people are welcome, and all people are valued.

In developing a new 80-room Health and Rehabilitation Center designed by architecture, interiors, and planning firm LS3P, Wesley Commons needed a facility to serve multiple needs and accommodate people with a range of incomes. The 51,000 SF Center supports rehabilitation, skilled nursing, and intermediate nursing care in a serene environment that draws as much from hospitality design as from traditional healthcare. The resulting facility is highly efficient without feeling institutional, with spaces to treat the whole person and welcome family and caregiver visits.

The commitment to creating a warm, patient-centered environment is evident in the Center's inspiring, expansive entry.

Heavy timber columns draw the eye upward to the dramatic roofline, lifted on one side to bring natural light deep into the space. The stone, wood, and glass materials palette feels tactile and human-scale, and the stone wall appears to slide through the building to create an indoor/outdoor connection with carefully framed views to nature. The subtle textures, from brick and wood walkway accents to the horizontal wood screen wall, create visual interest and subtle layers of space.

Inside the Center, the layout is organized into three neighborhoods. Using an innovative floor plan which allowed for private rooms for all patients/residents, the design team was able to accommodate the key design goal of creating a private, dignified environment for every person, regardless of ability to pay. The Creekside neighborhood offers 22 private rooms with en suite bathrooms, while the Dogwood wing offers 40 comparable private rooms with a bathroom shared between two rooms. The Center's amenities include an airy double-height space for physical therapy, gathering areas for relaxation or visiting, and a small shared dining area in each neighborhood. mmons projects have included an Assisted Living expansion (7,800 SF addition and 3,500 SF renovation) which provided 12 new resident rooms, two additional memory care units, and ancillary support spaces. A major renovation of the 8,900 SF Commons Building upgraded the commercial kitchen, re-imagined the casual dining space, and created a new 950 SF outdoor patio with an inviting sheltered pavilion.





To achieve the goal of improving the social experience in the Arbor Room Cafe, the renovated space offers better visibility through improved lighting, more efficient circulation and flow, improved acoustics, and better accessibility to all spaces. A variety of seating options appeal to diverse group sizes, and flexible seating options accommodate various social and physical needs. The Pavilion helps to draw more people outdoors for dining and socialization, contributing to wellness through more exposure to natural light and more flexible options for impromptu social interaction.



Over more than four decades of service, the welcoming, engaging environment of Wesley Commons has created a significant and positive impact on the Greenwood community, its seniors, and their families. Connectivity, dignity, and compassion, combined with strong guiding principles and inspiring spaces, all reinforce the core belief that each person is valued.

