

GEOCAMCONNECTION

Georgetown & Cambridge Assisted Living 141-151 Port Sheldon Rd. Grandville, MI 49418

HAPPENINGS

December 8

Tree Lighting & Memorial Service

December 5-9

Christmas Theme Week

December 10

Candy Bar Bingo with Kathy

December 12

Grace Alone Quartet Concert

December 14

Ridgewood CRC GEMS & Cadets
Evening of Fun

December 15

Outing to Meijer Gardens

December 21

Music with Bob Lacy

December 22

Music with David Molinari

December 25

Merry Christmas!

December 30

Old Year's Eve Service with
Pastor Rick

Life is Full of Surprises

The Christmas story is full of surprises. A virgin realizing, she is pregnant. Her skeptical fiancé surprises her by deciding to faithfully walk with her on the journey.

The couple are unprepared for the birth of their child. They don't even have a place prepared for the birth. They are surprised when a simple shelter is provided for their son to be born. It is big enough to host surprise guests from the working-class and the wealthy.

The shepherds were performing their working-class jobs when they were surprised by an angelic choir singing "Glory to God in the highest and on earth, Peace."

Mary and Joseph were probably worried about finances. God surprised them when the wise men gave valuable gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The value of these gifts supported them for two years. Including their unexpected journey to Egypt.

Just as Mary and Joseph were probably worried about finances, even so, I've heard many stories of residents at a senior living home tell me of the surprises in their lives. The one constant is that God is faithful to provide care in each of those surprises. It would be interesting to share with others some of the surprises we have experienced in life and how God provided care. Christmas reminds us that life is full of surprises. Christmas also reminds us that God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son and whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life.

Chaplain Jeff Meyers

CHRISTMAS THEME WEEK

DECEMBER 5-9

Monday, December 5

Candy Cane Day
Dress in Red & White or Stripes

Tuesday, December 6

Sweater Weather
Wear your ugliest Christmas Sweater

Wednesday, December 7

Holiday Hair
Wear a festive hat, ribbons & bows or headbands

Thursday, December 8

Jingle Bell Rock
Wear festive jewelry. The louder the better if it jingles!

Friday, December 9

Night Before Christmas
Wear your coziest PJ's & Robes



WELCOME!

Phyllis Dewey to North
Patricia Hubbard to East
Nancy Huntoon to West
Peg Marlink to South

We're so happy to have you here with us!

IN SYMPATHY

We extend our thoughts & prayers to the family & friends of

Neal Peters
Richard Streeter
Ron Wynn

REMINDER

If you've taken books from the library cart in the connector; they need to be returned on Friday, December 16.

On Monday, December 19, the library will be back to re-stock our books with new ones. If there is an author or genre that you like to read; let Rachel know & she will give the library a list.

Annual Tree Lighting & Memorial Service

We look forward to our night together to remember the residents that have passed this year.

Afterwards, there will be a time of refreshments & music.

Thursday, December 8
Cambridge- 6:30 pm
Georgetown- 7:15 pm

In the Connector



IMPORTANT

As we head into the colder months...

Per Resident Handbook, the following policies need to be abided by for safety purposes.

NO gas or electric space heaters in rooms.

NO use of electric blankets or heating pads. Rice/Corn Bags can be used.

NO microwaves or anything with a hot plate such as a traditional coffee maker. Keurig brand is acceptable.

If you have any questions or concerns; please see someone on the Leadership Team
Thank You!

Guess What!?
We raised \$237.79
at our Russ'
Fundraiser in
October! Thank You
all once again for
participating in this
night!

A Fresh Take on Peppermint

Peppermint bark. Peppermint lattes. Peppermint candy canes. There is no doubt about it- peppermint is the undisputed flavor of the winter season. Mint is full of the chemical menthol, which, when tasted, activates the same nerve sensors that allow us to feel cold. We love the refreshing, cooling sensation of mint in our mouths and are reminded of winter each time we take a taste. But there is more to the story of peppermint's hold on the winter season that its chemical composition.

Mint-Flavored hard candies have been made for hundreds of years. Before the invention of air-conditioning, hard candy could be made only during the cool, dry months of winter, for heat and humidity would spoil the candy. Mint is a reliable flavoring because it does not cook off during the manufacturing process. Its flavor remains incredibly strong. For this reason, mint-flavored hard candy has always been a wintertime treat.

Legend has it that the first candy cane were invented in the 17th century by a German choirmaster who bribed his choirboys with peppermint candy sticks to keep them complacent during mass. Candy in church was not exactly solemn, so the choirmaster asked the candy maker to fashion the candy sticks into shepherds' crooks, honoring Jesus.

It wasn't until 1847 that German Swedish immigrant to America named August Imgard used the candy cane as a Christmas decoration. He spun white hard candy into its crooked shape and hung the canes along with paper ornaments form a blue spruce. It would take a few more decades and the advent of mass production techniques for candy canes to get their red stripes. Why red? Some say the color represents the blood shed by Jesus on the cross, while others attribute it to the red berries and green garland evergreen holly that has been associated with Yule traditions.

Don't wait until December 26, Candy Cane Day, to enjoy candy canes. Most people start buying them the day after Thanksgiving.

Our last outing of 2022 will be to the Frederick Meijer Gardens to see the Christmas Trees as part of their 'Christmas & Holiday Traditions Around the World'

It will be on Thursday, December 15
Bus will leave at 10 am. We will enjoy lunch there at the gardens.
Please see Rachel to sign up.



*The Leadership Team at
Georgetown & Cambridge
wish all of our residents,
families & staff*

*A very Merry Christmas & A
Happy New Year!!*

