

December 2023

# GEOCAM CONNECTION

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



## December Happenings

### December 4 & 5

Tree Lighting & Memorial Service

### December 11-15

Christmas Spirit Week

### December 13

Music with Kim

### December 14

Christmas Lights Outing

### December 19

Music with Mary O.

### December 20

Music with Tom & Tom

### December 21

Winter Solstice  
Music with David Molinari

### December 22

Music with Marty Miller

### December 25

Merry Christmas

## Who Has Time For Peace?

Peace is a popular word at Christmas time. We hear it in songs. The theme of one Advent Sunday is peace. Even the shepherds in the Christmas Story heard angels say, "Peace On Earth"

It is obvious the shepherds, angels, and everyone else has not lived my life. Who has time for peace? My family has things for me to do. There are special services to rehearse at church & the assisted living facility. Shopping for gifts and food keep me running. We have gotten together with family & friends. Then there was the year my dad decided to become ill during the holidays. Inconveniently, he passed away & really took away from my idea of the perfect peaceful Christmas season.

The Angels singing, "Peace on Earth", was an announcement that Jesus was born. Jesus had arrived on earth as the Prince of Peace. The shepherds did the most beautiful thing. They went to be in the presence of God. God had arrived in the flesh, in a baby, in a stable. In the stable, the shepherds were assured that everything would be o.k. God's presence was with them. In 1864, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, was feeling the way many of us have felt during the Christmas season. It seemed life had its ups & downs. Longfellow was feeling quite down during the Christmas season.

He was living during the Civil War. His son had been seriously wounded in war. He was grieving the loss of his wife. Grief is love that has nowhere to go. As a poet, he sat down and composed a poem.

"I heard the bells on Christmas day, their old, familiar carols play; and wild & sweet the words repeat of peace on earth, goodwill toward men.

And in despair I bowed my head: 'There is no peace on earth,' I said, 'For hate is strong & mocks the son of peace on earth, goodwill to men.'

We've all felt that way. We are down because life isn't the way we want it to be. Longfellow was a person of faith. He didn't end his poem with head bowed down. He ended his poem with the peace of God strengthening him during a difficult time.

"Then pealed the bells more loud & deep: 'God is not dead, nor doth He sleep; the wrong shall fail, the right prevail, with peace on earth, goodwill toward men.'"

**-Chaplain Jeff Meyers**

## Welcome!

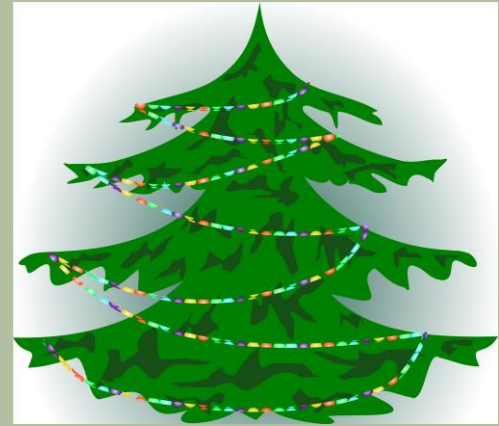
Janet Walter to North  
Henrietta VanDyke to South  
Mary Laisure to South

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

## In Sympathy

Our thoughts & prayers go  
out to the families of the  
residents we've recently  
lost...

Alice Warmelink  
Betty Wert  
Sylvia Huseby  
Linda Giszewski  
Roger Knot  
Carol Ditmar  
Patricia Hibbard



Annual Tree Lighting & Memorial  
Service

**Georgetown~ Monday, December 4**  
**Cambridge~Tuesday, December 5**

6:30 PM

In the Connector

Refreshments & Music to follow!  
We can't wait to see you there!

*Thank You!*

To everyone who came out on a  
beautiful fall day to our craft, book &  
bake sale!

It was a huge success & we raised over  
\$1,000!

This will go towards our fundraiser for  
our own handicap accessible bus!

Thank you to the many hands who  
made delicious goodies, donated a ton  
of books & made homemade crafts!

We couldn't have done it without you!





## Christmas Spirit Week

Time to dress up & be festive & merry!

**Monday, December 11**

**Spirit of the Season**

Dress in holiday colors of red, green, & white.

**Tuesday, December 12**

**Channel Your Flannel**

Wear some flannel to keep you warm.

**Wednesday, December 13**

**Santa's Workshop**

Dress like one of his friends!  
Elves, Gingerbread Man to name a few!

**Thursday, December 14**

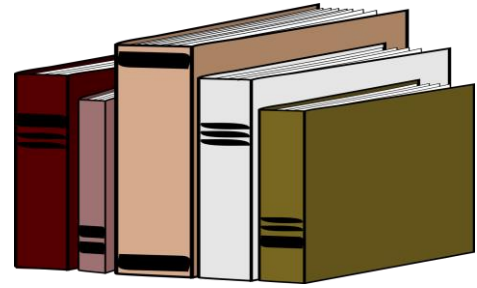
**Long Winter's Nap**

Wear your comfy PJ's all day!

**Friday, December 15**

**Festive Friday/National Ugly Sweater Day!**

Put on your finest ugly sweater & show it off!



**New Books from the Georgetown Library will be coming on Tuesday, December 19.**

**If you have books out, please bring them back to the Connector by Friday, December 15.**

**As always, if you have nay special requests, let Rachel know!**







## Hear Ye, Hear Ye!!

**Our first fundraiser for 2024  
Has been scheduled!**

**Mark it on your calendars!  
Monday, January 22, 2024**

**Location: Grandville Panera  
Bread  
44th Street & Kenowa Ave.**

**We will receive 20% from our  
orders. You can dine-in, order  
carry out or delivery!**

**Come & join us for a night of  
yummy food!**

**Do you love to do jigsaw puzzles??  
Then we have something for you!!**

**Our first ever Jigsaw Puzzle  
Competition!!**

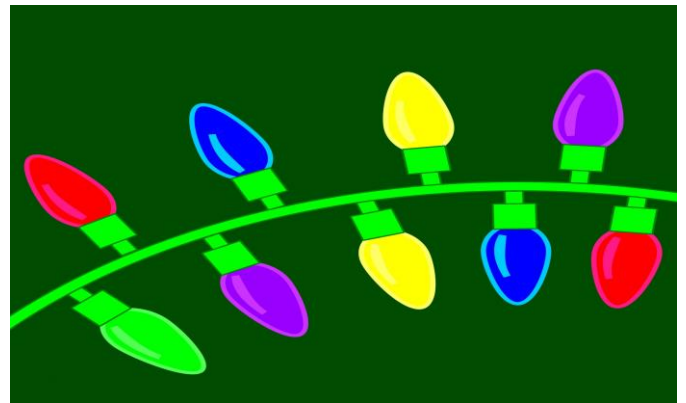
**Saturday, February 10, 2024  
2pm in the Connector**

**4 person teams will compete against  
each other to put a 500-piece  
puzzle together.**

**\$20 per team to enter.**

**Prizes will be awarded!**

**Contact Rachel Rynbrandt, Life  
Enrichment Director for more  
details!**



**Our last outing of the year  
will be on Thursday,  
December 14**

**5:45pm**

**We will be taking a ride  
around town to see all of the  
lights that our neighbors  
have put on display!**

**This is sure to be a fun time!  
See Rachel to sign up!**