

January 2024

GeoCam Connection

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

Celebrating January January 1

New Years Day

January 3

Music with Doug Smith

January 5

Jim, "The Spoon Man"

January 15

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 17

Music with Tom & Tom

January 18

Travelogue with Kyle Schippa

January 19

Music with Wilma Quist

January 22

Panera Bread Fundraiser

January 24

Fun with First Covenant Youth Group

January 25

Music with David Molinari

The Great Commandment

"The most important one", answered Jesus, "is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart & with all your soul & with all your mind & with all your strength. The second is this: "Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." Mark 12: 28-34 (part)

***"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."
John 13:34-35***

Jesus asked a question. "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?" And with this question, he answered clearly & directly. Love God, Love others; especially loving others as Jesus loves us. This is our purpose.

There is a lot of pain & tragedy in the world. And not just "out there." As individuals we experience a great deal in our own lives, too. Many questions about why & how go unanswered. People attack one another verbally & physically over big & often very small issues. *As followers of Jesus, we are called to be different. We are called to live out what Jesus clearly answered.*

The first week of January is still the season of Christmas in which we remember the Good News of God's love for us. We are called live out the Great Commandment with God's help. We are called to be the best version of ourselves & of the church as we possible can be. As people with the power of the Spirit of God in us, we can help bring about, more & more, God's Kingdom here on Earth as it is in heaven. Here in Michigan, (the name of your town/facility, as it is in heaven.

Recently, I was at Cedar Cove in the Upper Peninsula & this was the message of the week on the board in their activities room. "In a world where you can be anything, be like Jesus."

In a world where we can be many things. In a world where people speak & act in many ways, not often in line with the Way of love...In a world where we can be most anything,

Let us be like Jesus!
Chaplain Karen

Thoughts from the Administrators Desk

As we ring in the New Year, many of are setting New Year's resolutions, making plans for the upcoming months, and grappling with the reality of yet another year passing by. Many seek solace in the quiet weeks of January after a busy holiday season, while other are eagerly jumping at the year's first adventure. If you're anything like me, you're probably making promises to yourself (again) to go to bed earlier, drink less caffeine, and get more steps in each day. Perhaps this year will really be THE year...

Proverbs 16:9 says, "In their hearts humans plan their course, but the LORD establishes their steps." Our goals and plans for the New Year are miniscule compared to the "bigger picture" plans God has in store for us. Although the purpose of each step may sometimes be difficult to understand, we must remind ourselves that His timing is always right. As we make the turn from December to January, may we lean more into our trust in the Lord to lead us step by step onto the right path.

As we welcome 2024, please know that our Georgetown & Cambridge Leadership Team is humbly grateful for the opportunity to walk alongside you and lead your loved one during this time in your lives. We wish everyone a happy, Healthy, and blessed New Year.

Welcome!

Sharon Cavanaugh to East
Ron Philips to North
Bob & Joyce Wirt to East

**We're so happy that you're here
with us!**

In Sympathy

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

Arlene Jacobitz
Sylvia Miller
Marianne Haveman



January Resident Spotlight

This month's spotlight is:

Terry Brown, a resident on our North community.

Terry is from Flint, Michigan & attended Bay City Central. While in high school he was very active in sports & was on the swim team & baseball & softball teams. When he graduated, he decided upon Central Michigan where he graduated with a degree in teaching. When he was a senior in high school, he asked some of his friend if they knew any smart girls & they told him of a girl who was in the 10th grade. So, one weekend he walked to her house, knocked on her door & asked her out.

As you can imagine they ended up falling in love & got married.

They ended up living in several cities which included Midland, Beaverton, West Branch, Alpena & Traverse City. While in TC, he taught school & eventually ended up at a Jr. High principal for which had 3,000 students! They lived on Mission Point peninsula among all the fruit trees. While living in the peninsula, he enjoyed boating out in the bay. He had several different watercrafts, which include a paddleboat, canoe, sailboat & motorboat. One day Terry was out in the bay & the weather changed in a hurry & he couldn't get back to shore quickly enough, so Celeste came to his rescue with their motorboat & got him to shore safely before the storm roared in. While at school, he asked the woodshop teacher about some of the equipment used in shop. They began to "putz" around with some of them & this ended up becoming something Terry enjoyed. He became good at carving figures & Santa Claus was one of the things he carved the most. This eventually led he & Celeste traveling along the West Coast of MI where he sold many of them at local craft shows throughout the years.

He and Celeste had four children, two girls & two boys. After he retired, they moved down to West Michigan to be closer to their kids. Celeste ended up moving into Georgetown in June of 2017 & passed away three years later. Terry was a regular visitor & passed out many of his wood carvings. Terry moved into Cambridge in July of 2023. You may have seen him outdoors walking the trails. Weather permitting, he tries get 5-6 laps in a day around the pond behind Cambridge!

January Birthdays

Residents

Bob Wirt~5th
 Steve Brinks~6th
 Kim Sassan~7th
 Janet Walter~14th
 Pat VandenBerg~17th
 Dorothy Tamminga (95!)~24th
 Martha Orbeck~25th
 Dora VandeHulst~27th

Staff

Rachel Rynbrandt~11th
 Bre Cantu~14th
 Peg Bouwman~16th
 Dane Harlos~17th
 Robert Zylema~18th
 Jayda James~22nd
 Chelsea Doornaert~31st



We have new selection of library books from the Georgetown Library.

Come & check them out!

You have until mid-February to get some reading in!

In Praise of Compliments

January 24 may be the most positive day of the year—it's Compliment Day!



Compliments are not just friendly small talk; they are powerful tools to build and strengthen relationships. After all, when you pay a compliment, you are focused entirely on the other person. A happy by-product is that they also make the person paying the compliment feel good.

Giving good and honest compliments is hard work. You must truly get to know the other person by listening to their words, observing their actions, and learning from their experiences. And if you've ever received a heartfelt compliment, you know how good one can make you feel. As Mark Twain once quipped, "I can live for two months on a good compliment."

Have you ever paid a compliment that seemed to go unnoticed? Not all compliments are created equal. If you want your compliment to be heard loud and clear, follow these steps:

1. **Be sincere.** Don't give a compliment if you don't mean it.
2. **Be specific.** Don't say something vague; say something that shows you're paying close attention to the person.
3. **Go beyond the compliment.** Don't just compliment another person; go further by commenting on the positive outcome of that person's action or choice.
4. **Follow up with a question.** Show genuine interest by asking a question and turning your compliment into a conversation.
5. **Avoid comparisons.** Don't tell someone that they are better than something else; value the person in their own right.
6. **Expect nothing in return.** Never offer a compliment and then ask for a favor at the same time.
7. **Setting matters.** There is a right time and place for every compliment.



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First 2024 Fundraiser of the Year
Monday, January 22
4-8pm
At the Grandville Kenowa Street
Location

See you there!!



Mark it on your calendar! If you love to do jigsaw puzzles, we are having our first ever competition!!

When: Saturday, February 10 at 2pm

Where: The Connector

Four person teams will compete to see who can finish their 500-piece puzzle first!

\$20 per team. All teams will have the same picture on their puzzle.

Contact Rachel for more info or to sign up.
Sign up deadline is January 31st.