

GT CONNECTIONS



March 2026 NEWSLETTER

Hours: Monday-Friday 8am-4pm

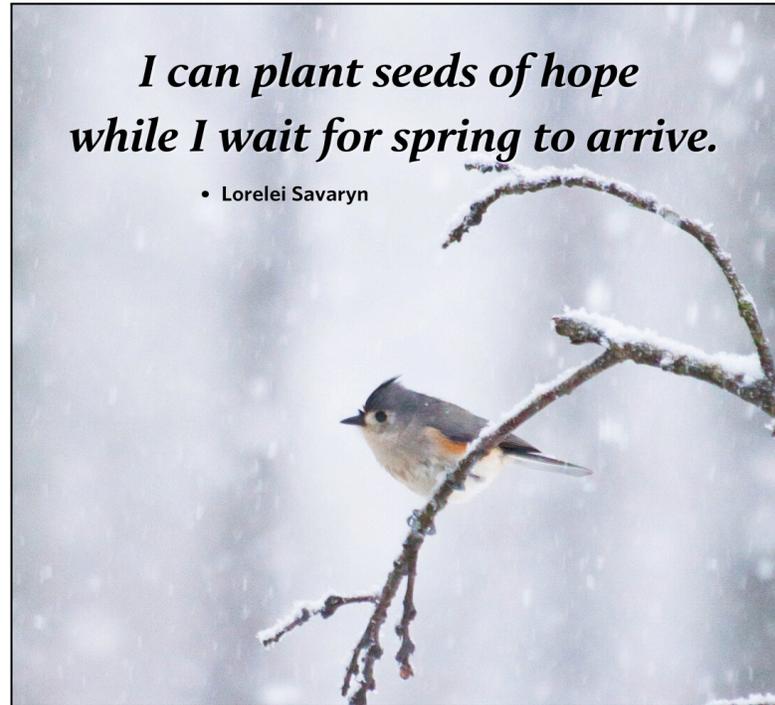
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A single sunbeam is enough to drive away many shadows.

~Francis of Assisi

We can't force winter to loosen its grip before its time. But as we wait through gray skies and frozen mornings, we can choose to plant HOPE, believing in the warmth and color that lie ahead. Spring is coming. It always does!



Caring for Aging Loved Ones: Senior Health and Resource Fair

Tuesday, March 24

Georgetown Township Public Library
Drop in between 5pm-7pm

Be sure to invite the family and friends who support you—or may be part of your care in the future!



REMINDER: PARKING FOR TRIPS

If you're joining us for one of our trips, please park in the lower lot near where the bus will be parked. This leaves closer parking for those attending events at the center. There is no need to come into the center as we will be checking you in right on the bus. Thank you!



America250: On July 4, 2026, our nation will mark the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. This milestone offers a chance to reflect on our past, honor Americans' contributions, and look ahead to the future we're building. Watch for GT programming throughout the year celebrating this historic event. Watch for GT Programming throughout this year that commemorates this historic event.



In case of inclement weather, **GT Connections will be closed when Jenison Public Schools are closed.** Watch the local news, channel 13 & 17.

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| Senior Advisory Board: | Connie Binsz, Gary Fein, Kirby Fuller, Randy Myers, Tom Slykhouse, and Bonnie Ter Avest | |
| Next Meeting: | <u>Tuesday, March 10 at 2:00pm</u> | |

GT CONNECTIONS MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to all men and women 55 and better. Cost is \$20 for Georgetown Township residents, and \$40 for non-residents. Membership covers January 1 through December 31 and is not prorated. Please make sure to sign the liability form and code of conduct form. It **is** a requirement to be a member to participate in any activity at the Center.

Members must be independent and oriented; senior center staff are not allowed to provide hands-on assistance. At the discretion of the Senior Center Director, a member may be required to have a home health aide, companion, or family member accompany them for participation in activities.

GT Connections Cafe Soup and Salad Bar

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays from 11:30am-12:30pm

We are happy to be able to provide you with lunch during the week. Please note that you do not have to be a GT member or senior to eat lunch here! Payment is made on the day you eat. We accept cash, checks and credit cards. If you are a GT member, you may use the credit card you have on file with us, just let us know when you check in at the lunch table.

For one trip to the soup and salad bar.

Both Soup and Salad \$7.

Salad Only \$5

Soup Only \$3 or 2 Cups for \$5

WEDNESDAY HOT MEAL: Every 2nd WEDNESDAY of the month we serve a different meal rather than the regular soup and salad bar. You must pre-order this meal. Sign up and pay at the front desk. You may call in your order if you have a credit card on file with us. **This is for dine in only, not for take home.**

TRANSPORTATION

Did you know that GT Connections not only uses its vehicles for planned trips, but also has a service for those who live in Georgetown Township, are at least 55 years old and/or have a disability? Contact the GT Connections Transportation Department to learn how to become a transportation client. **Phone: 616-457-1170**

- Reminder for Transportation Clients--GT Connections Transportation must receive a phone call at least 2 hours prior to a scheduled ride if it needs to be canceled. If we do not receive a 2 hour notice, the client will be billed for the ride per our policy.

Drivers: Dave Bruinsma, James Frieswyk, Dick Kulhawik, Mike Messinger, Greg Peterson, Michelle Stearns, Rick Steenbergen, Les Van Wyk, John Vetter, Kris De Vries, and Emily Abrahantes

| BUS RATES | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| <u>Location</u> | <u>One Way Cost</u> | <u>Round Trip</u> |
| Senior shoppers Jenison Meijer | \$4.00 | \$8.00 |
| GT Connections | \$4.00 | \$8.00 |
| Jenison | \$7.00 | \$14.00 |
| Grandville/Hudsonville | \$9.00 | \$18.00 |
| GR Area | \$18.00 | \$36.00 |
| Greater GR Area | \$24.00 | \$48.00 |



SOCIAL SERVICES

Legal Assistance for Seniors: If you are looking for an attorney's office that works with seniors, we recommend Wesseling & Brackmann. You can call them at (616) 669-8185 and mention you got the number from the Georgetown Senior Center.

Caring Hands of West Michigan: Formerly Newborns in Need, these ladies provide essential items for babies and toddlers. They meet the first Thursday of the month, every other month.

Contact: Jan Hoppen: 616-204-0498
Sheila Paavo: 616-840-597

Date: Thursday, April 2
Time: 10:00am

Home Improvement and Repair: Mention you got the number from the Georgetown Senior Center.
Eric Chapin 616-498-7035
Jason Norman 616-375-0776

Hope and Wholeness Psychology Center: High-quality, research-informed Christ-centered psychological services. Call 616-795-0298

Foot Care with Pam Centeno and Diana Hoyt:

Pam Centeno, an RN with experience in foot care, along with her daughter, Diana, are able to help with your foot care needs. 1/2 hour appointments include: Soaking feet in warm soapy water, trimming toenails, assessing and sanding calluses, and applying lotion with foot massage. If requested, polish is an extra \$5.

Call Diana Hoyt to schedule: 616-802-8177

Dates: Monday, March 9
Tuesday, March 10
Wednesday, March 11
Thursday, March 12
Tuesday, March 24

Cost: \$25



Eldercare Resources:

Need help finding better senior housing, home care, and resource options? Kristin Reck, our ElderCare Advisor from Crossroads Eldercare Options can help you with the clinical, financial, and legal aspects of eldercare planning. She can provide education and advice on these critical areas so you can make informed, confident decisions. Call Kristin to set up an appointment at 616-485-3365,

Date: Tuesdays
Time: 10:00am-12:00pm

Classes and Weekly Events



Quilters

This group makes beautiful quilts that will be donated or sold. Donations of cotton and flannel material are greatly appreciated!

Days: Mondays and Tuesdays

Time: 9:30am

Knitting and Crocheting

Join the group to knit, crochet and socialize together. Work on your own projects or create new items.

Days: Tuesdays

Time: 12:00pm

Mens Coffee Group

All men are invited for some coffee and social time. Meet some new people and make some new friends.

Days: Thursdays

Time: 12:30pm-2:30pm

Cribbage

Join us to play Cribbage! No experience needed. New participants are welcome.

Days: Mondays

Time: 12:00pm-3:30pm

Euchre

We are playing Euchre! Groups form as you come in. All levels of experience are welcome.

Days: Wednesdays

Time: 12:30pm-3:30pm

Mahjong (National Mahjong League Rules)

Days: Thursdays

Time: 12:30pm-3:30pm

Cards

No sign-up required. Come in and groups will form. Those who come decide what games to play.

Days: Fridays

Time: 12:30pm-3:30pm

Spiritual Gathering

Join us on **FRIDAYS at 10:00am** for a time of learning, discussion, fellowship, and prayer with different local pastors.

Friday, March 6

Friday, March 13

Friday, March 20

Friday, March 27

Nate Meldrim

Vic Wilson

Dave Brower

Sarah Hall

Watercolor Painting



Taught by artist Vickie Marnich-Reynolds, these 6 week sessions cover various watercolor techniques for intermediate artists. **Previous**

painting experience is required to take these classes, no beginners.

Day and Times: Wednesdays ~ 6 week sessions
9am-12pm **OR** 12:30pm-3:30pm

Cost: \$98

Current Class: February 25-April 1

Next Class: April 8-May 20

Sign up for next class: March 25

9am Residents

11am Non-Residents

Exercise Classes

More detailed information found at the Center.

½ Hour classes \$2

Mondays

- Core Balance ~ 9:00am-9:30am
- Better Balance ~ 9:45am-10:15am
- Strength and Flow Circuit ~ 10:30am-11:00am
- Fit to the Beat ~ 11:15am-11:45am



Tuesdays

- Fit and Strong ~ 9:00am-9:30am
- Flex and Focus ~ 9:45-10:15am
- Flex and Stretch ~ 10:30am-11:00am

Wednesdays

- Walk & Groove/Indoor Walking~9:30am-10:00am
- Move to Music Toning ~ 10:15am-10:45am
- Move to Music Dance ~ 10:45am-11:15am
- Yoga Flow ~ 11:30am-12:00pm

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- Fit and Strong ~ 9:00am-9:30am
- Flex and Focus ~ 9:45am-10:15am
- Flex and Stretch ~ 10:30am-11:00am
- Better Balance ~ 11:15am-11:45am

Fridays *Free Classes!*

- Line Dance Club-BEGINNER ~ 9:00am-10:00am
INTERMEDIATE~ 10:00am-11:00am



We accept **ONE PASS/RENEW ACTIVE** for our exercise classes! Check with your medical insurance to see if you have this benefit and start participating in our exercise classes for FREE! Check with the front desk for more details.

Activities and Trips

Please sign up for ALL activities and trips on the sign up sheet, and turn in at the front desk, **(including those that do not have a cost)**. This helps us serve you better, so you have the best possible experience. THANK YOU!



Breakfast Bunch: Matchbox

A modern diner and deli in the heart of Eastown GR offering breakfast all-day, mile-high deli sandwiches, juicy burgers, and comforting dishes.

Date: Monday, March 2

Time: Bus leaves at 9:00am

(Return approximately 12:00pm)

Cost: \$8-lunch cost on your own

Rate: 1

On the Basis of Sex

Be inspired by this movie during International Women's month with the true story of a young Ruth Bader Ginsburg, a struggling attorney and new mother who teams up with her husband, Martin, to fight a landmark case for equal rights

that launches her historic career. Rated PG-13

Sponsored by Allendale Nursing and Rehab Center

Date: Monday, March 2

Wednesday, March 4

Wednesday, March 11

Time: 1:00pm

Cost: \$1

Bunco

A dice game is played by dividing into groups of four, and trying to score points while taking turns rolling three dice in a series of six rounds. No experience needed. Sponsored by Baruch

Date: Monday March 2

Time: 1:00pm

Updates with Sgt. Tamminga

Our GT liaison, Sgt. Tamminga, will be here to discuss what has been happening in Ottawa County.

Date: Tuesday, March 3

Time: 12:45pm

History of Christianity—Mary Ellen Miner

This 60-minute digital presentation explores Christianity from 1830–1867, from early missionary competition for Native American converts to the rise of five faith communities among Dutch immigrants following Van Raalte's arrival. Presented by retired teacher, history enthusiast, and Holland Museum docent Mary Ellen Miner.

Date: Tuesday, March 3

Time: 2:15pm



National Pound Cake Day!

We are celebrating one of the simplest and most delicious classic desserts. Come for lunch and enjoy this dessert with fruit and whip topping. Please be sure to sign up for this!

Sponsor: Neptune Society **Lunch costs on your own.**

Date: Wednesday, March 4

Time: 11:30am-12:30pm



Soups with Chef Jen the Ginger Chef

Warm up with some tastes of three different soups, then make yourself a whole pot of your favorite one when you take the recipes home!

The Ginger Chef, Jen will be demonstrating how to make Avgolemono Greek Chicken and Rice Soup, Squash Soup and Loaded Potato Soup. This session is being rescheduled from the January date we missed because of weather. Be sure to sign up again!

Date: Thursday, March 5

Time: 10:00am

Cost: \$12



Jeff Stormo telling his story

Jeff Stormo returns to share his personal story of how his former political career led him to what he is doing today- helping people find the best assisted living or memory care for themselves or the ones they love.

Date: Thursday, March 5

Time: 12:45pm



Lunch with Jola and Cook Funeral Home

Take a thoughtful step toward peace of mind. Join us for a discussion with a complimentary lunch and discover how advance funeral and cremation planning can ease future burdens and honor your wishes. Seating is limited.

Date: Monday, March 9

Time: 11:30am



Healthy Treats with Insure Right

Today's exercise classes are getting an extra boost! Erica from Insure Right will be here with tasty, nutritious treats for everyone!

Date: Tuesday, March 10

Time: 9:00am-11:00am



Atlantic Ocean Travelogue with Kate Dernocoeur

This Atlantic Ocean travelogue journeys off the northwest coast of Africa across dramatic volcanic archipelagos sprinkled across hundreds of miles. Portugal's Azores and Madeira Islands, Spain's Canary Islands, and the independent island country of Cabo Verde all invite you to see their fascinating cultures and heritages, explore their volcanic terrain, and visit their historic ports. Come for an armchair trip to this region collectively known as Macaronesia. Kate is guided by incurable wanderlust. It led her, in April, 2025, to traverse Macaronesia by ship for nearly three weeks. Kate lives in Lowell when she's not gallivanting in other parts of the world.

Sponsored by the Oaks of Byron Center

Date: Monday, March 9

Time: 1:00pm



Heart Health for Women

Cardiovascular disease remains the leading cause of death for women in the United States.

Learn about how to understand your unique risk factors for heart disease and what you can do to optimize your overall risk. Courtney Smith PA-C DipACLM, founder of Grand Primary Care, a family medicine and lifestyle medicine practice in Grandville, explains current prevention strategies and the latest tests, imaging, lifestyle modifications, and treatment options to live your healthiest life.

Date: Tuesday, March 10

Time: 10:00am



History of the White House

The White House is probably the most famous house in the United States, if not the world.

Dr. Robert Schoone-Jongen will talk about how it was built, rebuilt, renovated, updated, and how it changed over the years, from the 1790s, to being the "President's House" then the "Executive Mansion" and finally, the "White House". Dr. Robert Schoone-Jongen is a Professor of History (Emeritus) at Calvin University. He taught history to high school students for 27 years and then to college students for 15 years. He holds history degrees from Calvin (AB), the University of Kentucky (MA), and the University of Delaware (MA, PhD). His areas of special interest are the history of immigration to the United States and the history of the American presidency.

Sponsored by the Oaks of Byron Center

Date: Tuesday, March 10

Time: 12:45pm



Hot Meal: Chicken Salad on Croissant with Chips and Fruit

The **SECOND** Wednesday of the month, a hot lunch will be served rather than the soup and

salad bar and must be pre-ordered. **Food is purchased one week before, so you will need to sign up by noon on Wednesday, March 4. This is for Dine In only, not for take home. Dessert Sponsored by Atrio

Date: Wednesday, March 11

Time: 11:30am

Cost: \$10



Card Making with Amy Grasman

Join Amy for a fun card-making session! All supplies are provided, and you're free to create as many cards as time allows during our 90

minutes together.

Date: Thursday, March 12

Time: 10:30am-12:00pm

Cost: \$4



InterUrban with Jenison Historical Society

Ken Williams and Gene Kort from the

Georgetown Historical Society will share the story of the Holland Interurban, the path it took and its presence in Georgetown Township, as well as insights into the electric park once located here. A fascinating look at our local history!

Date: Thursday, March 12

Time: 12:45pm



Chip Bingo with Dice

Everyone loves a game of Bingo! Join us for this easy dice game where you can meet new people while having lots of fun. Sponsor Lukaart Agency

Date: Thursday, March 12

Time: 2:00pm



Cards with Inez

Come and create cards with Inez! *Please bring double sided tape.*

Date: Monday, March 16

Time: 10:00am

Cost: \$7

WHICH TRIP IS RIGHT FOR YOU?

To help you decide if a trip is a good fit for you, please check the rating in the description box. Contact Pam with questions.

Rate 1: short bus ride and/or limited walking

Rate 2: about an hour bus ride and/or a mile walking

Rate 3: 2 or more hours on the bus and/or a lot of walking

*The GT Bus will pick you up in the lower lot. Please park and check in at the bus—no need to enter the Center.

****Please save no more than one seat for a friend.**



THOMAS JEFFERSON'S MONTICELLO with Dan Scripsema

Join us for a virtual tour of Thomas Jefferson's Home. This wonderful building which took 40 years to complete is a testament to the width and breadth of his mind. You will see the entire home from the basement to the dome. During the tour you will view all of the gadgets, hidden rooms, and inventions he created to make his life easier. Dan Scripsema, a lifelong lover of history, taught U.S. History and Government at Jenison High School for 38 years and inspired students through his passion for history. He led the school's annual Washington, D.C. trip for many years, guiding students on a five-day tour that included visits to Monticello.

Date: Monday, March 16

Time: 12:00pm



Easter Angel Craft with Elaine Elzinga

Elaine is back to teach us how to create a glass Easter angel. She is a retired teacher, and has a BA from GVSU. She enjoys working with many art forms in her retirement.

Date: Monday, March 16

Time: 2:00pm

Cost: \$12



St. Patrick's Day Party

Put on your green and join us for a festive celebration filled with tasty food, good company, and plenty of fun! Enjoy a delicious lunch featuring corned beef, cheesy potatoes, broccoli salad, rye bread, and dessert. As if the food weren't enough, we'll be entertained by Uniquely Rogue, a lively Celtic, grass, and gospel band. Most of the music is original, and it's sure to get your toes tapping. **Food is ordered one week in advance, so sign up and pay by noon on March 10 to reserve your spot.** Sponsored by The Oaks at Jamestown, Lake MI Credit Union, Hospice of Holland, and Countryside Tours

Date: Tuesday, March 17

Time: 11:30am

Cost: \$14



GT Connections has Gift Certificates!

They make great gifts for a birthday, anniversary, Mother's Day, Father's Day, or Christmas presents!



Something Rotten at Forest Hills Fine Arts

"Something Rotten!" is a hilarious and irreverent musical comedy that takes a fresh, modern look at the world of Shakespearean theatre. Set in the 1590s, this show follows the story of two brothers, Nick and Nigel Bottom, who are desperate to write a hit play. When they discover that Shakespeare is about to write his own play, they decide to steal the idea and write the first-ever musical.

Date: Wednesday, March 18

Time: Bus leaves at 11:15am

(Return approximately 3:00pm)

Cost: \$15

Rate: 1



Grand Rapids Symphonette at GT

The Grand Rapids Symphonette is a volunteer orchestra made up of musicians from across the Greater Grand Rapids area. Their diverse repertoire includes light classics, familiar favorites, and novelty pieces designed to appeal to all audiences. Dedicated to bringing orchestral music to those unable to attend live concerts, the Symphonette invites you to join us at the center for an evening of beautiful music. Sponsored by The Oaks of Byron Center & Careology

Date: Wednesday, March 18

Time: 7:00pm

Cost: \$3



National Chocolate Caramel Day

The union of chocolate and caramel is arguably one of the most popular and decadent flavor combinations. We will have this treat set out at the coffee bar! Sponsored by The Oaks of Byron Center

Date: Thursday, March 19

Time: 9:00am-2:00pm



Jewelry Cleaning

Todd and Connie Binsz will put their 50 years of experience to work! Todd will inspect and clean your jewelry.

Date: Thursday, March 19

Time: 10:00am-1:00pm



Lunch and Learn: Strong Bones for Life~A Holistic Approach to Osteoporosis

Join Dustin Karlik PT, DPT from The Center for Physical Rehabilitation to learn about

protecting and strengthening your bones through movement, nutrition, and rest. Come for an engaging session on the three pillars of bone health—exercise, nutrition, and sleep. Ideal for those with osteoporosis, at risk, or anyone wanting lifelong bone strength.

Soup and Salad Bar lunch provided from 11:30am- 12:30pm for the 1st 20 to sign up.

(If you sign up for the lunch portion and are no longer able to attend, please let us know to let our waitlisted folks enjoy the lunch. Thank you!)

Date: Thursday, March 19

Time: 12:45pm

JEOPARDY

Mario will be here with our most popular trivia game! Teams of 2-3 people will compete to answer the questions and win

prizes. You will learn some interesting trivia while having lots of fun!

Date: Thursday, March 19

Time: 2:00pm

Breakfast Bingo

Join us for pancakes and Bingo! Cards are \$.25 each; play as many as you can handle. Sponsors—Baruch, Rivertown Ridge, and Cook Funeral Home

Date: Monday, March 23

**Time: 9:30am Breakfast
10:00am Bingo**



THOMAS JEFFERSON'S MONTICELLO SLAVERY AND THE GROUNDS with Dan Scripsema—Part 2

Now that you have seen the inside of Monticello, we will step outside and walk along Mulberry Row, where up to 80 slaves lived and worked. Here, you will gain a deeper understanding of how slavery functioned at Monticello. Next, we will stroll through Jefferson's Little Garden, which stretches more than 1,000 feet in length. Once again, you'll experience the remarkable scope of Mr. Jefferson's intellect and curiosity.

Date: Monday, March 23

Time: 12:00pm



Book Browsing with GT Library

Laura from the library will be here to provide information on the latest library programs as well as discuss book titles.

Date: Monday, March 23

Time: 1:30pm



Coffee with the birds

Enjoy a cup of hot coffee and a donut while watching wild birds at the feeders through the picture window at Ottawa County Park's Hemlock Crossings. Curtis, the park naturalist, will share stories from his birding adventures and offer tips on identifying wild birds by their markings and calls. We'll return in time for the soup and salad bar at GT followed by Tasty Tuesday. Sponsored by Trinity Health at Home

Date: Tuesday, March 24

Time: Bus leaves at 9:00am

(Return approximately 11:30am)

Cost: \$15

Rate: 1



The Red Hat Society

The GT Red Hatters gather at the GT Café on the 4th Tuesday of each month. Don't have a red hat? No problem, we'll provide one! Come join the fun and make new friends! Please sign up so we know how many will be coming. Thank you!

Date: Tuesday, March 24

Time: 11:30am



Tasty Tuesday with Sheldon Meadows: Cheese from around the world

Join us for a delightful cheese tasting featuring a variety of delicious selections—including many from Europe! We can't wait to share this experience with you and help you expand your taste buds.

Date: Tuesday, March 24

Time: 1:00pm



Satin Six Quartet

Enjoy an afternoon of jazzy swing music with this four piece saxophone quartet led by John Creviere.

Date: Tuesday, March 24

Time: 2:15pm

Cost: \$3

March Birthday Celebrations!

Happy Birthday to all our members who have a birthday this month! Please sign up so we know how many treats we need! **Lunch costs on**

your own. Sponsored by Happy Health Benefits

Date: Thursday, March 26

Time: 11:30am-12:30pm

Music Bingo:

We will listen to parts of the songs and you try to find the titles of the songs on your bingo card.

Sponsored by Ofield Funeral Home

Date: Thursday, March 26

Time: 1:00pm

BUTTERFLIES with Ottawa County

Almost any garden may attract an occasional butterfly, but creating a garden full of them requires intentional habitat planning. In this program, you'll learn about Michigan butterfly species, the flowers they prefer, and the host plants their caterpillars need. We'll also explore why native plants are essential for supporting butterfly populations. With a little planning, you can create a butterfly habitat, large or small, that brings these "flying jewels" to your garden from spring through fall.

Date: Thursday, March 26

Time: 2:30pm

Cost: \$2

Bean Auction

This is a fun way to laugh, socialize, and win some new-to-you items! Bring 2 unwrapped items from home that you're ready to part with, but you think others would enjoy. Using beans/chips as currency, you'll bid and outbid on the items you want. Join us for lots of laughs and a fun-filled afternoon!

Sponsored by Ofield Funeral Home

Date: Monday, March 30

Time: 12:30pm-2:30pm

Legacy Plan with Thrivent

Your Legacy: Family, Church, and Charity—we will explore ways to support loved ones, your church, and your community through legacy planning. We will also share how Thrivent's not-for-profit, Christian approach guides this work. Thrivent is a Fortune 500 financial services organization, offering insurance, investments, and retirement and legacy solutions designed to help members make the most of their resources while encouraging generosity. This is a rescheduled event from a January cancellation.

Date: Tuesday, March 31

Time: 10:00am

National Tater Day!



We're adding a little fun to lunch today! To celebrate Tater Day, you can choose two items for \$7: Tater, Soup, and Salad. **Please note—You must sign up ahead of time for this lunch.** Thank you!

Date: Tuesday, March 31

Time: 11:30am-12:30pm

Cost: \$7

Hearts in Harmony



Formally Kentwood Community Choir, this talented choir of 30 music loving singers has been in existence for more than 20 years. The

choir is under the professional direction of Mr. Craig Swatt and their purpose and intent is to share their love for music with others, and provide professional quality entertainment, encouragement, and inspiration.

Sponsored by a generous donor.

Date: Tuesday, March 31

Time: 1:30pm

Cost: \$2

Book Clubs



Each month groups get together to enjoy a book discussion. Books are chosen by the leaders and often come from our local libraries, so be sure to bring your book to the discussion for proper return. All of our book clubs are currently full. Inquire at the front desk if you would like to be put on a waitlist.

Dates/Times:

Bronze Book Club—Monday, March 2 at 1:00pm

Kim's Book Club—Wed, March 25 at 1:00pm

Heidi's Book Club—Thurs, March 26 at 2:00pm



Broadway Grand Rapids: Lion King

Giraffes strut. Birds swoop. Gazelles leap. The Serengeti bursts to life as Pride Rock rises from the mist. More than 100 million people worldwide have experienced the stunning visuals, unforgettable music, and powerful storytelling of this Broadway phenomenon. Winner of six Tony Awards®, including Best Musical, The Lion King combines Julie Taymor's visionary direction, Garth Fagan's choreography, and iconic music by Elton John and Tim Rice. There's nothing else like it. **This trip is FULL. You can put your name on the waitlist.**

Date: Thursday, April 9

Time: Bus leaves at 12:15pm

(Return at approximately 4:00pm)

Cost: \$75

Rate: 1

NEW MEMBERS

Lois DeVries
Mitch Dykstra
Dean & Pam Drake
Karen O'Neal
Cheri Stanton
Mary Kinley-Hodgkinson
Deb Engelsma
Janet Dykstra
Teresa Campbell



Henry Hoekstra
Sharon Love
Carol Spaman
Susan Vos
Shan Carpenter



\$5 Drop in Fee for Non-members

Did you know guests and non-members can join our programs and activities for a **\$5 daily drop-in fee**, paid the day of the event? This is a great option for visiting friends and family or neighbors who want to participate occasionally. To give members priority, non-members may register for programs or limited-space trips one week before the event or once tickets are purchased. Please note that any activity-specific fees are additional to the \$5 drop-in fee. Questions? Feel free to reach out!

ACTIVITY CANCELLATION POLICY

***If you cancel by NOON, 1 week prior to the event, you will receive a full refund/credit.**
***If you cancel later than noon, 1 week prior to the event, you will not receive a refund/credit.**
***Events that require pre-purchased tickets or food will not receive a refund after the tickets/items have been purchased. This date will be noted in the newsletter.**

Tech Lab with Mario



Call for an appointment: 616-914-9535
Days: Tuesdays 10:00am-12:00pm
Cost: \$30/hour

WE NEED BIRTHDAY CARDS!

We love to send birthday cards to our members! If you have any unused birthday cards, please drop them off at the front desk.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



We're looking for kitchen substitutes! If you're willing to be on our list, please let us know.



The views and opinions expressed in the programs provided at GT Connections are those of the speakers. They do not necessarily reflect the views, values, or practices of GT Connections members or staff.

ONLINE SIGN UPS

This is for current members of GT Connections. You must come in to GT Connections to set up your membership before you can sign up online.

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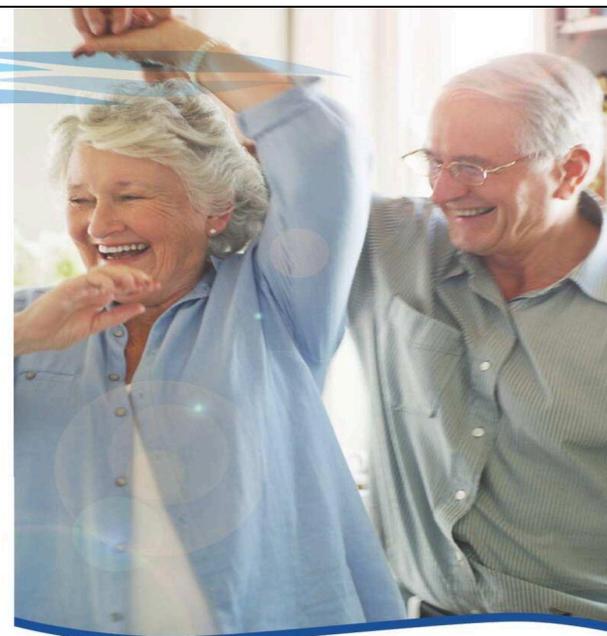
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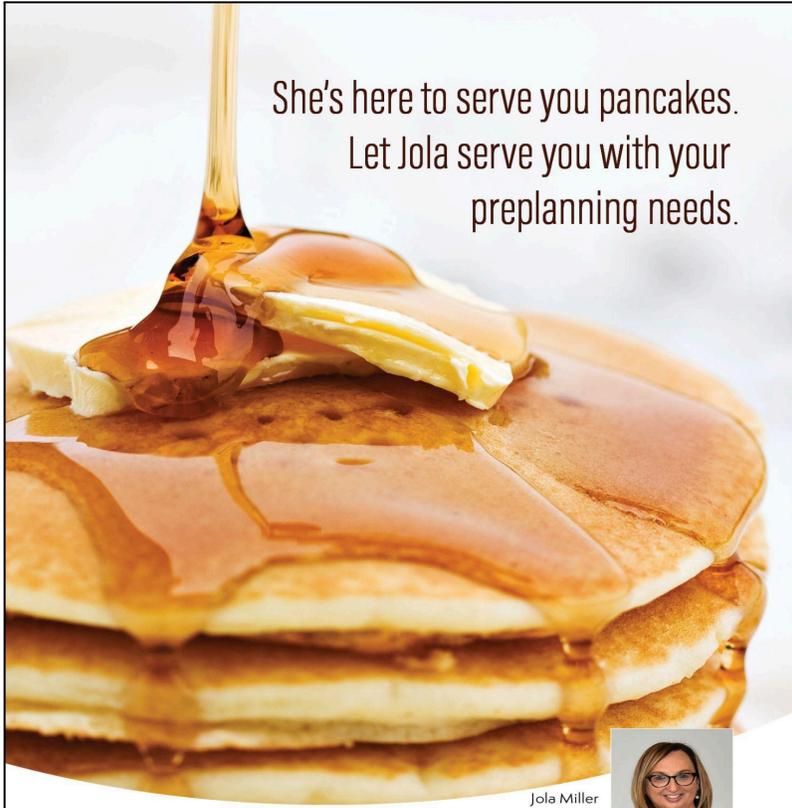
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| 9 9:00 Foot Care 9:00-11:45 Exercise 9:30 Quilting 11:30 Funeral Planning with Cook—lunch included 12:00-3:30 Cribbage 1:00 Atlantic Ocean Travelogue | 10 9:00 Foot Care <u>9:00-11:00 Treats for exercise</u> 9:00-11:00 Exercise 9:30 Quilting 10:00-12:00 Eldercare 10:00 Heart Health for women 11:30 Lunch 12:00 Knit/Crochet 12:45 History of the White House <u>2:00 Board Meeting</u> | 11 9:00 Foot Care 9:00-12:00 Watercolor 9:30-12:00 Exercise 11:30 Hot Meal: Chicken Salad on Croissant—<u>No soup and salad</u> 12:30-3:30 Watercolor 12:30-3:30 Euchre 1:00 Movie #3: On the Basis of Sex | 12 9:00 Foot Care 9:00-11:45 Exercise 10:30 Cardmaking with Amy 11:30 Lunch 12:30 Mens Coffee 12:30-3:30 Mahjong 12:45 InterUrban through Georgetown Township 2:00 Chip Bingo | 13 9:00-11:00 Line Dance 9:00-1:00 Taxes 10:00 Spiritual Gathering 11:30 Lunch 12:30-3:30 Cards |
| 16 9:00-11:45 Exercise 9:30 Quilting 10:00 Cards with Inez 12:00 Thomas Jefferson's Monticello 12:00-3:30 Cribbage 2:00 Easter Angel Craft | 17 9:00-11:00 Exercise 9:30 Quilting 10:00-12:00 Eldercare 11:30 St. Patrick's Day Party—<u>no soup and salad</u> 12:00 Knit/Crochet | 18 9:00-12:00 Watercolor 9:30-12:00 Exercise 11:15 Something Rotten at Forest Hills 11:30 Lunch 12:30-3:30 Watercolor 12:30-3:30 Euchre 7:00 GR Symphonette | 19 <u>Chocolate Caramel Day</u> 9:00-11:45 Exercise 10:00-1:00 Jewelry Clean 11:30 Lunch 12:30 Mens Coffee 12:30-3:30 Mahjong 12:45 Lunch and Learn: Osteoporosis 2:00 Jeopardy | 20 9:00-11:00 Line Dance 9:00-1:00 Taxes 10:00 Spiritual Gathering 11:30 Lunch 12:30-3:30 Cards |
| 23 9:00-11:45 Exercise 9:30 Quilting 9:30 Breakfast Bingo 12:00 Thomas Jefferson's Monticello slavery and grounds 12:00-3:30 Cribbage 1:30 Book Browsing | 24 9:00 Foot Care 9:00-11:00 Exercise 9:00 Coffee and birds 9:30 Quilting 10:00-12:00 Eldercare 11:30 Lunch 11:30 Red Hat Society 12:00 Knit/Crochet 1:00 Tasty Tuesday: Cheese 2:15 Satin Six Quartet | 25 <u>9:00 WATERCOLOR SIGN UP-RESIDENTS</u> 9:00-12:00 Watercolor 9:30-12:00 Exercise <u>11:00 WATERCOLOR SIGN UP-NON RESIDENT</u> 11:30 Lunch 12:30-3:30 Watercolor 12:30-3:30 Euchre <u>1:00 Kim Book Club</u> | 26 9:00-11:45 Exercise 11:30 Lunch 11:30 Celebrate Birthdays 12:30 Mens Coffee 12:30-3:30 Mahjong 1:00 Music Bingo <u>2:00 Heidi Book Club</u> 2:30 Butterflies with Ottawa County Parks | 27 9:00-11:00 Line Dance 9:00-1:00 Taxes 10:00 Spiritual Gathering 11:30 Lunch 12:30-3:30 Cards |
| 30 9:00-11:45 Exercise 9:30 Quilting 12:00-3:30 Cribbage 12:30 Bean Auction | 31 9:00-11:00 Exercise 9:30 Quilting 10:00 Legacy Plan-Thrivent 10:00-12:00 Eldercare 11:30 Lunch 11:30 National Tater Day 12:00 Knit/Crochet 1:30 Hearts in Harmony | | | |

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Activity Cancellation Policy

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March 2026 Activity Sign up Form

Hand in at the center or call to sign up 616-457-1170

Name: _____

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| # | Date | Time | Activity | Cost |
|---|-----------------|---------|--|------|
| | Mon, March 2 | 9:00am | Breakfast Bunch: Matchbox | \$8 |
| | Mon, March 2 | 1:00pm | Movie #1: On the Basis of Sex | \$1 |
| | Mon, March 2 | 1:00pm | Bunco | |
| | Tues, March 3 | 12:45pm | Updates with Sgt Tamminga | |
| | Tues, March 3 | 2:15pm | History of Christianity with Mary Ellen Miner | |
| | Wed, March 4 | 11:30am | National Pound Cake Day—with fruit and whip topping! | |
| | Wed, March 4 | 1:00pm | Movie #2: On the Basis of Sex | \$1 |
| | Thurs, March 5 | 10:00am | Soups with Chef Jen | \$12 |
| | Thurs, March 5 | 12:45pm | Jeff Stormo telling his story | |
| | Mon, March 9 | 11:30am | Funeral Planning with Cook Funeral Home-lunch included | |
| | Mon, March 9 | 1:00pm | Atlantic Ocean Travelogue with Kate Dernocoeur | |
| | Tues, March 10 | 10:00am | Heart Health for Women | |
| | Tues, March 10 | 12:45pm | History of the White House | |
| | Wed, March 11 | 11:30am | Hot Meal: Chicken Salad Croissant with chips and fruit-no soup and salad | \$10 |
| | Wed, March 11 | 1:00pm | Movie #3: On the Basis of Sex | \$1 |
| | Thurs, March 12 | 10:30am | Cardmaking with Amy Grasman | \$4 |
| | Thurs, March 12 | 12:45pm | InterUrban through Georgetown Township | |
| | Thurs, March 12 | 2:00pm | Chip Bingo | |
| | Mon, March 16 | 10:00am | Cards with Inez | \$7 |
| | Mon, March 16 | 12:00pm | History brought to Life with Dan Scripsema—Thomas Jefferson's Monticello | |
| | Mon, March 16 | 2:00pm | Easter Angel Craft with Elaine Elzinga | \$12 |
| | Tues, March 17 | 11:30am | St. Patrick's Day Party— <u>no soup and salad bar</u> | \$14 |
| | Wed, March 18 | 11:15am | Something Rotten at Forest Hills Fine Arts Center Rate: 1 | \$15 |
| | Wed, March 18 | 7:00pm | Grand Rapids Symphonette <u>at GT Connections</u> | \$3 |



