



Care for the Earth: What is Wild?

November 12, 2017

C3-West Michigan's Inclusive Spiritual Connection is a vibrant, values-based Community in an evolving world that inspires and empowers members in their quest to live a good life. We, in turn, engage and support others in the work for justice and compassion everywhere.

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Financial Update October & YTD Totals/October 2017

Income	Expense	Variance
\$15,257	\$23,202	\$(7,945)

YTD 2017

Income	Expense	Variance
\$128,543	\$147,472	\$(18,929)

*any community member wanting details may contact C3 Treasurer Andy Cawthon at cawthon01@gmail.com

Welcome & News of the Community

David Dean

Welcome!

We are grateful to have you with us today.

We invite you to introduce yourself to a lobby host or volunteer

Gathering Music

Dreaming to Live

Folias Flute
and Guitar Duo
Music by Andrew Bergeron

Gathering Words

Joan Cook

One: When we love,

All: **we always strive to become better than we are.**

One: When we strive to become better than we are,

All: **everything around us becomes better too.**

--Paulo Coelho

Children's Message

Shannon McMaster

At C3 we welcome and honor children as unique and precious souls. Each week we invite kids under twelve down front for a brief children's message. Afterward they are welcome to stay in the service or may follow the teacher downstairs for a safe and child-oriented experience.

Community Song

C3 Community

*Peaceful day, peaceful way,
peaceful heart, come what may
(x3)*

Participants

Teacher

Shelley Irwin

Musicians

Folias Flute and Guitar Duo

Welcome & News

David Dean

Reader

Joan Cook

Meditation

David Dean

Children's Message

Shannon McMaster

Children's Volunteer

Wayne Johnson

Hosts: Green Team

Karen Cotton

Joyce and Andy Cawthon

Kathy and Tom Tosa

Marian Mullette

Ushers: Green Team

Wayne Johnson

Betty Porter

Jane Curtis

Kathy and Tom Tosa

Debbie Gianetti

Cindy Krause-Leitner

John Leitner

The Red Host and Usher Teams
serve next week.

Office Hours:

Monday, November 13

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 15

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Friday, November 17

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Kent's hours

M/T/W

10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.

**Please call ahead to set an appointment
with Kent if you wish to have time with
him.*

Readings

Passionate enthusiasms, are as essential to survival as they are indispensable to imagination and social change. Passions bring to our attention the overlooked, they compel commitment of time and heart. They persuade by sheer dominance of the emotional and mental field, for they are, as the Harvard Scholar Philip Fisher observes, monarchial, in their power; they drive out other states of being, even those that are themselves extreme.

That which is most deeply felt is also most powerfully expressed to others.

From "Exuberance: The Passion for Life"
-- Kay Redfield Jamison

Mindfulness Moment

Please focus on stillness and the present moment.

Meditation

Each week, we have the privilege of hearing a meditation from a community member on our month's theme.

Musical Reflection

Rio Sin Tiempo

Teaching

Got Passion?

Shared Responsibility

C3 is a community-led organization that depends upon your generous donations. Your donations and volunteer support keep the Sunday experience vibrant and help us do important work in the community. Your donations in the Shared Responsibility basket, through our website, or via direct deposit are gratefully received. Please consider helping us take the next steps in our growing community.

Living Now

Joan Cook

David Dean

Folias Flute
and Guitar Duo
Music by Carmen Maret

Shelley Irwin

C3 Community

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and Guitar Duo
Music by Andrew Bergeron

Upcoming Speakers

November 19: Kent Dobson
November 26: Kent Dobson
December 3: Kent Dobson
December 10 : Abishek Ghosh

Upcoming Announcers

November 19: Valerie Engeltjes
November 26: David Dean
December 3: Margaret Willey
December 10: Bob Kleinheksel

Upcoming Musicians

November 19: Nicholas Thomasma
November 26: Jake Allen
December 3: The Muteflutes
December 10 : Olivia Vargas

Upcoming C3 Kids' Time

November 19: Charity McMaster
November 26: John Soukup
December 3: Kathy Tosa
December 10: Keith Laidler

Upcoming Readers

November 19: Cindy Dobrez
November 26: Ruth Simon
December 3: Karen Cotton
December 10: Leslie Newman

Upcoming Meditations

November 19: Patti Baldus
November 26: Phil Magnan
December 3: Joan Cook
December 10: TBA

Upcoming C3 Kids Volunteers

November 19: Karri Absenger
November 26: Shannon McMaster
December 3: Charity McMaster
December 10: Charity McMaster

Music News

Please welcome Folias Guitar and Flute Duo back to C3! Carmen Maret and Andrew Bergeron met at Michigan State University in 2002 while studying for their combined Master's Degrees in music composition, performance, and ethnomusicology. The nomadic duo has played on stages around the globe including in Sweden, Denmark, Germany, Austria, Italy, Portugal, Argentina, and Guinee, West Africa. As always, please support our musicians by stopping by the musicians' table in the lobby after the Gathering.

NEXT WEEK: Nicholas James Thomasma

Closing Remarks

David Dean

Affirmation

One: It's your place in the world,
All: it's your life.

One: Go on and do all you can with it,
All: and make it the life you want to live.

-- Mae Jamison

Closing Music Mantis Religiosa

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and Guitar Duo
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C3 Vision: *C3-West Michigan's Inclusive Spiritual Connection is a vibrant, values-based Community in an evolving world that inspires and empowers members in their quest to live a good life. We, in turn, engage and support others in the work for justice and compassion everywhere.*

C3 Mission: to enrich and empower the lives of all people in body, mind, and spirit.

Our Community evolves and grows by:

Welcoming all who share our vision, regardless of their path through life;
Encouraging and supporting the exchange of ideas as a means of personal growth;
Taking responsibility for our actions in the Community and the world;
Accepting one another unconditionally;
Participating in the life of the Community;
Honoring the dignity of every individual;
Promoting ourselves and our mission, vision, and values
through selected media and through our activities in our local communities.

We engage the greater community by:

- Participating in social justice programs, projects, and education;
- Supporting programs and initiatives to create diverse, integrated communities;
- Encouraging civil discourse and learning with interested citizens on issues of importance for the local communities;
- Acting to ensure a sustainable natural and social environment, and;
- Asserting that our common humanity is more important than any individual differences.

C3 Values: These values guide us, and challenge us to define and live a good life. We value and celebrate:

- COMMON HUMANITY. We respect the dignity and worth of every individual.
- DIVERSITY. We affirm all people and embrace all genders, sexual orientations, and ethnicities.
- OPEN INQUIRY. We pursue the free exchange of ideas, explore the lessons of science, philosophy, and the creative arts, and undertake independent spiritual journeys.
- COMPASSIONATE ACTION. We strive to safeguard and extend human rights, peace, and social justice, locally and globally, as individuals and jointly with others.
- CARE FOR THE EARTH. We care for our Earth home with mindfulness and responsibility for ourselves and for future generations.
- WELL-BEING. We promote wholeness and wellness of mind, body, and spirit, recognizing our self responsibility, interrelatedness, and interdependence.

Let's be in touch!

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