



9 a.m. Pre-Talk & Awakenings
 10 a.m. Gathering
 10 a.m. C3 Kids with Miss Mary and volunteer Charity McMaster
 11:00 a.m. Talk Back

Blue Team Hosts: Mark & Kathy Smith, Cheryl Van Abbema, Tom Edwards & Annie Wassmann
 Blue Team Ushers: Kim Crozier, Karen Frederiksen, Phil Leech, Beth Buelow
 Welcome Table: Dick Kamischke
 Next Week: Gold Team

C3 Board of Trustees
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Next Week!
 Speaker: Rev. Miriam Bush
 Musician: Loren Johnson
 Meditation: Margaret Willey
 Gathering Host: Valerie Engeltjes
 Kids' Volunteer: Margaret Willey



C3 Year End Gift Donations

Sunday, November 5, 2023

We Have Questions: What happens when old maps no longer work?

Speaker: **Beth Buelow** has been part of the C3 Community since March 2018 and has loved every minute of it. She's a business owner; leadership, team, and mentor coach; author, speaker, and mediator, and she has added photographer to the list of ways she wants to be known in the world.

Musician: **Spencer LaJoye** is an East Coast singer/songwriter from the Midwest making queer indie folk music for everyone. The 2021 Kerrville Songwriting Competition winner spins crystalline vocals through a loop pedal while strumming an acoustic guitar in charming, banter-heavy performances that keep audiences laughing one moment and weeping the next.

Music: **Spencer LaJoye**
 Gathering Host: **Rod Van Abbema**
 Music: **Spencer LaJoye**
 Meditation: **Wayne Johnson**
 Moment of Silence
 Reading/Teaching: **Beth Buelow**

I keep pulling it out – the old map of my inner path
 I squint closely at it, trying to see some hidden road
 that maybe I've missed, but there's nothing there now
 except some well travelled paths.
 they have seen my footsteps often, held my laughter, caught my
 tears. I keep going over the old map but now the roads lead nowhere,
 a meaningless wilderness where life is dull and futile.
 "toss away the old map," she says
 "you must be kidding!" I reply.
 she looks at me with Sarah eyes
 and repeats "toss it away."
 It's of no use where you're going."
 "I have to have a map!" I cry, "even if it takes me nowhere.
 I can't be without direction,"
 "but you are without direction," she says,
 "so why not let go, be free?"
 so there I am – tossing away the old map,
 sadly fearfully, putting it behind me.
 "whatever will I do?" wails my security
 "trust me" says my midlife soul.
 no map, no specific directions, no "this way ahead" or "take a left".
 how will I know where to go?
 how will I find my way? no map!
 but then my midlife soul whispers
 "there was a time before maps when pilgrims travelled by the stars."
 It is time for the pilgrim in me to travel in the dark,
 to learn to read the stars that shine in my soul.
 I will walk deeper into the dark of my night.
 I will wait for the stars. trust their guidance.
 and let their light be enough for me.
 - Joyce Rupp, *Old Maps No Longer Work*

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C3 Community Annual Meeting

Right after the Gathering today, we'll hold C3's annual meeting. Be sure to stay so you can get updated on what's going on at C3, vote on bylaws and new Board of Trustees members, and feel a part of this amazing community!

Help the Lead Teacher Search Team!

C3 is looking for someone who will join the community and be responsible for assisting in our growth and challenging our community with thoughtful weekly messages that draw from a broad range of sources and experiences. The Lead Teacher will partner with the Executive Director and the C3 Board of Trustees to grow and sustain the existing community and to broaden our outreach and growth within the greater community. Is there someone you know who fits that description or might be acquainted with a potential candidate? If so, please forward this link, which has all the job and application information: c3westmichigan.org/employment. The deadline for applications is December 1. Thank you for your help!

A Note of Thanks from Kent

Last Sunday was such an important day for me, and I want to express my deepest gratitude. I felt warmly supported and loved by the community. I will miss all of you. I also want to thank each of you for your thoughtful cards and gifts. It was very moving to read each note, and your gifts were an unexpected surprise. I'm so grateful our paths crossed. You have taught me so much. I believe in C3, and know you'll face the future with confidence and creativity. I hope to return down the road as a guest speaker when I'm in town. Much love and appreciation ~ Kent

Week 3@C3: Doctors without Borders / Israel & Palestine

We will be delivering care and compassion to the good people of Israel and Palestine by contributing to Doctors without Borders/Médecins sans Frontières (MSF). This organization provides independent, impartial medical humanitarian assistance to the people who need it most. Gifts may be given through November 19 in the following ways:

1. Check made out to "C3 - Spiritual Community" with notation "Week 3@C3" in the memo line.
2. Cash in an envelope with "Week 3@C3" noted on the outside of the envelope.
3. Credit card: See Chase at the sound table

Free: Small Palestinian & Israeli flags available at the Week 3@C3 table.

Submitting Information for the C3 Update and C3 Matters

Newsletter and bulletin submissions for November 6 - November 19, should be sent to Annie Wassmann: awassmann@wassmannndesign.com and Becky Park: frontdesk@c3westmichigan.org. Thanks!

Dine with Nine

The next *Dine with Nine Event* is scheduled for Saturday, December 9. Signup dates – Nov 5, 12, 19 at the connections table. Several times a year, you are invited to gather in people's homes to share food, fun and conversation. This popular program aims to connect adults regardless of age or relationship status, bringing together widows, singles, couples, partners and divorcees at the home of the evening's host. Each person is asked to bring an element of the meal – an appetizer, salad, dessert, wine, bread, or vegetable, while the host will provide the main entrée. Coordinators of this event are Joyce Cawthon, Kathy Smith and Mary Ackerson.

C3 Men's Club

The Men's Group meets on Tuesday at Ted Larned's home, 17420 W. Spring Lake Road, Spring Lake, at the usual time, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Sunday Dinner Group

Sunday dinner today at The Kirby at 5:30 p.m.—sign up at the Membership table.

C3 Book Club and Friends

At our next meeting, 6:30 p.m. at The Bookman, on November 21, we will discuss *The Henna Artist* by Alka Joshi.

Vigil for Peace and Justice

Join us from noon to 1 p.m. on Saturdays in November along Washington at Central Park to advocate for much needed peace. Dress for the weather!

Women's Journey Returns

Join a lively group of women for fun and conversation on Monday, Nov. 20, at 6:30 p.m. at The Bookman. Bring paint chips for our poem-writing activity.

Community Care and Concern

Contact: **Cheryl Van Abbema, 616-402-3108; Mike and Charlotte Rozich, 517-918-5483 or 517-918-5464.**

Patricia Johnson is recovering from knee-replacement surgery. Cards can be sent to 220 Sherman Avenue, Grand Haven, MI 49417, or by email: wpkzgh@chartermi.net.

Jean Regester was moved into Heather Hills Assisted Living, 1055 Forest Hills Avenue, GR for continuing rehabilitating from her fractured ankle and stroke. Check her Caring Bridge at www.caringbridge.org/visit/jeanregester. Jean welcomes calls or texts at 616-822-1414.

Tom Webber had back surgery recently. Cards may be sent to 13897 Van Buren Street, Holland, MI 49414.