



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

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 Gold Team Hosts: **Betty Porter, Jenny Roberts & Bob Burleigh, Mike & Charlotte Rozich**  
 Gold Team Ushers: **Rod & Cheryl Van Abbema, Martha Perko**  
 Welcome Table: **Ellie Williams**  
 Next Week: **Green Team**

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 C3 Board of Trustees  
 Chair: **Sally Alderink**  
 Vice-Chair: **Teresa Colbry**  
 Secretary: **Valerie Engeltjes**  
 Treasurer: **Shannon McMaster**  
 Trustees: **Beth Buelow, Andy Cawthon, Kim Crozier, Tom Edwards, Kathy Humphrey, Wayne Johnson, and Rod Van Abbema**

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 Next Week!  
 Speaker: **Dr. John Hubers**  
 Musician: **Jen Sygit**  
 Meditation: **Rod Van Abbema**  
 Gathering Host: **Chrys Moelter-Gray**  
 Kids' Volunteer: **Patti Baldus**



C3 Year End Gift Donations

**Sunday, November 12, 2023**

***We Have Questions: What Do the Margins Teach Us?***

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 Speaker: **Rev. Miriam/Mimi Bush** is retired, but continues to offer Spiritual Direction and leads various opportunities to pay attention to one's life journey. She has been in ministry for 39 years serving as pastor, spiritual care coordinator at LifeCircles, and retreat leader. She has three grown children, three grandchildren, lives in the woods, and kayaks as often as possible.

Musician: **Loren Johnson** of Grand Rapids has released several discs, including *Sleepsick* and *Into the Morning*. Her vision is to be creative with the people she loves in the places she adores, and have a good time doing it.

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 Music: **Loren Johnson**  
 Gathering Host: **Valerie Engeltjes**  
 Music: **Loren Johnson**  
 Meditation: **Margaret Willey**  
 Moment of Silence  
 Reading/Teaching: **Mimi Bush**

To live in the borderlands means you are neither *hispana india negra espanola ni gabacha, eres mestiza, mulata*, half-breed caught in the crossfire between camps while carrying all five races on your back not knowing which side to turn to, run from;

To live in the Borderlands means knowing that the *india* in you, betrayed for 500 years, is no longer speaking to you, the *mexicanas* call you *rajetas*, that denying the Anglo inside you is as bad as having denied the Indian or Black;  
*Cuando vives en la frontera* people walk through you, the wind steals your voice, you're a *burra, buey*, scapegoat, forerunner of a new race, half and half-both woman and man, neither-a new gender;

To live in the Borderlands means to put *chile* in the borscht, eat whole wheat *tortillas*, speak Tex-Mex with a Brooklyn accent; be stopped by *la migra* at the border checkpoints; Living in the Borderlands means you fight hard to resist the gold elixir beckoning from the bottle, the pull of the gun barrel, the rope crushing the hollow of your throat;

In the Borderlands you are the battleground where enemies are kin to each other; you are at home, a stranger, the border disputes have been settled the volley of shots have scattered the truce you are wounded, lost in action dead, fighting back;

To live in the Borderlands means the mill with the razor white teeth wants to shred off your olive-red skin, crush out the kernel, your heart pound you pinch you roll you out smelling like white bread but dead;

To survive the Borderlands you must live sin fronteras be a crossroads.  
 -Gloria Anzaldua (1942-2004) Chicana poet, queer writer, and feminist theorist  
*To Live in the Borderlands*

Music: **Loren Johnson**  
 Gathering Host: **Valerie Engeltjes**  
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### **C3 Annual Community Meeting**

Highlights included:

- **Phil Koster** led everyone in reaffirming our values and commitment to C3.
- We approved bylaw changes that primarily dealt with the addition of the Executive Director position.
- Our year-end fundraising goal is \$28,400.
- We approved adopting the 2024 budget.
- **Sally Alderink, Tom Edwards, and Valerie Engeltjes** retired from the Board. The community approved **Tabitha Blanski, Karen Cotton, and Tod Wyn** as new Board members.
- **Margaret Willey** received this year's Meritorious Service Award.

### **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](http://c3westmichigan.org/employment). The deadline for applications is December 1. Thank you for your help!

### **Membership Directory Photos**

Bill Klouw, our long-time C3 photographer, will be taking pictures for the Membership Directory on Sunday, November 12 and 19 in the NW corner of the Gathering room. This is an opportunity to update an old photo or to place your picture next to your directory entry for the first time. Our directory is a good way to connect with other members and a photograph makes that connection even easier.

### **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 through November 17, should be sent to Annie Wassmann: [awassmann@wassmannndesign.com](mailto:awassmann@wassmannndesign.com) and Becky Park: [frontdesk@c3westmichigan.org](mailto:frontdesk@c3westmichigan.org). Thanks!

### **Dine with Nine**

The next *Dine with Nine Event* is scheduled for Saturday, December 9. Signup dates – Nov. 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. 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](mailto:wpkzgh@chartermi.net).

**Jean Regester** is looking for a ride to the Sunday Gathering from Heather Hills Assisted Living, 1055 Forest Hills Avenue, GR. If anyone is available to pick her up, please contact her at 616-822-1414.

**Tom Webber** relayed that he is recovering quite well at home from his back surgery and thanks everyone for the cards and wishes of well being he received.