



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

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Green Team Hosts:
Karen Cotton, Joyce & Andy Cawthon, Tom Tosa, Marian Mulette
Green Team Ushers:
Wayne Johnson, Jane Curtis, Kathy Tosa
Welcome Table:
Kathy Smith
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: Brie Stoner
Musicians: The Rebel Eves
Meditation: Andy Cawthon
Gathering Host:
Beth Buelow
Kids' Volunteer:
Eleanor Hills

Sunday, November 19, 2023
We Have Questions: How well do you know your Muslim neighbors?

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Speaker: Dr. John Hubers spent thirteen years in the Middle East as a teacher and pastor, ten years teaching in the religion department of Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa and the past four years working as a consultant to a theological seminary in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. He is the author of a biography of the first American missionary to the Middle East and numerous articles on Christian/Muslim relations. He lives with his wife, Lynne, in Holland where he is looking forward to retirement at the end of this year.

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Musician: Jen Sygit is a Lansing-based singer/songwriter and multi-instrumentalist with four solo albums. She is also a veteran back-up singer/session vocalist, having appeared on over 50 albums. Jen is a member of the all-female string band *Stella!* and the roots rock band *Lincoln County Process*

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 Music: **Jen Sygit**
 Gathering Host: **Chrys Moelter-Gray**
 Music: **Loren Johnson**
 Meditation: **Rod Van Abbema**
 Moment of Silence
 Reading/Teaching: **Dr. John Hubers**

" Christian (or other) thought about Islam. . . must resolve to surmount prejudice wherever found and brace itself to correct error, restrain bitterness, and dissipate antagonism. It begins simply with the will to understanding, divested of susceptibilities that would compromise its purpose and alerted to its own duty of inward integrity. Foregoing the impulse either to excuse or upbraid, we must seek an openness of soul and sensitivity to all that is deepest in our fellows."
 -Dr. Kenneth Cragg in the *Call of the Minaret*

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C3 Year End Gift Donations



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. The deadline for applications is December 1. Thank you for your help!

Bell Ringers Needed

It will soon be time to ring the bell for the 2023 Salvation Army Red Kettle campaign. C3ers who participated in the past felt positive about the experience. We will be at Leppink's in Ferrysburg from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, December 13 and Thursday December 14, for one-and-a-half hour shifts (except last shift is one hour and begins at 6 p.m.). It works best to have only one or two at the kettle for each shift. Sign up on Sundays after Gathering or contact Betty Jean Porter by Porter.betty@gmail.com or 616-296-2227.

Membership Directory Photos

Last chance (for a while) to have Bill Klouw, our long-time C3 photographer, take your picture for the C3 Directory. On Sunday, November 19, following the Gathering, Bill will be waiting at the NW corner of the 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 photo makes that even easier.

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

Today is the last day to donate to Doctors without Borders/Médecins sans Frontières (MSF). You may contribute 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.

Items for Next Week's C3 Update or C3 Matters

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday next week, please submit any items that should be included to Chrys Moelter-Gray (cgmgray@mac.com) and Becky Park (frontdesk@c3westmichigan.org) by Tuesday, November 21. The C3 Update will arrive in your inbox on Friday morning as usual.

Women's Journey Returns

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

Dine with Nine

The next Dine with Nine Event is scheduled for Saturday, December 9. Today is the last to sign up at the connections table. 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!

Community Care and Concern

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

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.