



9 a.m. Pre-Talk & Awakenings
 10 a.m. Gathering
 10 a.m. C3 Kids with Joyce Cawthon and volunteer Eleanor Hills
 11:00 a.m. Talk Back

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 Red Team Hosts:
Yvonne Olmsted, Skip & Mary Ackerson, Sarah Jacobs, Char Zoet
 Red Team Ushers:
Tom Webber, Joyce & Andy Cawthon
 Welcome Table:
Jeff Crandle
 Next Week: **White Team**

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 C3 Board of Trustees
 Chair: **Sally Alderink**
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Next Week!
 Speaker: **Barbara Lee Van Horssen**
 Musician: **Ed Dupas**
 Meditation: **Cindy Anderson**
 Gathering Host: **Chrys Moelter- Gray**
 Kids' Volunteer:
Char Kole

Sunday, November 26, 2023
We Have Questions: What If This Isn't a Problem? Choosing Back Your Constraints

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 Speaker: **Gabrielle (Brie) Stoner** is a writer, musician, and songwriter. Her writing has been featured in *The Call To Unite: Voices of Hope and Awakening*, a book featuring inspirational voices such as Oprah, Tim Shriver, and Elizabeth Gilbert. Brie launched her podcast *Unknowing* in 2021, exploring the spiritual path of creative possibilities with various authors, activists and artists.

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 Musicians: **The Rebel Eves**, comprised of three Michigan-bred award-winning songwriters—**Katie Pederson, Grace Theisen, and Jilian Linklater**—have spent the most of the last decade writing, touring and harmonizing across the country. Their acoustic music showcases vulnerability, connectivity, and authenticity.

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 Meditation: **Andy Cawthon**
 Moment of Silence
 Reading/Teaching: **Brie Stoner**

A brother came to Scetis to visit Abba Moses and asked him for a word. The old man said to him, 'Go, sit in your cell, and your cell will teach you everything.'
 - Desert Wisdom: *Sayings from the Desert Fathers and Mothers*

The soul does not grow by addition, but by subtraction.
 - David Whyte

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C3 Year End Gift Donations



An Important Announcement

The Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that they have offered the new position of C3 Executive Director to Shannon McMaster. We'll keep everyone informed as the specific details are worked out. We are grateful to the Executive Director Search Team (Beth Buelow, Ira Engeltjes, Kathy Humphrey, Wayne Johnson, Mark Smith) for their commitment and time to this process. Please thank them for their work and be sure to congratulate Shannon!

Many Thanks!

Our C3 behind-the-scenes-team is quite impressive! When our tech team Chuck Tawney was sidelined with COVID-19 and Chase Gue was out of town, Chuck emailed extensive, illustrated instructions, and the impromptu team of Steve Weideman, Rod Van Abbema, Shannon McMaster, and David Dean pulled off the entire set-up and the Gathering happened as usual, livestream and all! Many thanks to David, Shannon, Rod, Steve, and Chuck!

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.

Dine with Nine

Those who signed up for Dine with Nine (December 9) will hear from the planners or their host soon, asking them to choose one of the elements of the meal. More details soon.

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.

Sunday Dinner Group

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

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.

Vigil for Peace and Justice

We are now on winter break until April. Thanks to all who participated in this important action in the community in support of peace for all.

Women's Journey

Our group is going strong, and will meet again on Monday, December 18, at 7 p.m. at The Bookman. Bring cookies (and a container in which you can carry some home) and a wrapped white elephant gift. Contact Becky with any questions at frontdesk@c3westmichigan.org

C3 Book Club and Friends

In December we will gather at the C3 office at 1447 Washington (Third Coast Building) on December 19th at 6:30 to have a small holiday celebration and choose our books for the next year. Please bring a small snack to share and your own drink. Please note: each person is to bring 3 book titles that they will 'present' to the group to read for the next year (and at the end we will vote on one of the 3 that that person will lead the discussion on). Dates will be assigned but will remain flexible.

Community Care and Concern

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

Pat Johnson sends thanks for all the cards and well-wishes, as she has recovered from knee replacement surgery. She is out and about, but still has PT appointments and lots of at-home exercises.