



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

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Next Week!
Speaker: Michael Rocque
Musician: Jen Sygit
Meditation:
Charity McMaster
Gathering Host:
Nelleke Knarr
Kids' Volunteer:
Patti Baldus



C3 Year End Gift Donations

Sunday, December 10, 2023
We Have Questions: Knowledge and Desire, or, What's This Tantra Business, Anyway?

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Speaker: Michael DeWilde, a core Guest Teacher at C3, is the director of the Koeze Business Ethics Initiative in the Seidman College of Business, as well as a full professor in the Management Department at GVSU. He holds an MTS from Harvard University and did his undergraduate work at William James College (GVSU). His research and teaching interests include the impact of social capital on civic and economic well-being, neuroethics, and the use of roleplaying in business pedagogy.

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Musicians: The Marsupials, led by Tai Jaxx Drury, defy categorization with a diverse blend of rock, indie, funk, ska, psychedelic, and progressive elements. They've been electrifying audiences and delivering raucous good times throughout the Midwest since their formation in 2014.

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 Music: **The Marsupials**
 Gathering Host: **Valerie Engeltjes**
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 Meditation: **Bob Kleinheksel**
 Moment of Silence
 Reading/Teaching: **Michael DeWilde**

“Accepting that there are such things as facts requires you to be humble and to have flexibility to relinquish your position when it is shown to be wrong. (...) while the Tantra actively engages the higher mind, it also attempts to transcend the level of the intellect on which “proof” is an operative term. Here your own contemplated experience becomes primary in formulating your understanding of reality. When the wisdom of well-considered experience is joined coherently to well-grounded factual knowledge, you have a strong foundation from which to successfully navigate both the path of yoga and the world in general. “

— Christopher D. Wallis

“If you had closed your eyes and looked inward, you would have seen me; you would have seen us. We have always been inseparable, like night and day, light and dark, flowers and fruits, and spirituality and sexuality.”

— Merlin Franco, *Saint Richard Parker*

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Keep Up the Progress

Things are going great for the year-end fundraiser! We are at 49% of the goal. Thank you if you have already contributed! We have \$14,500 to go, please consider making a personally significant contribution to C3's mission to inspire and empower people on their own spiritual path, the quest to live a good and meaningful life, and to support the ongoing work of justice and compassion in the world! Scan the QR code on the front side of the bulletin for a quick and easy online donation OR send a check with "year end" in the memo to C3, PO Box 371, Grand Haven, MI 49417.

An Important Announcement

Shannon McMaster will step into his new role as C3 Executive Director in the new year. More information about specific details will be shared as those details are worked out.

Week 3@C3 Project: 2023 Seasonal Greeting Card Blizzard

We're hoping to provide about 250 cards for residents of Riverside Nursing, Medilodge at the Shore, North Ottawa Care Center, and Christian Haven Home—that's about 6-8 cards per individual or family.

- Use the card style of your choice (probably Christmas cards)
- No names or addresses necessary
- Suggested text: "To a Friend"/ "From a Friend"
- Include "C3 Spiritual Community" and any personal note you want
- No stamps necessary
- Bring completed cards to Week 3@C3 table by December 17

Cards will be delivered to each site for distribution to residents by staff members.

- Please stop at the Week 3@C3 table today or next week to sign the cards there for our homebound members, Kathleen & Justin Kleaveland, Connie Farrell, and Jean Burgess.

Last Two Sundays in December

C3 will meet on both **December 24** and **31**.

On December 24, a number of C3 members will share their "I am C3" stories, and Ruth and Max Bloomquist will join us.

On December 31, there will be a special interview with Beryn Snoeyer sharing some of his life story with Beth Buelow. Steve Weideman will be our musician.

Volunteer Opportunity

We are seeking at least two more people to serve as Welcoming Hosts on Sunday mornings, to join a team that meets and greets people entering the building and the Gathering. Each team serves once every five weeks. Contact Ellie Williams: elliewilliams4@gmail.com.

Sunday Dinner Group

Join the group for Sunday dinner today at Ted's in Spring Lake at 5:30 p.m.—sign up at the Membership table.

C3 Men's Club

The Men's Group will meet from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesdays in December at Beryn Snoeyer's home, 520 Boelens Ct, Spring Lake. Contact Phil Koster at 616-402-1751 for more information.

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. Contact Becky with any questions at frontdesk@c3westmichigan.org.

C3 Book Club and Friends

Our year-end gathering will take place at the C3 office at 1447 Washington Avenue on Tuesday, December 19, 6:30 p.m., for a holiday celebration and to choose our books for next year. Please bring a small snack to share and your own drink. Also note: each person is assigned to bring three book titles that they will present to the group as possible selections for next year.

Honor and Memorial Giving

Last year the Finance Committee created a program for Honor and Memorial giving to support C3. Cards for this purpose are available at the Membership Table. The gifts, with permission, will be listed in the newsletter (names only, no dollar amounts). As always, your donations are invaluable to us, thank you!

Community Care and Concern

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

Lynne Deur is recovering from her cochlear implant surgery and will be connected to her new device in the coming weeks.

Marianne, Lexi and Jim Fischer are grieving the loss of **Marianne's father, Craig Pusey**, who died at age 71 this week following complications from diabetes. Cards may be sent to 14053 Payne Forest Avenue, Grand Haven, MI 49417.