



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

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Green Team Hosts:
Joyce & Andy Cawthon,
Tom Tosa, Marian Mullette

Green Team Ushers:
Wayne Johnson,
Jane Curtis, Kathy Tosa,
Debbie Gianetti

Welcome Table:
Kathy Smith

Next Week: Red Team

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Crozier, Tom Edwards,
Kathy Humphrey,
Wayne Johnson, and
Rod Van Abbema

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Next Week!
Speakers: **Berny Snoeyer**
 with Beth Buelow
Musicians: **Steve Weideman**
 and **Jackson Erne**
Gathering Host:
Kathy Tosa
Kids' Volunteer:
Sally Alderink



C3 Year End Gift Donations

Sunday, December 24, 2023

I Am C3

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Speakers: Five C3 members will share their "I am C3" stories today:
Gordy Alderink, Jeff Crandle, Ira Engeltjes, Pam Park, and Tod Wyn.
Tabitha Blanski was also prepared to speak, but can't be with us this week due to illness.

Musicians: **Ruth and Max Bloomquist** need no introduction to the C3 family; they have been playing at C3 Gatherings for years, and they have been playing music together since 1975!

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 Music: **Ruth and Max Bloomquist**
 Gathering Host: **Rod Van Abbema**
 Music: **Ruth and Max Bloomquist**
 Poem: **Rod Van Abbema**

When Giving Is All We Have

One river gives
 Its journey to the next.
 We give because someone gave to us.
 We give because nobody gave to us.
 We give because giving has changed us.
 We give because giving could have changed us.
 We have been better for it,
 We have been wounded by it—
 Giving has many faces: It is loud and quiet,
 Big, though small, diamond in wood-nails.
 Its story is old, the plot worn and the pages too,
 But we read this book, anyway, over and again:
 Giving is, first and every time, hand to hand,
 Mine to yours, yours to mine.
 You gave me blue and I gave you yellow.
 Together we are simple green. You gave me
 What you did not have, and I gave you
 What I had to give—together, we made
 Something greater from the difference.

- **Alberto Ríos**

Moment of Silence

I Am C3:
Pam Park
Gordy Alderink
Jeff Crandle
Ira Engeltjes
Tod Wyn

Music: **Ruth and Max Bloomquist**
 Gathering Host: **Rod Van Abbema**
 Music: **Ruth and Max Bloomquist**



Keep Up the Progress

With two Sundays to go, we are closing in on our year end fundraiser goal! We have about 35% to go to reach it. If you have already made a year end gift, thank you very much! If you haven't yet had an opportunity, please consider what personally meaningful amount you can contribute to C3's mission to inspire and empower people on their own spiritual path, the quest to live a good life and meaningful life, and to help support the ongoing work of justice and compassion in the world. Pulling together, we have created a marvelous space where we support each other in that quest for a good life, and a meaningful life in community. C3 is an amazing place, and it all begins with you. Please 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.

Year-End Fundraiser - for the Last-Minute Shopper

Unique, themed, seasonal gift baskets for sale at C3 Gathering, today only. Prices from \$20.00 - \$60.00. All proceeds go to C3 Year-End Fundraiser.

Last Two Sundays in December

Today we are grateful to **Gordy Alderink, Jeff Crandle, Ira Engeltjes, Pam Park, and Tod Wyn**—our five "I am C3" speakers. It's valuable for us to hear each other's stories. Thanks also and get well wishes to **Tabitha Blanski**, who couldn't participate today. Next Sunday, on **December 31, Beth Buelow** will facilitate a conversation with **Berny Snoeyer**, who will share an account of members of a community willing to risk their lives to defend and protect victims of an evil ideology. **Steve Weideman** and **Jackson Erne** will be our musicians. Pre-Talk and Talk Back will be held for those interested in conversation about Berny's topic.

News from the BOT

The C3 Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that **Shannon McMaster** has officially signed the contract to be C3's first executive director. He will begin working in the position on January 8, 2024. Until then, he will continue to serve as treasurer. Congratulations to Shannon! We're excited about this new phase in C3's life!

In addition, the Board is pleased to announce that **Cheri Eshenaur has agreed to serve out Shannon's term on the BOT** (As C3's Executive Director, he cannot be a Board member).

Cheri has a Master's degree in Business Management and worked in banking 40 years with experience managing Old Kent and Huntington banks. She retired after fourteen years from her position as Vice President of Macatawa Bank. She is licensed to teach driver's training, which she has done part-time for six years. Cheri was born and raised in Grand Haven. She and her husband were married by Reverend Rhem at Christ Community in 1990. She was married 28 years. Her husband died five years ago in a snowmobile accident. She said, "I'm new to C3, but felt now was my time to reach out and get involved with a spiritual community." Cheri is also a member of the Finance Committee and provides Small Bites on Sundays.

Week 3@C3 Greeting Card Blitz

Thank you to all who helped make our Week 3@C3 **Second Annual Seasonal Greeting Card Blizzard** a success. 231 cards were delivered to four local care centers.

Advice from Central Park Place:

We have been advised that it is a good idea to wear layers to the Gathering next week. There won't be any city staff on hand to adjust the climate control, so you might want to have a layer or two to add or remove, depending on the weather and the thermostat.

Volunteer Opportunity—Help Needed!

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

There will be no Sunday Dinner Group this week or next. We'll reconvene on January 7.

C3 Men's Club

For the month of December, the C3 Men's Group will meet from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Berny Snoeyer's home, 520 Boelens Court, Spring Lake. Contact Phil Koster at 616-402-1751 for more information.

C3 Book Club and Friends

At our December meeting we selected 16 amazing books for the coming year! Come to our next meeting at The Bookman at 6:30 p.m. on January 16 to discuss *Klara and the Sun* by Kazuo Ishiguro. We will also assign the books for February - May at that meeting.

Community Care and Concern

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

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