



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**

Red Team Hosts:
Yvonne Olmsted, Sarah Jacobs, Skip & Mary Ackerson
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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Shannon McMaster
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Next Week!
Speaker: **Brad Ruggles**
Musician: **Spencer LaJoye**
Meditation: **Leslie Newman**
Gathering Host:
Rod Van Abbema
Kids' Volunteer:
Sally Alderink



C3 Year End Gift Donations

Sunday, December 31, 2023

The Wolfert Letters:

A Conversation with Berny Snoeyer and Beth Buelow

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Speakers: **Berny and Corrie Snoeyer** are longtime C3 members. In 2020, Berny self-published the book *The Wolfert Letters: Family and Friend Correspondences During World War II* (edited and translated by Berend Snoeyer). Today's teaching is a conversation between Berny and Beth Buelow about the family and community on which the book of letters is based.

Musicians: **Steve Weideman** is also a longtime C3 member and former C3 employee who worked magic at the sound/tech table. We know him as a member of the band *Catfish and the Man*, as well as *Funky Brewster*, with his daughter Goldie. He has played at C3 quite often, and is joined today by **Jackson Erne**.

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 Music: **Steve Weideman and Jackson Erne**
 Gathering Host: **Kathy Tosa**
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 Reading/Meditation: **Berny Snoeyer**

Als de ziele luistert
 spreekt het al een taal dat leeft,
 't lijjigste gefluister ook een taal en teeken heeft:
 blaren van de boomen kouten met malkaar gezwind,
 baren in de stroomen klappen luide en welgezind,
 wind en wee en wolken wegelen van Gods heiligen voet,
 talen en vertolken 't diep gedoken Woord zoo zoet
 als de ziele luistert! Kun je horen
 Wanneer een traan valt
 of een glimlach word geboren.

- Guido Gezelle (Flemish Poet, 1830-1899)

When the Soul listens
 Everything alive speaks a language
 Even the softest whisper Has a voice and meaning
 Leaves on the trees Eagerly speak their name
 Wave lets in the stream Tell of their journey
 Winds that stir the clouds Reveal that when the soul listens
 It can hear when a smile is born
 Or the welling of a tear.

- Guido Gezelle (Flemish Poet, 1830-1899)

Moment of Silence

The Wolfert Letters:
Family and Friend Correspondences During World War II
 – A Conversation with **Berny Snoeyer** and **Beth Buelow**

Music: **Steve Weideman and Jackson Erne**
 Gathering Host: **Kathy Tosa**
 Music: **Steve Weideman and Jackson Erne**



Final Week of Our Year – End Fundraiser!

This is the last week for our year- end fundraiser. Thank you! The whole C3 Community has helped reach--exceed, even!--the year-end fundraiser goal of \$28,400! Additional details will be available after the month-end reporting is complete! 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. 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.

Last Two Sundays in December

Wow! Rave reviews have been coming in for our five "I am C3" speakers last week. Thanks again to **Tod Wyn, Pam Park, Ira Engeltjes, Jeff Crandle, and Gordy Alderink**. Special thanks today to **Berny Snoeyer** and **Beth Buelow** for their conversation based on Berny's book.

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.

Please note that in January there will be no Week 3@C3 project; we will resume in February.

Sunday Dinner Group

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

C3 Men's Club

The C3 Men's Group will meet at Pete Bennett's home, 13897 Lincoln Street, Grand Haven, on Tuesday, January 2, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Beginning on January 9, the Men's Group will have a permanent meeting location in Grand Haven at St. John's Episcopal Church, Room B. 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.

Women's Journey

Our January meeting will be on Monday, January 15, at 6:30 p.m. at The Bookman.

Small Bites

Your generosity and willingness to bring us treats on a regular (or emergency) basis is a valued part of our Sunday morning experience! If you'd like to join the group and bring some treats to our Gathering on a once-per-month basis, contact Patti (patbaldus5@gmail.com). We always welcome new volunteers!

Be sure to check your inbox for the Friday, December 29, edition of the C3 Update. It features the 2023 Year in Review. You don't want to miss reading about everything C3 did last year!

Community Care and Concern

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

We will hear more next week about a **family in need** and an effort to lend a helping hand. **Pastor Tim from Life Church and his family** lost their home and everything in it, including pets, to a fire, while they were out of town recently. We are planning a collection to provide a gift card from Meijer, which can be used for food, clothes, household items to help them with a new start, or even gas for the car if needed. Creative, crafty people might be inspired to make something for them, to make a new place feel like a home. They are likely getting help from many sources, but could C3 be a source to spread goodwill to our neighbors, to this family who lost everything?