



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

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

C3 Board of Trustees:
Chair: **Teresa Colbry**
Vice Chair: **Tod Wyn**
Treasurer: **Andy Cawthon**
Secretary: **Beth Buelow**
Trustees:
Tabitha Blanski, Karen Cotton, Kim Crozier, Cheri Eshenaur, Kathy Humphrey, Wayne Johnson, Rod Van Abbema

Next Week!
Speaker: **Jack Ridl**
Musician: **Kyle Rasche**
Meditation: **Beth Buelow**
Gathering Host: **Valerie Engeltjes**
Kids' Volunteer: **Char Kole**

Sunday, January 14, 2024

We Have Questions: Is it Cake?

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Speaker: Matthew Laidlaw is a co-founder of Open Circle, an "Inclusively-Christian" spiritual community in Grand Rapids. Matt enjoys reading, running, jokes, and outdoor adventures with his wife Stephanie and their two young children. You can find out more about Matt at his website: matthewlaidlaw.com

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Musician: Aleksí Campagne is a bilingual contemporary indie-folk fiddle-singer from Montreal. As the son of Canadian Folk icon Connie Kaldor and student of Jazz Violin Legend, Didier Lockwood, Aleksí combines his powerful voice with rich songwriting, all while accompanying himself on the violin and seamlessly switching between English and French.

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Music: **Aleksí Campagne**
Gathering Host: **Tod Wyn**
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I Am C3: **Leslie Newman**
Moment of Silence
Reading/Teaching: **Matthew Laidlaw**

*Out beyond ideas of wrongdoing and rightdoing,
there is a field. I'll meet you there.*

*When the soul lies down in that grass,
the world is too full to talk about.
Ideas, language, even the phrase "each other"
doesn't make any sense.*

- Rumi, *A Great Wagon*

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Successful Fundraiser!

We met our Year-End Fundraiser goal of \$28,400—and exceeded it by 16 percent! We raised \$33,000 for the continued operation of C3! How awesome is that? Thanks to everyone who gave so generously to reaffirm how special C3 is, and how important that we continue to be a positive presence in the community.

2024 Board of Trustees

The C3 Board of Trustees for 2024 met for the first time on January 10, and the new executive committee was elected that evening. Here are our new C3 Officers: Teresa Colbry, Chair; Tod Wyn, Vice-Chair; Beth Buelow, Secretary; Andy Cawthon, Treasurer. See the listing of all Board members on the front of the bulletin.

Your Feedback on the Gathering

The Sunday Gathering Team recently began developing a larger pool of guest teachers. Thanks to many suggestions, we're inviting some of them to teach in the next couple of months, so you'll be seeing a lot of new faces. We'd love your feedback on these guest teachers—as well as the musician(s) and the overall Gathering experience. Please either talk to a member of the Sunday Gathering Team or take a few minutes to fill out the forms that are located at the back of the room, along with pens, and boxes in which you can put your feedback. You can be anonymous or sign your name. Thanks for your help!

Sunday Gathering Team: **Leslie Newman, Beth Buelow, Valerie Engeltjes, Marianne Fischer, Chrys Moelter-Gray, Jean Regester, Chuck Tawney, Rod Van Abbema, Cindy Vanlittersum, and Ellie Williams**

Week 3@C3

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

Sign up at the Member Table to join the Sunday Dinner Group tonight at The Kirby at 5:30 p.m.

Women's Journey

Our January meeting will be on Monday, January 15, at 6:30 p.m. at The Bookman. Dress comfortably and bring a scarf to exchange, if you can.

C3 Book Club and Friends

We meet this Tuesday, January 16, at The Bookman at 6:00 p.m. (note time change) on January 16 to discuss *Klara and the Sun* by Kazuo Ishiguro. We will also assign the books for February - May at that meeting. Join us!

C3 Men's Club

The C3 Men's Group meets each Tuesday, 7 to 8:30 p.m., at St. John's Episcopal Church in Grand Haven, Room B. Contact Phil Koster at 616-402-1751 for more information.

What Does C3 Membership Mean?

Membership is a funny thing at C3. Nonmembers can participate as fully as members except for holding office or voting. Becoming a member is not a what's-in-it-for-me kind of decision. Rather, becoming a member is a commitment to something bigger than oneself. It's a gift of time, talent and/or money to our Community to ensure we continue to have this unique place to explore life and living. To become a member, stop by the Welcome Table and sign up.

Community Care and Concern

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

Pastor Tim from Life Church and his family lost their home and everything in it, including pets, to a fire recently.

- We are collecting funds 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. Monetary donations can be made through C3 in the usual ways, earmarked "Family in Need" in the memo field.
- Creative, crafty people might be inspired to make something for them, to make a new place feel like a home.
- If you have household items to donate, please send photos of them to Charity McMaster by **February 4**, to share with the family, so they can decide if they'd like those items.

Nelleke Knarr's mother entered hospice care at home in Indiana recently, and Nelleke is now back at home herself with COVID. Contact Nelleke at 747 Fuller Avenue SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506 (email: likecelica@gmail.com)