



9 a.m. **Pre-Talk & Awakenings**  
 10 a.m. **Gathering**  
 10 a.m. **C3 Kids** with **Miss Mary** and volunteer **Charity McMaster**  
 11:00 a.m. **Talk Back**  
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*Blue Team Substitute Hosts:*  
**Cheryl Van Abbema, Joan Cook, Karri Absenger**  
*Blue Team Ushers:*  
**Kim Crozier, Karen Frederiksen, Phil Leech, Beth Buelow**  
*Welcome Table:*  
**Jeff Crandle**  
*Next Week: Gold Team*  
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*C3 Board of Trustees:*  
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**Shannon McMaster,**  
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**Next Week!**  
*Speaker:* **Ames Carpenter**  
*Musician:*  
**Hannah Laine**  
*Meditation:*  
**Beth Buelow**  
*Gathering Host:*  
**Kathy Tosa**  
*Kids' Volunteer:*  
**Sally Alderink**

**Sunday, February 18, 2024**

***We Have Questions:***

***What if there is no "Evil Source" for the cruelty we impose on each other?***

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*Speaker:* **Barry Johnson** was raised in a small town in Northern Wisconsin. He attended Union Theological Seminary, lived in East Harlem and worked on civil rights issues and was office manager of Clergy and Laity Concerned about Vietnam. He is Founding Partner, Chairman & Creator of The Polarity® Map and Principles. He is an avid outdoorsman and intrepid traveler.

*Musician:* **Morgan Haner** is an American singer-songwriter, a transplant from southern Illinois who became an adopted Michigander by way of Chicago. He draws his inspiration from the wide range of the North American musical canon, with elements of the Carter Family, Jimmy Reed, Dylan, The Band, Joni Mitchell, and Big Walter Horton, all in more-or-less equal measure. His songs don't match the genre of "americana" so much as the genre matches him, sometimes like a poorly-tailored suit: it doesn't quite fit, but looks good nonetheless.

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**Music: Morgan Haner**  
**Gathering Host: Rod Van Abbema**  
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**Meditation: Cindy Anderson**  
**Moment of Silence**  
**Reading/Teaching: Barry Johnson**

The only way out and through any dualism, including that between action and contemplation, is a kind of universal forgiveness of reality for being what it is.

This becomes the bonding glue of grace which heals all separations that law, religion, or logic can never finally or fully restore.

-Richard Rohr, *Daily Meditations* on January 8, 2024

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### News from the Board of Trustees

At their recent meeting, the Board authorized Shannon McMaster to begin a strategic planning process. Invitations to participate in a variety of ways will be extended to the entire community. We look forward to being in active conversation with you about C3's future!

### Week 3@C3

Today is the last day to donate to our project for February, to stock the Micro Pantry at the Momentum Center— "Take what you need, leave what you can." Acceptable items are easy-to-prepare, shelf-stable food: microwave mac & cheese, Ramen noodles, canned soups and pasta, instant mashed potatoes, oatmeal, canned vegetables and fruit, gummy fruit snacks, fruit and pudding cups, granola bars, instant hot chocolate.

Note: Cans that don't need a can opener are especially helpful.

### Your Feedback on the Gathering

With a larger pool of guest teachers, we are seeing a lot of new faces. We would love your feedback on these guest teachers, as well as on 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 feedback form located at the back of the room. There are boxes there into which you can put your feedback, anonymously or you may sign your name. Thanks! 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.**

### Save These Dates

It may be winter now, but spring will arrive, and with your participation, C3 will show up in strength for these events, which support our value of **Care for the Earth.**

**April 20:** Earth Day

**April 27:** Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup

**May 11:** Parks Clean-up Blitz (in Spring Lake)

Also note:

**June 8:** Grand Haven Pride Festival (co-sponsor)

### Good Words about C3 on Facebook

In response to a question posted on Facebook about finding a non-religious group in West Michigan, which Cheryl Van Abbema and several C3 members answered, Rev. Jared Cramer of St. John's Episcopal commented: "As a Christian priest at St. John's Episcopal, I would second that C3 Spiritual Community is a fantastic organization that provides excellent community, good conversations, and a chance to make a difference in the world. If you're looking for a non-religious community in our area, they are the best at it, at least from what I know given the many friends I have who go there."

### No Sunday Dinner Group Planned This Week

Many of the "regulars" are out of town or unavailable, so there is no planned Sunday Dinner Group this evening. If you want to go, and find folks who want to go with you, feel free to organize an evening out!

### 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.

### C3 Book Club and Friends

Join us at 6 p.m. this coming Tuesday, **February 20** at The Bookman to discuss ***The Forty Rules of Love: A Novel of Rumi*** by Efi Shafek.

March 19: ***Bee Season: A Novel*** by Myla Goldberg

April 16: ***The Last Green Valley*** by Mark Sullivan

### Women's Journey

Our next meeting will be Monday, February 26, at 6:30 p.m. at The Bookman. Bring a favorite children's book or story. **Leslie Newman** will be leading us.

### Community Care and Concern

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

### Thanks for Your Generosity

Thanks to everyone who donated money, time, or talent to the gift we presented to Life Church's Pastor Tim's family. In the end we donated over \$2500 plus your offers of furniture, and handmade items. Thanks for coming together for this family and for showing your love for the world, wherever it's needed.

**Yvonne Olmsted** thanks our C3 Community for all the kind words, warm thoughts, and cards she received after the death of her brother, and for the interest expressed in his life. She is glad to be a part of C3 and finds so much comfort in being a member of such an amazing group of people.

### Farewell Toast for Margaret Willey and Richard Joannis

who are moving to Wisconsin on February 29. Their son Jeff Joannis and his wife Brigid are hosting a good bye party for a farewell toast on Sunday, February 25 from 6 to 8 p.m. at The Armory (17 S. 2nd Street, GH). All are welcome!