



9 a.m. **Pre-Talk & Awakenings**
10 a.m. **Gathering**
10 a.m. **C3 Kids** with **Miss Mary** and volunteer **Charmaine Kole**
11:00 a.m. **Talk Back**
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Blue Team Hosts:
Kathy Smith, Cheryl Van Abbema, Tom Edwards & Annie Wassmann
Blue Team Ushers:
Welcome Table:
Dick Kamischke
Next Week: Gold Team
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C3 Board of Trustees:
Chair: **Teresa Colbry**
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Next Week!
Speaker: **Beth Buelow**
Musician: **Spencer LaJoye**
Meditation: **Charity McMaster**
Gathering Host:
Mary Ellen Mika
Kids' Volunteer: **Sally Alderink**



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Sunday, March 24, 2024

***We Have Questions:
How Can We Find Our Sense of a Beloved World?***

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Teacher: **Ruth Zwald** (she/her) starts every morning with good coffee and the crow of the rooster. Her spiritual path winds among the trees of Christianity, the flowering plants of Indigenous beliefs, the cycles of the seasons rooted in the earth. Every day she tries to find her way towards balance.

Musician: **Frances Luke Accord**, the duo Nicholas Gunty and Brian Powers (both he/him), are what NPR's Mountain Stage calls "the definition of lean-in music." Their soft, contemplative vintage of indie-folk gestures toward a timelessness that honors the Simon & Garfunkel comparisons but pushes beyond into the world of Bon Iver, Jose Gonzalez, and progressive folk music.

Music: Frances Luke Accord
Gathering Host: Mark Smith
Music: Frances Luke Accord
Meditation: Nelleke Knarr
Moment of Silence
Reading/Teaching: Ruth Zwald

In our time and culture, we are easily pulled off balance by the many events and instances of disharmony and harm. Together we explore the word, "beloved" and listen for ways we can create such relationships.

Love is a word that is a bit ruined - something we routinely speak of - something we fall in and out of. It is bigger. It is a virtue and way of being that we have barely begun to mine. People who have turned the world on its axis through history have called humanity to love. It is not a private good. It is time we dare this more bravely - dare to learn how love can be practical, creative and sustain us for the public good - the common good.

- Krista Tippet, *Becoming Wise: An Inquiry Into the Mystery and Art of Living*

For one human being to love another human being: that is perhaps the most difficult task that has been given to us, the ultimate, the final problem and proof, the work for which all other work is merely preparation.

- Rainer Maria Rilke, *The Selected Poetry of Rainer Maria Rilke*

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Gathering Host: Mark Smith
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C3 Board of Trustees Meetings

The BOT meets monthly on the third Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at the C3 office, 1447 Washington Avenue, Grand Haven. C3 members are welcome to attend these meetings.

News from the BOT

Progress continues on the Lead Teacher search with the formation of a hiring committee, and an announcement will be forthcoming soon. The Board wishes to extend a huge thank you to everyone who is contributing to the search process!

Mark This in Your Calendar

Join us on **Sunday, April 28**, for a Talk Back Takeover, where Executive Director Shannon McMaster will lead us through a visioning exercise to kick off our community Strategic Planning process! Look for additional information in the coming weeks.

An Ask from the C3 Kids, in Their Own Words:

The C3 kids are collecting gently used blankets for animals that need a home and are living at the shelter! We will be collecting these at a table after the Gathering for the next 2 weeks. Please consider donating and thank you very much for listening!

Springtime Dine with Nine

Let's try for a spring theme for the next Dine with Nine on **Saturday, May 11**, at 6:00 p.m. Sign up any Sunday between now and April 21 at the Membership Table. This event connects adults regardless of age or relationship status, bringing together widows, singles, couples, partners, and divorcees at the host's home to share food, fun, and conversation. Coordinators of the event are Joyce Cawthon, Kathy Smith, and Mary Ackerson. Contact: Joyce (joycevcawthon@gmail.com / 616-502-3133) with questions.

Vigil for Peace and Justice Resumes

The Vigil for Peace and Justice resumes its weekly Stand for Peace activity on **Saturday, April 6** from noon to 1 p.m. along Washington Avenue at Central Park in Grand Haven. All are welcome to join in for the hour of quiet contemplation and sign holding—we have lots of signs, or make your own. If you're uncomfortable standing for an hour, please bring a chair and sit! If you can't stay for an hour, stay for as long as you can.

Adopt-A-Highway

Our spring Adopt-A-Highway cleanup is **Saturday, April 27**. The cleanup is from 10 a.m. to noon, and we need lots of volunteers! (If necessary, the rain date is Sunday, April 28, after the Talk Back Takeover). Sign up anytime via email (awassmann@wassmannndesign.com) with your name and phone number, please, or at the Outreach table.

Sunday Dinner Group

We return to The Kirby this evening at 5:30. If you can join us, sign up at the Membership table before leaving today.

Women's Journey

Don't miss our meeting tomorrow (**March 25**) at 6:30 p.m. at The Bookman to discuss poetry. Bring a favorite or an original one-page poem, and keep thinking about the content for upcoming meetings, so we can plan ahead.

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

We meet at 6 p.m. at The Bookman on **April 16** to discuss *The Last Green Valley* by Mark Sullivan. Newcomers are always welcome!

Your Feedback on the Gathering-Please!

Please share your feedback on our guest teacher today, as well as on the musician(s) and the overall Gathering experience, either by filling out the feedback form located at the back of the room or scanning the QR code below to complete the form online.



C3 Sunday Experience

Community Care and Concern

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

Justin Kleveland will be 100 on April 11. Let's help him celebrate the 100-year milestone! Cards can be sent to 1634 Sunset Drive, North Muskegon, MI 49445.

John Leitner's brother **David W. Leitner, MD** died on February 2, after suffering from dementia. David and his wife Linda lived for many years in Burlington, VT, where he was a surgeon-instructor at the University of Vermont Medical School. John and Cindy live at 14466 Angelus Circle, Grand Haven, MI 49417.