



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

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Green Team Hosts:
Karen Cotton, Joyce & Andy Cawthon, Tom Tosa, Marian Mulette, Sandy Kate & Chuck Stephens
Green Team Ushers:
Wayne Johnson, Jane Curtis, Kathy Tosa
Welcome Table:
Kathy Smith
Next Week: Red Team

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C3 Board of Trustees:
Chair: **Teresa Colbry**
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Next Week!
Speaker: **Allison Paradise**
Musician:
Molly
Meditation: **Charlotte Rozich**
Gathering Host:
Mark Smith
Kids' Volunteer:
Patti Baldus



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Sunday, April 7, 2024
Damage Done, Damage Undone

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Teacher: **Jack Ridl** is the author or editor of 14 works of literature. His collections have been named Best Poetry Collection by Foreword Review and The Society of Midland Authors; and he has been nominated 17 times for the Pushcart Prize. Named Michigan Professor of the Year by The Carnegie Foundation, more than 90 of his students have earned their MFA and more than 100 are published, several having won first book awards.

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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! They are "...veritable folk music legends in Michigan, captivating audiences with their songs, their harmonies and their folk-infused charm." (*John Sinkevics*)

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 Gathering Host: **Beth Buelow**
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 Meditation: **Andy Cawthon**
 Moment of Silence
 Reading/Teaching: **Jack Ridl**

The chickadees would take a seed, fly into the branches of the hemlocks surrounding the house and batter to get to the meat. Time and time again they returned. Peter tried to count then wondered why, stopped and thought about what to plant in the pots, where he would place them within the striped grass that made a nest for the house to sit within. He liked thinking he had nested. He liked thinking everything here could be taken away. He had cosmos, impatiens—no perennials until bloom and loss became a ritual, sacred. There was a breeze. There was the tea. And then there was a goldfinch, just one, at the thistle feeder, its startle of yellow and black seamless within its feathers. Peter watched as it took the seed, sat above him. He watched as the bird flew to the feeder, flew back to the same branch. St. Peter and the goldfinch here in the day's beginning. He could not bow his head. He knew joy's coupled sorrow. He knew that this was time. He knew what the earth knew.
 -Jack Ridl, Excerpt from *Saint Peter and the Goldfinch*

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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!

Don't Miss the Talk Back Takeover

Join us on **Sunday, April 28**, for a Talk Back Takeover, when 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.

Week3@C3 for April

Our project will be to help Grand Haven's American Legion collect snacks and other items, which they will mail in individual care packages to our troops overseas. They are collecting many different food and non-food items, like chips, candy, meal cups, shampoo, etc. Check out the full list at the Week 3 table! Items will be collected **today, April 14, and April 21**.

Vigil for Peace and Justice Resumes

Please consider joining the Vigil for Peace and Justice, which resumes its weekly Stand for Peace activity every Saturday from noon to 1 p.m. along Washington Avenue at Central Park in Grand Haven. Bring a chair if you would rather sit! If you can't stay for an hour, stay for as long as you can.

Earth Day Lakeshore Celebration: Saturday, April 20, 1 to 4 p.m.

We have four volunteers to help with the Kids' Project at the C3 booth. Thanks for helping out!

*Did you read the article *Lakeshore Earth Day Celebration empowers West Michigan for 17 years* by Community Columnist Bethany Dutcher in the March 15 edition of the *Grand Haven Tribune*? Pioneers Jean King, Pam Park, and Connie Widdis, Christ Community Church, Yvonne Olmsted, and Patti Baldus were mentioned, and Leslie Newman was interviewed!

Adopt-A-Highway: Saturday, April 27, 10 a.m. to noon

Lots of volunteers are needed for our spring Adopt-A-Highway cleanup. Sign up anytime via email (awassmann@wassmannndesign.com, include name and phone number please), or at the Outreach table.

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.

Sunday Dinner Group

We're back at Ted's this evening at 5:30. If you can join us, sign up at the Membership table before leaving today.

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

The C3 Book Club meets at 6 p.m. at The Bookman on the third Tuesday of the month. Come join the discussion about *The Last Green Valley* by Mark Sullivan on **April 16**. **May 21: *Demon Copperhead*** by Barbara Kingsolver.

Women's Journey

Our next meeting is on Earth Day, Monday, **April 22** at 6:30 pm at The Bookman (bring a small plant). In May, we meet on Monday, **May 20**.

Community Care and Concern

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

Longtime C3 member **Justin Cleveland** died on March 30, at the age of 99, just 12 days shy of his 100th birthday. After serving in the Army, he settled in Muskegon in 1953, and began his career in Internal Medicine, which he practiced for 44 years. He was a strong advocate for education, universal health care, and common-sense gun control. He also enjoyed traveling, and did so to approximately 27 countries. The Celebration of Life will be on May 11 at 12 p.m. at the Lake House (730 Terrace Point Dr, Muskegon, MI). Cards can be sent to Kathleen at 1634 Sunset Drive, North Muskegon, MI 49445.

Longtime C3 members may remember **Michael Dowd**, who was a guest teacher a few times at Christ Community Church. His wife Connie Barlow notified us that Michael died unexpectedly last October. More information can be found at thegreatstory.org