



Sunday, April 21, 2024

We Have Questions: How can we cultivate a deeper connection with nature and each other to foster joy, renewal, and wisdom in these challenging times?

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

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White Team Hosts:

Patti Baldus, Chrys Moelter-Gray,

Kathy Humphrey

White Team Ushers:

Barb & Jerry VanLeeuwen,

Cindy Krause Leitner &

John Leitner

Welcome Table:

Sarah Jacobs

Next Week: Blue Team

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Next Week!

Speaker: Michael DeWilde

In conversation with

Dr. John Mulder

Musicians: Jess and Caitlin

Meditation: Mary Ackerson

Gathering Host:

Kathy Tosa

Kids' Volunteer:

Charity McMaster

Teacher: **Tanya Cabala** is a lifelong resident of Muskegon County, earned a BS at GVSU, started a concerned citizen group to focus on cleaning up pollution, was hired in 1991 as Michigan director of the Lake Michigan Federation, helped launch local advisory groups for White Lake and Muskegon Lake, then both toxic hotspots. She has served in several civic roles in Whitehall, and ran for state representative in 2018. Now she is the Lakeshore Outreach Organizer for WMEAC (West Michigan Environmental Action Council).

Musician: **Michelle Held**, a stalwart in the contemporary folk music scene in Detroit for over a decade, has earned Honorable Mentions in the past three Telluride Troubadour Contests. She released her debut single "The World Moves On" last November. Tom Paxton says of Michelle: "Two years ago, I told Michelle that I thought she had the gift. I am changing 'thought' to 'know.'"

Music: **Michelle Held**
Gathering Host: **Chrys Moelter-Gray**
Music: **Michelle Held**
Meditation: **Rod Van Abbema**
Moment of Silence
Reading/Teaching: **Tanya Cabala**

I want to stand by the river in my finest dress. I want to sing, strong and hard, and stomp my feet with a hundred others so that the waters hum with our happiness. I want to dance for the renewal of the world. We Americans are reluctant to learn a foreign language of our own species, let alone another species. But imagine the possibilities. Imagine the access we would have to different perspectives, the things we might see through other eyes, the wisdom that surrounds us. We don't have to figure out everything by ourselves: there are intelligences other than our own, teachers all around us. Imagine how much less lonely the world would be.

Even a wounded world is feeding us. Even a wounded world holds us, giving us moments of wonder and joy. I choose joy over despair. Not because I have my head in the sand, but because joy is what the earth gives me daily and I must return the gift.
- Robin Wall Kimmerer, excerpts from *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants*

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Talk Back Takeover Next Week

Make plans to stay after the Gathering on 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.

Update from Teacher Search Team

The Teacher Search Team plans to make a decision by the end of the month, and then an offer will be extended to the selected candidate.

Week3@C3 for April

This is the last week we are collecting snacks and personal care items to help with Grand Haven American Legion Post 28's effort to supply care packages. Requested snack items (candy, chips, crackers) and non-food items (deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste) will be boxed up in individual packages to be sent to troops serving overseas.

Springtime Dine with Nine

Today is the last day to sign up to attend Dine with Nine on Saturday, May 11, at 6 p.m. Stop at the Membership Table to sign up before you leave today!

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

We still need volunteer help for our spring Adopt-A-Highway cleanup. Please sign up via email (awassmann@wassmannndesign.com, include name and phone number). Thank you!

Donate Your US-Manufactured Eclipse Glasses

Patti Baldus is collecting US-manufactured eclipse glasses to send to Eclipse Glasses USA, which distributes them to kids around the world so they can watch the next eclipse. The glasses need to include the American-based manufacturer and address on the inside. There should also be an ISO logo stamped on the edge of the glasses. If you'd like to donate, bring them to C3 next Sunday and give them to Patti.

Park Clean-Up in Spring Lake

Here's another chance to put our value of caring for the Earth into action! Outreach Team member Charlotte Rozich has organized a parks clean-up on Saturday, May 11, at 10 a.m. to clean up Tanglefoot and Millpoint Parks in Spring Lake. Many hands make light work, so help out, if you can! Sign up today at the Outreach Table.

Vigil for Peace and Justice

We stand from noon to 1 p.m. along Washington Avenue at Central Park in Grand Haven every Saturday. Bring a chair if you would rather sit! If you can't stay for an hour, stay for as long as you can.

Thank You!

Your support matters and is greatly appreciated! It takes a lot of time, energy, and money to produce all the great things that happen at C3. Whether it is our Sunday Gatherings or working within our West Michigan communities, we strive to make a difference, with compassion. Your financial support allows us to continue to learn, teach and live our values to heal and effect change.

Sunday Dinner Group

We will gather at Kirby House at 5:30 this evening to enjoy great company and a meal. Sign up at the membership table before leaving the Gathering.

Women's Journey

Gather at The Bookman at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 22—Earth Day! Bring a small plant to exchange. In May, we meet on Monday, May 20.

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

Plan to meet on Tuesday, May 20, 6 p.m. at The Bookman to discuss *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver.

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.