



Sunday, April 28, 2024

We Have Questions: Is There An Art To Dying?
Michael DeWilde in Conversation with Dr. John Mulder

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 Takeover

Blue Team Hosts:
Tom Edwards & Annie Wassmann,
Mark & Kathy Smith,
Cheryl Van Abbema

Blue Team Ushers:
Kim Crozier, Karen Fredriksen,
Phil Leech, Beth Buelow

Welcome Table:
Dick Kamischke
Next Week: **Gold Team**

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Next Week!
Speaker: **Tony Jones**
Musician: **Jen Sygit**
Meditation: **Beth Buelow**
Gathering Host:
Tod Wyn
Kids' Volunteer:
Char Kole



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Teacher: **Michael DeWilde**, a Core Teacher at C3, is the director of the Koeze Business Ethics Initiative in the Seidman College of Business, as well as a full professor in the Management Department at GVSU. He holds an MTS from Harvard University and did his undergraduate work at William James College (GVSU).

Dr. John Mulder has extensive experience in hospice and palliative care. He has an appointment as Assistant Professor in the Department of Family Medicine at Michigan State University College of Human Medicine where he serves as the Director of the Division of Palliative Medicine. He serves as medical director for a number of hospice and palliative care organizations in the region.

Musicians: **Jess Willyard** is a guitar-playing singer-songwriter active in the Michigan music scene since the early 90's. He currently teaches guitar, bass, ukulele, and mandolin. He was also a student with the Tibetan Buddhist master Gelek Rimpoche for over 20 years.

Caitlin Eyestone is a teacher and a district behavior consultant at Northview Public Schools

Music: **Jess and Caitlyn**
Gathering Host: **Kathy Tosa**
Music: **Jess and Caitlyn**
Meditation: **Mary Ackerson**
Moment of Silence
Reading/Teaching: **Michael DeWilde and Dr. John Mulder**

I touch you knowing we weren't born tomorrow,
and somehow, each of us will help the other live,
and somewhere, each of us must help the other die.
— Adrienne Rich, *Twenty-One Love Poems*.

It is necessary to meditate early, and often, on the art of dying to
succeed later in doing it properly just once.
— Umberto Eco, *The Island of the Day Before*

Don't send me flowers when I'm dead. If you like me, send them
while I'm alive. - Brian Clough

Life is hard. Then you die. Then they throw dirt in your face. Then
the worms eat you. Be grateful it happens in that order.
- David Gerrold

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Please Stay for Talk Back Takeover

Please stay after the Gathering today 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, as we look forward to what the C3 Gathering will look like in the summer of 2026. If you cannot stay, Shannon will send an email with the survey questions for you to answer. Watch for the subject line: **C3: The Future is Coming! Speak Up!**

Donate Your US-Manufactured Eclipse Glasses

Today is the last day Patti Baldus is collecting US-manufactured eclipse glasses to send to Eclipse Glasses USA, which distributes them to kids around the world. Please put them in the basket on the back table near Chuck.

Thank you from Grand Haven's American Legion!

The Women's Auxiliary of the Legion messaged a special thank you for the "wonderful donation" to their care package project! Thank you, everyone who contributed to April's Week 3@C3 project.

Week 3@C3 - May 2024: Goal Forty!

The Friends of Muskegon Heights Public Library, an organization which includes several C3 members, will present a "Summer Reading Series" for children of Muskegon County, a five-session program in July that features story sharing, math concepts, writing skills, and reading readiness activities in preparation for school in the fall. We have been invited to participate by providing 40 backpacks, each containing a pencil holder (case) and a set of washable, felt-tipped markers, which will be handed out at the end of the program with the intention that the children will use them for school in the fall. A suggestion is that each C3 family, family group or individual presents one set: elementary school backpack, pencil holder and markers. Backpacks should be fairly substantial (not toys), as they are intended for school use. Note: This does not replace our August "Back to School" supply collecting for Muskegon Heights Public School Academy system.

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.

Springtime Dine with Nine

Keep an eye out for an email from your host with information about your upcoming Dine with Nine experience on May 11.

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.

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.

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.

Women's Journey

In May, we meet on Monday, May 20, at 6:30 p.m. at The Bookman. Joyce Cawthon will lead an activity with intentional words. Choose a word that inspires you.

C3 Book Club and Friends

Plan to meet on Tuesday, May 21, 6 p.m. at The Bookman to discuss *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver.

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.**

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