



Sunday, May 5, 2024

We Have Questions: Why Are We Afraid of Death?

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

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Gold Team Hosts: **Betty Porter, Jenny Roberts & Bob Burleigh, Jean Regester, Mike & Charlotte Rozich**
Gold Team Ushers: **Martha Perko, Rod & Cheryl Van Abbema, Cheri Eshenaur**
Welcome Table:
Ellie Williams
Next Week: **Green Team**

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Next Week!
Speaker: **Tabitha Blanski**
Musician: **Josh Rose**
Meditation: **Bob Kleinheksel**
Gathering Host:
Nelleke Knarr
Kids' Volunteer:
Eleanor Hills



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Teacher: **Tony Jones**, M.Div., Ph.D., is the author of *The God of Wild Places: Rediscovering the Divine in the Untamed Outdoors*, an outdoorsman, theologian, professor, former pastor, and award-winning writer. He's written a dozen books, including *The Sacred Way*, hosts The Reverend Hunter Podcast, teaches writing classes, mentors novice hunters, and guides canoe trips in the Boundary Waters. He holds degrees from Dartmouth College, Fuller Theological Seminary, and Princeton Theological Seminary. Tony is married, has three children and two dogs, and lives in Edina, Minnesota.

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Musician: **Jen Sygit** is a Lansing-based award-winning songwriter who wields a rare and powerful talent, equally comfortable performing ethereal folk tunes, crooning sultry swing numbers, or soulfully belting gritty alt-county ballads. An accomplished multi-instrumentalist who isn't afraid to test boundaries and cross genres, Jen's eclectic musical style draws the listener in and holds them captivated. Her lyrics reveal an oft-overlooked beauty to life's mundane struggles.

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Moment of Silence
Reading/Teaching: **Tony Jones**

The feeling of it may at times come sweeping like a gentle tide pervading the mind with a tranquil mood of deepest worship. It may pass over into a more set and lasting attitude of the soul, continuing, as it were, thrillingly vibrant and resonant... It may burst in sudden eruption up from the depths of the soul with spasms and convulsions, or lead to the strangest excitements, to intoxicated frenzy, to transport, and to ecstasy... it may be developed into something beautiful and pure and glorious. It may become the hushed, trembling, and speechless humility of the creature in the presence of — whom or what? In the presence of that which is a mystery inexpressible and above all creatures.

- Rudolf Otto, *The Idea of the Holy*

Mortality is almost no one's favorite subject, save for funeral directors, casket makers, pathologists, homicide detectives, and a few especially lachrymose ministers and priests. Hunting and fishing involve trip-hammering our fellow creatures into eternity... If there is a virtue in distancing yourself from what you eat, I do not perceive it.

- Jim Harrison, *Sportman's Journal*, "A New Map of the Sacred Territory"

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Thanks for participating in last week's Talk Back Takeover!

Shannon is tallying the responses, including those from an on-line survey sent to all our Wild Apricot Contacts who couldn't join us. The Strategic Plan Steering Committee and Shannon will review the results, and begin assembling Focus Teams to help turn the results into workable plans. The teams are expected to meet 2-4 times between now and July. We expect to see the completed plan by the end of July. Shannon will provide additional updates as the process proceeds.

Parks Clean Up in Spring Lake

It's not too late to sign up to help with our clean-up of Tanglefoot and Millpoint Parks in Spring Lake next Saturday, May 11, at 10a.m. The sign-up sheet and further information are at the Outreach Table.

Thank You, Adopt-A-Highway Volunteers!

Thank you to the 27 volunteers that participated and removed 78 bags of trash from our four-mile area. It was very windy, but the job was completed successfully. Save the date for our fall pick-up: Saturday, September 28.

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: backpack, pencil holder and markers. Backpacks should be fairly substantial (not toys), as they are intended for school use. Bring them to the Week 3@C3 table by May 19.

Note: This does not replace our August "Back to School" supply collecting for Muskegon Heights Public School Academy system.

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.

Eclipse Glasses

Patti Baldus is sending 33 pairs of eclipse glass to Utah to be delivered to Central American school kids, so they can watch the October eclipse in their part of the world. Thank you!

Springtime Dine with Nine

You should have received an email from your host with information about your upcoming Dine with Nine experience on May 11. If not, contact Joyce (joycevcawthon@gmail.com / 616-502-3133).

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.

Community Care and Concern

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

The Celebration of Life for **Justin Kleveland** will be on May 11 at 12 p.m. at the Lake House 730 Terrace Point Drive, Muskegon.

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