



Sunday, May 12, 2024

**We Have Questions: Is Motherhood Fulfilling?**

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

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

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C3 Board of Trustees:  
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Next Week!  
Teacher: Brad Ruggles  
Musician: Hannah Laine  
Meditation: Leslie Newman  
Gathering Host: Mark Smith  
Kids' Volunteer: Patti Baldus



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Teacher: **Tabitha Blanski** is a lover of stories and wears many stories of her own – filmmaker, photographer, mother, member of the C3 community. Her first documentary film, *The Birth of a Mother*, follows three new mothers as they are initiated into parenthood and discover that, in addition to keeping a new human alive, part of them will have to die. The film is currently in post-production.

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Musician: **Josh Rose**, teacher and song craftsman, grew up in the northern woodlands and fine-tuned his songwriting in the borderlands. He has spent the past ten years touring the Midwest, teaching, writing, and creating a rich body of work. He is the type of writer who labors over every word and wants his song to be injected into the listener's permanent being.

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Music: **Josh Rose**  
Gathering Host: **Nelleke Knarr**  
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Meditation: **Bob Kleinheksel**  
Moment of Silence  
Reading/Teaching: **Tabitha Blanski**

The greatest advantage of not having children must be that you can go on believing that you are a nice person: once you have children, you realize how wars start.  
- Fay Weldon, *Torn In Two*

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...we are seeking a wild and wise mother. We are not, cannot be, separate from her. Our relationship to this soulful mother is meant to turn and turn, and to change and change, and it is a paradox. This mother is a school we are born into, a school we are students in, a school we are teachers at, all at the same time, and for the rest of our lives. Whether we have children or not, whether we nourish the garden, the sciences, or the thunderworld of poetics, we always brush against the wild mother on our way to anywhere else. And this is as it should be.  
- Clarissa Pinkola Estés, *Women Who Run With the Wolves*

My mother had a great deal of trouble with me, but I think she enjoyed it.  
- Mark Twain, *The Autobiography of Mark Twain*

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### **Brad Ruggles is Our New Lead Teacher**

The Hiring Team announced last Sunday that they had selected Brad Ruggles as our new Lead Teacher, and the Board of Trustees affirmed that selection. Members who were present at the Gathering approved the choice by show of hands. Brad will be with us next week as Lead Teacher. An Introductory and Welcome Sunday will take place later.

Many thanks to the Hiring Team for their diligent efforts over the past several months: **Dick Kamischke** (lead), **Marianne Fischer**, **Charity McMaster**, **Teresa Colbry**, **Valerie Engeltjes**, **Cathy Feyt**, **Jeff Crandle**, **Gordy Alderink**, **Rod Van Abbema**, **Judy Blinn**, **Kim Crozier**, **David Dean**, and **Nelleke Knarr**.

### **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 next Sunday, May 19.

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

### **Sunday Dinner Group**

We will gather either at Kirby House or Dr. Rolf's Barbeque (Spring Lake) at 5:30 this evening, depending on availability of reservations. Check at the Membership table for which location and sign up 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, 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.

### **Thank You!**

Whatever your gift is to C3—time, talent and/or treasure—WE THANK YOU!! Please know what a difference you are making! It truly takes a village!

### **Community Care and Concern**

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

**Cindy Anderson** had knee replacement surgery on May 2, and is now at home on track for good healing. Cards may be sent to 15016 Stickney Ridge Road, Grand Haven, MI 49416.

**Bill Haug's** brother, Andrew "Andy" Haug, 71, died on May 6, following a debilitating stroke. Visitation (10 a.m.) and Mass of Christian Burial (11 a.m.) will take place at Saint Francis de Sales Church - Marian Chapel on Tuesday, May 14. Cards may be sent to Bill Haug and Jane Curtis, 18013 North Shore Estates Road, Spring Lake, MI 49456.

**Kathy and Tom Tosa's son** who lives in Australia was in a motorcycle accident and suffered spinal injuries. Kathy is with him down under. Please keep him in your thoughts.

### **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