



Sunday, June 9, 2024

The Old Will Dream, the Young See Visions: Renewal of the Mystical (Part One)

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,
Andy & Joyce Cawthon,
Tom Edwards & Annie Wassmann
Gold Team Ushers:
Rod & Cheryl Van Abbema,
Cheri Eshenaur, Martha Perko
Welcome Table: Ellie Williams
Next Week: Green Team

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C3 Board of Trustees:
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Next Week!
Teacher: Kent Dobson
Musicians: The Rough & Tumble
Meditation: Andy Cawthon
Gathering Host: Chrys Moelter-Gray
Kids' Volunteer: Patti Baldus

Guest Teacher: Kent Dobson is a wilderness guide, podcaster and author. He worked for the church as a pastor, and at C3 as the lead teacher. He cares about questions of the Soul, the mystery of the Divine, and about a culture more connected to the Sacred.

Musician: Spencer LaJoye (they/them) is an East Coast singer/songwriter from the Midwest making queer indie folk music for everyone. The 2021 Kerrville Songwriting Competition winner spins crystalline vocals through a loop pedal while strumming an acoustic guitar in charming, banter-heavy performances that keep audiences laughing one moment and weeping the next.

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Music: **Spencer LaJoye**

Gathering Host: **Beth Buelow**

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Meditation: **Nelleke Knarr**

Moment of Silence

Reading/Teaching: **Kent Dobson**

In mysticism that love of truth which we saw as the beginning of all philosophy leaves the merely intellectual sphere, and takes on the assured aspect of a personal passion. Where the philosopher guesses and argues, the mystic lives and looks; and speaks, consequently, the disconcerting language of first-hand experience, not the neat dialectic of the schools. Hence whilst the Absolute of the metaphysicians remains a diagram –impersonal and unattainable– the Absolute of the mystics is lovable, attainable, alive.
- Evelyn Underhill, *Mysticism*

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Join us for a Conversation Walk!

After the Gathering on Sunday, June 30, join us for an engaging Conversation Walk at Coast Guard Park (18161 North Shore Drive, Ferrysburg, MI 49409). We'll meet in the parking lot at 12:30 p.m. and set out on a hike or a leisurely walk, depending on your preference. Questions? Contact host David Dean.

Upcoming Guest Teachers

How nice it is to welcome **Kent Dobson** back to C3! He will be our teacher again next week. On June 23, **Joseph Kuilema** comes to C3 as Guest Teacher. He is a social worker and global studies professor who lost his job at Calvin University for officiating at the wedding of a former student (a transgender man) and their fiancé. Kuilema has filed suit against Calvin. He now is an assistant professor at GVSU and is committed to fighting for LGBTQ+ equality.

C3 Pride T-Shirts!

The C3 Rainbow Pride t-shirts made a good showing at the Grand Haven Pride Festival yesterday! If you didn't pick yours up yesterday, pick it up this morning at the Outreach table. Wear it anytime and anywhere you want to spread a little love and inclusion, C3-style!

C3 Kids Helpers Needed!

Mary Crouse is our C3 Kids teacher. She needs a helper each Sunday morning from 10 a.m. to noon. She needs a second adult with her for support and to accompany kids to the restroom down the hall. There are five women currently on the rotation to help Mary. We need three more volunteers, so that each person only needs to take a turn every eight weeks. Please consider joining this essential team. Men are also encouraged to volunteer! Contact Sally Alderink, 616-403-5521, sallyalderink@gmail.com.

C3 Summer Celebration

Mark Thursday, July 18, as the C3 Summer Celebration! We will recognize Brad Ruggles as our Lead Teacher and Shannon McMaster as our Executive Director with a potluck supper at Mulligan's Hollow. Expect more details as the date gets closer.

Week 3@C3

We will support The Green Valley Samaritans, members of The Good Shepherd United Church of Christ, Sahuarita, AZ, who work to relieve the suffering of migrants and asylum seekers in the borderlands of Sonora, Mexico, and southern Arizona. They do desert searches for stranded migrants, maintain water drop stations, provide for El Comedor migrant station and assist at the Welcome Center in Tucson. Our monetary gifts will support general expenses of water, food, blankets, clothing and first aid. Cash, checks, and credit card donations will be accepted today and next week. *Make checks out to C3, with "Green Valley Samaritans" in the memo line.*

Sunday Dinner Group

Join us on Sunday evenings for the Sunday Dinner Group! We meet at 5:30 p.m. Sign up on the sheet at the Membership table before you leave 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.

Vigil for Peace and Justice

The Vigil for Peace and Justice will take place this and every Saturday (except for Coast Guard Week) through November, along Washington Avenue at Central Park, from noon to 1 p.m.

Women's Journey

Our next meeting will be on Monday, June 17, 6:30 p.m. at The Bookman.

C3 Book Club and Friends

On Tuesday, June 18, we meet at The Bookman at 6:30 p.m. to discuss *Sisters Under the Rising Sun: A Novel* by Heather Morris.

News Items through June 14

News to be included in the C3 Update or C3 Matters should be submitted to Becky Park, frontdesk@c3westmichigan.org, and Annie Wassmann, awassmann@wassmannndesign.com by Wednesday morning.

Community Care and Concern

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

Chase Gue and Family

are repairing their home after significant water damage due to a plumbing issue. If you would like to offer some assistance to them during renovations, Meijer gift cards would be appreciated.

Mary Jane Montgomery is at home recovering from scheduled surgery earlier this week. Cards may be sent to P.O. Box 722, Grand Haven, MI 49417.

Pam Park had surgery on a smashed thumb at the end of May. She says dinner donations would be appreciated. Call 616-834-7461 to coordinate. Cards may be sent to 11682 152nd Avenue, West Olive, MI 49460-9232.