



Sunday, June 23, 2024

Love Has Never Been a Popular Movement

9 a.m. Pre-Talk
10 a.m. Gathering
10 a.m. C3 Kids with Miss Mary and volunteer Charity McMaster
11:00 a.m. Talk Back

Red Team Hosts: Yvonne Olmsted, Skip & Mary Ackerson, Sarah Jacobs, Char Zoet
Red Team Ushers: Tom Webber, Joyce & Andy Cawthon, Bob Wassink
Welcome Table: Jeff Crandle
Next Week: White Team

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Next Week!
Teacher: Brad Ruggles
Musician: Molly
Meditation: Rod Van Abbema
Gathering Host: Mary Ellen Mika
Kids' Volunteer: Sally Alderink



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Guest Teacher: Joseph Kuilema (he/him) is an assistant professor of social work at Grand Valley State University. He taught at Calvin University until 2022, when he was fired after officiating a Queer wedding for a former student. He lives in Grand Rapids with his wife and three children.

Musician: Nelleke Knarr is a longtime C3 member, who has lived in SW Michigan for 18 years. She has studied piano since the age of 10, has a BS in Music Therapy, and many years of experience as a teacher, accompanist, music director, and performer. Given her love of beautiful, moving pieces, her favorite styles are contemporary and traditional classical, movie soundtracks, Broadway and New Age.

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Gathering Host: Rod Van Abbema

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Meditation: Charlotte Rozich

Moment of Silence

Reading/Teaching: Joseph Kuilema

Love has never been a popular movement. And no one's ever wanted, really, to be free. The world is held together, really it is held together, by the love and the passion of a very few people. Otherwise, of course, you can despair. Walk down the street of any city, any afternoon, and look around you. What you've got to remember is what you're looking at is also you. Everyone you're looking at is also you. You could be that person. You could be that monster, you could be that cop. And you have to decide, in yourself, not to be.

- James Baldwin

Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

- 1 John 3:18

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### **Awakenings on Pause this Summer**

Awakenings will not meet on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. this summer. The fall schedule is yet to be determined.

### **LET'S WALK (and talk)!**

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.

### **C3 Summer Celebration**

Don't miss the highlight of the summer, our C3 Summer Celebration! On Thursday, July 18, we will recognize Brad Ruggles as our Lead Teacher and Shannon McMaster as our Executive Director with a potluck supper at Mulligan's Hollow. Sign up for your food contribution now at the Outreach table.

### **C3 Kids Helpers Needed!**

**Mary Crouse** is our C3 Kids teacher. She needs a helper each Sunday morning from 10 a.m. to noon for support and to accompany kids to the restroom down the hall. Please consider joining this essential team. Men are also encouraged to volunteer! Contact Sally Alderink, 616-403-5521, [sallyalderink@gmail.com](mailto:sallyalderink@gmail.com).

### **A Note from Patti about Small Bites**

We have had some wonderful spontaneous donations for our Small Bites table, beyond those that our regular volunteers bring in. Thank you so much! I just have a very simple request. If you (very generously) bring in something for Small Bites, please leave a note on it with your name, so I can give you credit for the donation, and so I know to whom to return the plate. Thank you.

### **Sunday Dinner Group at the Park**

For the summer, the Sunday Dinner Group will meet at William Ferry Park in Ferrysburg at 5:30 p.m. Bring your own picnic items, or stop and pick up some take-out food on the way! No need to sign up—just come!

### **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**

Join us in celebrating Pride Month and Juneteenth at the Vigil for Peace and Justice this Saturday along Washington Avenue at Central Park, from noon to 1 p.m.

### **C3 Book Club and Friends**

Book Club continues to meet through the Summer at The Bookman at 6:30 p.m. Upcoming reads:

July 23: *The Woman They Could Not Silence* by Kate Moore

August 27: *The House in the Cerulean Sea* by T.J. Klune

September 24: *Bicycling with Butterflies* by Sarah Dykman

### **Women's Journey**

Women's Journey will adjourn for the summer.

### **Community Care and Concern**

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

**Lois Bennett**, mother of **Pete (Julia) Bennett** passed away June 7. Services were held June 12 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Spring Lake. Condolences may be sent to Pete and Julia at 13987 Lincoln Grand Haven, MI 49417.

**Jeff Crandle's** mother, **Nancy**, passed away June 2. A memorial service will be held at VanZantwick's Grand Haven chapel on Monday, June 24 at 11 a.m. with visitation at 10 a.m. Condolences may be sent to Jeff at 16045 Harbor Point Dr. Spring Lake, 49456.

**Connie Farell** is now residing at Lake Woods Nursing and Rehab after a fall at home. Room 4, Bed 1, 1684 Vulcan St. Muskegon 49442

**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.

**Amy Hodson**, mother of **Dave Hodson (Susan)**, died on June 13 in Muskegon. Notes of support and condolence can be sent to Dave and Susan at 2880 Rolling Hills Court, Hudsonville, MI 49426.

**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.