



Sunday, September 1, 2024

Hot Button Issues in Ethics, Part One

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

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

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Next Week!
Teacher: Michael DeWilde
Musician: Jess Willyard with Michael, Sonja and Charlotte DeWilde
Meditation: Rod Van Abbema
Gathering Host: Tod Wyn
Kids' Volunteer: Renee Borton



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Core Teacher: Michael DeWilde is Director of the Koeze Business Ethics Initiative at the Seidman College of Business, as well as 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).

Musician: Molly is an award-winning singer-songwriter from Grand Rapids. She writes to explore what it means to be a Black woman in America. Her unique past and desire for a sense of freedom inform both her emotive style and her thought-provoking lyrics, making for a moody, eclectic, colorful, and soulful sound.

Music: Molly

Gathering Host: Kathy Tosa

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Meditation: Karri Absenger

Moment of Silence

Readings/Teaching: Michael DeWilde

"Morality is simply the attitude we adopt towards people whom we personally dislike."

- Oscar Wilde

"Morality is not a subject; it is a life put to the test in dozens of moments."

- Albert Camus

"Those are my principles, and if you don't like them...well, I have others."

- Groucho Marx

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### **Nominations for BOT**

The Board of Trustees election will happen at the Annual Meeting on November 3. There are three openings on the board for 2025-26. Two current board members will be seeking re-election, leaving one open seat.

Nominations are open through October 1. If you would like to nominate someone, or have any questions, please see Trustee Wayne Johnson or Executive Director Shannon McMaster.

### **Can You Take One Small Step?**

C3 is encouraging people to participate in One Small Step, an initiative by WGVU and StoryCorps by signing up to take part in a facilitated conversation with someone new, with different political beliefs from yours, and get to know each other as people. Learn more and sign up at the WGVU website: [www.wgvu.org/onesmallstep/](http://www.wgvu.org/onesmallstep/)

### **Week 3@C3: Food for Gaza**

From September 1 - 15, we will accept checks, cash, or credit card donations to help provide food packets in Gaza. Gifts will be funneled through MCC (Mennonite Central Committee) in Goshen, IN, and food packets will go to refugees sheltering in camps in Gaza. Make checks out to C3, with "Food for Gaza" in the memo line. Checks will be acknowledged for tax purposes. Checks may be put in the donation boxes, or mailed to C3, PO Box 371, Grand Haven, MI 49417. Cash labeled "Food for Gaza" is accepted in the donation boxes. See Chase for credit card donations.

### **September Events to Note**

- On September 21, the Hispanic Heritage Fiesta takes place. Sign up with Patti to staff the C3 table and/or bake cookies to sell.
- Humanity for Prisoners' fall fundraiser *Voices of Humanity* is scheduled for September 26. Search "Humanity for Prisoners" online for ticket information.
- Our Adopt-A-Highway clean-up effort will be on September 28, 10 a.m. to noon. Lots of volunteers are needed for our fall Adopt-A-Highway cleanup. Sign up anytime via email ([awassmann@wassmannndesign.com](mailto:awassmann@wassmannndesign.com), include name and phone number please), or at the Outreach table starting September 8.

### **Dine with Nine in October**

The next Dine with Nine (or seven or eight) is planned for October 19. Sign up any Sunday in September. The theme is Fall Harvest Time. All are welcome to participate! Several hosts will open their homes for the event, which provides an enjoyable evening for everyone to laugh, eat, and discuss.

### **Seating Layout for Sunday Gatherings**

We continue to tweak the room layout in an attempt to make the room more comfortable and functional for us while we're here. If you have any feedback about the changes, email Brad ([brad@c3westmichigan.org](mailto:brad@c3westmichigan.org)) and let him know.

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

The Sunday Dinner Group meets at William Ferry Park in Ferrysburg at 5:30 p.m. There's no need to sign up—just bring your own picnic items, or stop for some take-out food on the way!

### **C3 Men's Club**

Join in conversation with men from C3 and the community each Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Room B at St. John's Episcopal Church. Questions? Call Phil Koster at 616-402-1751.

### **Vigil for Peace and Justice**

Join us Saturdays from noon to 1 p.m. along Washington Avenue at Central Park.

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

Our next book discussion is at The Bookman at 6:30 p.m. on September 17. We will discuss *Bicycling with Butterflies* by Sarah Dykman.

### **Women's Journey**

Women's Journey is paused for the summer. Our next meeting will be September 23 at 6:30 pm at The Bookman.

### **Info for C3 Matters or C3 Update**

Please send any announcement for the C3 Update and/or C3 Matters to Chrys ([cgmgray@mac.com](mailto:cgmgray@mac.com)) & Becky ([frontdesk@c3westmichigan.org](mailto:frontdesk@c3westmichigan.org)) by Tuesday of the week you would like it included.

### **Community Care and Concern**

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

Our former interim leader **Barbara Lee Van Horsen's son Jackson Selb** transitioned from this life into light on Friday, August 16, after a long struggle with a terminal illness. A funeral took place on Friday, August 23. The obituary is on the Sytsema website. Cards can be sent to 10 Lafayette Avenue, Grand Haven, MI 49417.

**Joan Sutton** died peacefully at home on the morning of August 26. Arrangements are pending. Cards can be sent to 13892 148th Avenue, Grand Haven, MI 49417.