



Sunday, October 13, 2024
What the World Needs Now: Humility

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

White Team Hosts:
Patti Baldus, Kathy Humphrey,
Chrys Moelter-Gray, Ellie Williams
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Barb & Jerry Van Leeuwen,
Cindy Krause & John Leitner,
Welcome Table: Sarah Jacobs
Next Week: Blue Team

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Next Week!
Teacher: John Phillip Newell
Musician: Spencer LaJoye
Meditation: Cami Twilling
Gathering Host: Mary Ellen Mika
Kids' Volunteer: Sally Alderink



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For Sacred Earth Sacred Soul Retreat with
John Phillip Newell and Cami Twilling

Guest Teacher: **Daryl Van Tongeren**, Ph.D., is a Professor of Psychology and Director of the Frost Center for Social Science Research at Hope College. His latest book, *Done: How to Flourish after Leaving Religion*, explores ways to find meaning and experience growth after undergoing religious change.

Musician: **Sam Robbins** (he/him) is often described as an "old soul singer-songwriter." A Nashville-based musician who adds a modern, upbeat edge to the storyteller-troubadour persona. He has gained recognition as one of the six 2021 winners of the Kerrville Folk Festival New Folk competition, and as the first to sing a Jim Croce song on The Voice. Sam released his second album "Bigger Than in Between" to critical acclaim in August 2022.

Music: **Sam Robbins**
Gathering Host: **Beth Buelow**
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Meditation: **Nelleke Knarr**
Moment of Silence
Readings/Teaching: **Daryl Van Tongeren**

I go by a field where once I cultivated a few poor crops. It is now covered with young trees, for the forest that belongs here has come back and reclaimed its own. And I think of all the effort I have wasted and all the time, and of how much joy I took in that failed work and how much it taught me. For in so failing I learned something of my place, something of myself, and now I welcome back the trees.

—Wendell Berry

A man said to the universe: "Sir, I exist!"
"However," replied the universe,
"The fact has not created in me A sense of obligation."
-Stephen Crane

There will come soft rains and the smell of the ground, And swallows circling with their shimmering sound; And frogs in the pools singing at night, And wild plum trees in tremulous white, Robins will wear their feathery fire Whistling their whims on a low fence-wire; And not one will know of the war, not one Will care at last when it is done. Not one would mind, neither bird nor tree If mankind perished utterly; And Spring herself, when she woke at dawn, Would scarcely know that we were gone.

—Sara Teasdale

The wind, one brilliant day, called to my soul with an odor of jasmine. "In return for the odor of my jasmine, I'd like all the odor of your roses." "I have no roses; all the flowers in my garden are dead." "Well then, I'll take the withered petals and the yellow leaves and the waters of the fountain." The wind left. And I wept. And I said to myself: "What have you done with the garden that was entrusted to you?"

—Antonio Machado

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Special International Guest Teacher Next Week

John Philip Newell, a “wandering teacher” from Scotland in the ancient Celtic Christian tradition, who draws on both the poetic and the intellectual, and addresses the head as well as the heart, will be our Guest Teacher next week, to talk about *The Great Search*. On October 19, *Sacred Earth, Sacred Soul - A Retreat with John Philip Newell & Cami Twilling* is being offered. Check C3’s Facebook page for all of the information about the weekend’s activities and the registration link.

Life Church Moved to Second Reformed

Now that Life Church has found their new home, we might feel a bit like empty nesters here at C3—happy on their behalf, and grateful for some quieter times with each other. Shannon and Brad will work with Central Park Place over the next few weeks to assess our use options and costs.

C3 Community Celebration - November 3

Make plans now to attend the C3 Community Celebration on Sunday, November 3. We plan to celebrate the exciting changes at C3. You will have the chance to get plugged in to some of the great opportunities at C3. Talk Back will be replaced with the Annual Meeting and a Potluck.

Please note: If your last name begins with . . .

A - I: bring a main dish; **J - P:** bring a side dish; **Q - Z:** bring a dessert.

Table ware and beverages will be provided. It will be fun!

Dine with Nine

If you signed up, you should have received word from your Dine with Nine Host with information you’ll need, asking you to indicate which part of the meal you will provide when you attend on Saturday, October 19, at 6 p.m. Questions? Contact Joyce Cawthon (joycevcawthon@gmail.com).

Week 3@C3 for October: Thanksgiving Baskets

We will help Muskegon Rescue Mission fill 900 baskets for the annual Thanksgiving Basket Giveaway, which offers area residents a full Thanksgiving meal to make at home. Choose from the list at the Week 3@C3 table. Bring items by next Sunday, October 20. New to the list this year are mittens, gloves, hats, and scarves. Cash donations also welcome.

Do You Have Any Old Photos of C3 (Christ Community Church)?

We’re trying to collect historical photos of C3/Christ Community Church to be used for the Community Celebration on November 3. Photos in digital format are preferred, and can be sent to Brad@c3westmichigan.org. If you need us to scan your hard copy, please call or text 616-842-1985, or email smcmaster@c3westmichigan.org.

Sunday Dinner Group

Sign up at the Welcome table to go to Ted’s at 5:30 p.m.

C3 Men’s Club

This men’s conversation group meets each Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Room B at St. John’s Episcopal Church. Call Phil Koster, 616-492-1751 with questions.

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

C3 and Friends Book Club will meet at the Bookman at 6 p.m. on October 15 to discuss *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride.

November 19: *My Beloved World* by Sonia Sotomayor (note change of title/author)

Women’s Journey

Our next meeting is Monday, October 28 at 6:30 p.m. at The Bookman.

Community Care and Concern

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

Thom Clay died recently, as we learned from his sister Celia Said. There will be a service on November 2. You may contact Shannon at the office for information on how to reach Celia for details.

Our beloved long-time member **Connie Farrell** died peacefully on Friday evening, October 4. Arrangements will be by Klassen Funeral Home and Connie’s sons.

Janice Scharich’s mother, Vera Sturgeon Van Velsen, died on September 4, at age 88. Cards may be sent to 940 Bradford Greens Court, Grand Rapids, MI 49525.

A celebration of life will be held for **Joan Sutton** on October 19, from 1 to 5 p.m. at 11888 144th Avenue, West Olive, MI 49460, at her brother’s family blueberry farm. Bob Kleinheksel will hold a short service at 2 p.m., at which time the family would love for you to share stories of your time with Joanie. Time to visit and eat will follow. Cards can be sent to 13892 148th Avenue, Grand Haven, MI 49417

The Tosas thank you for your support. Son Michael was released from the hospital September 20 and is at home in Busselton, AU, getting used to normal life again and gaining strength, on his way to further recovery. Kathy and Tom will travel to see him in December.