



9 a.m. **Pretalk**  
 10 a.m. **Gathering**  
 10 a.m. **C3 Kids** with  
**Miss Mary** and volunteer  
**Patti Baldus**  
 11:00 a.m. **Talk Back**

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*White Team Hosts:*  
**Patti Baldus, Kathy Humphrey,**  
**Chrys Moelter-Gray, Deb Schubert**  
*White Team Ushers:*  
**Jerry & Barb VanLeeuwen,**  
**John Leitner & Cindy Krause-Leitner**  
*Welcome Table:* **Sarah Jacobs**  
*Next Week:* **Blue Team**

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*C3 Board of Trustees:*  
*Chair:* **Teresa Colbry**  
*Vice Chair:* **Tod Wyn**  
*Treasurer:* **Andy Cawthon**  
*Secretary:* **Beth Buelow**  
*Trustees:*  
**Tabitha Blanski**  
**Karen Cotton**  
**Kim Crozier**  
**Cheri Eshenaur**  
**Kathy Humphrey**  
**Wayne Johnson**  
**Rod Van Abbema**

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**Next Week –**  
*Teacher:* **David Takitaki**  
*Music:* **Matt Gabriel**  
*Meditation:* **Charlotte Rozich**  
*Gathering Host:* **Mark Smith**  
*Kids' Volunteer:* **Sally Alderink**



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**Sunday, November 17, 2024**

**What the World Needs Now: Courage**

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*Guest Teachers:* **Reverend Luis Cypher** (he/him) is a Holland-born nature enthusiast, kayaker, and marksman with a background in Veterinary Medicine. He is a proud member of the West Michigan Latino Community with familial ties to Mexico and Puerto Rico. His achievements include delivering the Satanic Invocation at the Ottawa County Commission Meeting.

**Minister Bendr Bones** (he/him) hails from Grand Rapids and is a fitness trainer and activist. He crafts a variety of the non-theistic rituals and ceremonies used to affirm the human experience and find personal empowerment, which includes Baptismal dissolutions and "Destruction Rituals."

*Musician:* **Eli Kahn** is a guitarist, producer, and improviser from South Bend, IN, now living in Asheville, NC. After graduating from Indiana University of South Bend in 2010 with degrees in both classical guitar performance and music theory, he transitioned into jazz/fusion and improvisatory music, and discovered his love for production.

Music: **Eli Kahn**

Gathering Host: **Kathy Tosa**

Music: **Eli Kahn**

Meditation: **Rod Van Abbema**

Moment of Silence

Readings/Teaching: **Luis Cypher and Bendr Bones**

All is not lost, the unconquerable will, and study of revenge, immortal hate, and the courage never to submit or yield.  
 ---John Milton, *Paradise Lost*

It is curious that physical courage should be so common in the world, and moral courage so rare.  
 ---from *Mark Twain in Eruption: Hitherto Unpublished Pages About Men and Events*

Courage is not simply one of the virtues but the form of every virtue at the testing point, which means at the point of highest reality.  
 ---C.S. Lewis, *The Screwtape Letters*

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### **Strategic Plan Draft and Feedback**

On November 7, an email was sent to C3 members with the heading "Your Input Requested - C3 Strategic Plan." If you have not already looked at the Strategic Plan and submitted feedback either via the form linked to the email or by meeting with Shannon, please take a look and send in your comments later today.

### **C3 Community Celebration and Annual Meeting**

We had a great Community Celebration, Annual Meeting and potluck on November 3. The Gathering featured a look at our past and our movement forward, a commemoration of community members and loved ones who have died this year, and Music for Remembrance by Carolyn Koebel and Grace Theisen. At our Annual Meeting, Teresa Colbry, Kim Crozier, and Bill Haug were elected to the Board of Trustees, a budget for next year was approved, and the Phil Koster Award for Meritorious Service was awarded to **Rod and Cheryl Van Abbema!** A potluck followed. A HUGE thank you to everyone for the fabulous selection of foods. A special shout out to the crew who helped to get it on the table: Cheryl Van Abbema, Bev Hundley, Cathy Feyt, and Becky Park. NOTE: Several things were left behind: some serve ware, a kitchen towel, a hot pad, and a phone charger. If any of these might be yours, look for them on the windowsill.

### **Week 3@C3 for November**

Today we end the collection for the Nestlings Diaper Bank of West Michigan in Holland. They accept both cash donations, which they use to buy diapers from the National Diaper Bank Network at reduced cost, and also diapers for infants, toddlers, and adults. They also accept wipes. Nestlings has requested that C3 donate diapers for older babies, sizes 4, 5, and 6. Packages may be open or closed, as diapers are repacked into large lots. If you have diapers or wipes, leave them at the Week 3@C3 table. Otherwise, you may contribute in cash (in an envelope labeled Nestlings Diaper Bank), by check to C3 with Nestlings Diaper Bank on the memo line, or see Chase to donate by credit card designated for Nestlings.

### **Week 3@C3 Thank-yous**

Thank you from the elementary teachers at Muskegon Heights Public School Academy System for generously supplying them with instructional materials that they specifically stated they needed. Thanks to all who generously contributed to the Food for Gaza cause. Total collected was \$1900.

### **Ushers Needed**

Our volunteer-led community needs a few more ushers! Requirements: capacity to smile, say hello and hand a bulletin to folks as they come to Gathering. Reward: seeing lots of smiles and hearing lots of friendly hellos once every five weeks! Talk to Rod Van Abbema or email him at [rodvanbbema@gmail.com](mailto:rodvanbbema@gmail.com).

### **Sunday Dinner Group**

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

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

Meet with fellow book club members this Tuesday, November 19, 6 p.m. at The Bookman to discuss *My Beloved World* by Sonia Sotomayor.

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

This men's conversation group meets each Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Choir Room at St. John's Episcopal Church. Call Phil Koster, 616-402-1751 with questions.

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

November can be blustery, but we will stand the next two Saturdays from noon to 1 p.m. along Washington Avenue at Central Park to remind people that love and peace are healthy for the planet and its inhabitants. The Vigil will be on winter break after November 23.

### **Women's Journey**

Our next meeting is Monday, November 25 at 6:30 p.m. at The Bookman. Bring a pair of scissors and some magazines or catalogs to upcycle as we learn to make paper beads.

### **Community Care and Concern**

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

On Sunday, December 8, 1 to 4 p.m., there will be a memorial event for **Connie Farell** here at Central Park Place (after our Gathering and Talk Back). A long-time neighbor Jerry Scott and close friends of Connie (including C3) want to honor her memory as a valued member of the Grand Haven community and are organizing a Chili Bar the Sunday after the Jingle Bell Parade, as these were two of Connie's favorite things each winter! Please sign up at the Membership Table to provide a count to facilitate set up.