



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

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Blue Team Hosts:
Mark & Kathy Smith,
Cheryl Van Abbema
Blue Team Ushers: **Kim Crozier,**
Phil Leech, Beth Buelow
Welcome Table: **Ellie Williams**
Next Week: **Gold Team**

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C3 Board of Trustees:
Chair: **Teresa Colbry**
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Next Week –
Teacher: **Brad Ruggles**
Music: **Sammie Hershock**
Meditation: **Beth Buelow**
Gathering Host: **Tod Wyn**
Kids' Volunteer: **Renee Borton**



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Sunday, November 24, 2024

What the World Needs Now: Capacity

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Guest Teachers: **David Takitaki** is a Professor of Political Science at Ferris State University where he directs the Political Engagement Project and specializes in Civic Education. He is a writer, consultant, and regularly lends his expertise to local and national media. He and his wife Amanda Rzucidlo now reside in Big Rapids, Michigan with their three ridiculous cats and a glorious view of the Muskegon River.

Musician: **Matt Gabriel** is a touring singer songwriter based in Grand Rapids, who has spent over a decade writing and performing music around the country. His music is the quality of folk and blues you would expect from an artist who grew up between Chicago and Detroit. He's got a must-see live show and a very approachable recorded sound. It's music you can trust and believe in.

Music: **Matt Gabriel**
 Gathering Host: **Mark Smith**
 Music: **Matt Gabriel**
 Meditation: **Charlotte Rozich**
 Moment of Silence
 Readings/Teaching: **David Takitaki**

We are enjoined, no matter how uncomfortable it might be, to consider ourselves and our cultural institutions scientifically—not to accept uncritically whatever we're told; to surmount as best we can our hopes, conceits, and unexamined beliefs; to view ourselves as we really are. . . . Because its explanatory power is so great, once you get the hang of scientific reasoning, you're eager to apply it everywhere.
 – Carl Sagan

Everything comes to us that belongs to us if we create the capacity to receive it.
 – Rabindranath Tagore

A Rock, A River, A Tree
 Hosts to species long since departed
 Marked the mastodon
 The dinosaur, who left dried tokens
 Of their sojourn here
 On our planet
 floor, Any broad alarm of their hastening doom
 Is lost in the gloom of
 dust and ages.
 But today, the Rock cries out to us, clearly, forcefully,
 Come, you may stand upon my Back
 and face your distant destiny,
 But seek no haven
 in my shadow, I will give you no hiding place
 down here. You, created
 only a little lower than
 The angels, have crouched too long in
 The bruising darkness
 Have lain too long Facedown
 in ignorance, Your
 mouths spilling words
 Armed for slaughter.
 The Rock cries out to us today,
 You may stand upon me,
 But do not
 hide your face."
 – Maya Angelou

Music: **Matt Gabriel**
 Gathering Host: **Mark Smith**
 Music: **Matt Gabriel**



News from the Board of Trustees

At their November 20 meeting, the Board authorized Andy Cawthon, Treasurer, to put the recently received bequest into four short-term CDs at the best rate available and sequester the money until it's needed, most likely for upcoming relocation/real estate needs. In addition, the community will receive verbal quarterly updates from the Treasurer on C3's overall financial position. The search for a new location continues, with expanding our presence at 1447 Washington (current site of C3's offices) being one option under consideration. The community will be updated as new information becomes available. We appreciate your input; please contact Shannon McMaster if you have ideas or leads for potential long-term gathering locations in the Tri-Cities area.

Bell Ringers Needed

It is time to ring the bell for the 2024 Salvation Army Red Kettle campaign, which supports all the programs of the local Salvation Army: housing for six families, a food pantry, Thanksgiving and Christmas assistance, utility assistance, and Pathway of Hope programs. We will be at Leppink's (Ferrysburg) from **10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, and Thursday, December 11 and 12**, for one-hour shifts. It works best to have only one or two at the kettle for each shift. Sign up after Gathering the next two Sundays with Betty Porter, at the Outreach table, or email porter.betty@gmail.com

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.

Sunday Dinner Group

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

Women's Journey

Our next meeting is tomorrow, 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.

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

Yesterday marked our final Vigil for Peace and Justice in 2024. Last week 10 stalwart peaceniks stood 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. We are grateful for all those who have participated in this community expression of C3's concern for social justice.

C3 Book Club and Friends

On December 17, at 6 p.m. Book Club will be held at the C3 office complex at 1447 Washington (next to Norm's ice Cream). For our holiday party we're asking everyone to bring a wrapped used book, a nibble to share, and your own drink. If appropriate, please label your nibble as dairy or fish free. The book for January 21 is *The Bluest Eye* by Toni Morrison.

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

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.

Ready to take the next step?

If you've been attending C3 and want to become a member, we're eager to welcome you. Stop by the Welcome table and fill out a card. It's that simple. We renew our membership each year, and if you don't know your status, we'll check for you.