



Sunday, December 22, 2024

The Wisdom of Winter: Listen

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

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C3 Board of Trustees:
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Next Week –
Teacher: **Brad Ruggles**
Music: **The Rebel Eves**
Meditation: **Charity McMaster**
Gathering Host: **Chrys Moelter-Gray**
Kids' Volunteer: **Patti Baldus**



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Lead Teacher: **Brad Ruggles** (he/him) joined C3 as Lead Teacher in May of this year. He is a former pastor that deconstructed and later left the faith he was raised in after 18 years in ministry. He and his wife Lisa enjoy adventuring and traveling with their two adult daughters. Brad 's interests are diverse and include backpacking, meditation, breathwork, yoga, sport kiting, and photography.

Musicians: **Ruth and Max Bloomquist** Original. Traditional. Passionate. Fun. Roots Acoustic Americana Folk. And one of our longest, most favorite musical connections. Ruth's award-winning abilities as a songwriter and singer are accented by Max's harmony and touch on the upright bass. Ruth's trademark rich alto is unmistakable, and her songs evoke images and emotions common to us all

Music: **Ruth and Max Bloomquist**

Gathering Host: **Mary Ellen Mika**

Music: **Ruth and Max Bloomquist**

Meditation: **Abby Black**

Moment of Silence

Readings/Teaching: **Brad Ruggles**

Suppose we did our work like the snow, quietly, quietly leaving nothing out.

– Wendell Berry, –from his collection *Leavings*,

People should regard their words as seeds. They should sow them, and then allow them to grow in silence. Our elders taught us that the earth is always talking to us, but we should keep silent in order to hear her. There are many voices besides ours. Many voices.

– Ella Cara Deloria, *Lakota Narrative on Silence*

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Thinking Ahead! In Case of a Weather Emergency!

The Executive Committee of the Board of Directors with the Executive Director will determine if we will cancel the in-person Sunday Gathering. Our goal will be to make the determination by late Saturday afternoon. If the Gathering is canceled, we will send an email, post a notice on Facebook and Instagram, and contact the following media: WAWL (Grand Haven radio), and these TV stations WZZM, WOOD, and Fox 17. –Shannon McMaster

Shake off the Winter Blues—come Dine with Nine!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, February 8, and be part of the next Dine with Nine! Everyone is welcome to join. Sign-ups will be available on the following Sundays: December 29, January 5, 12, and 19. This event promises a fun evening filled with great food, laughter, and conversation. The event coordinators are Joyce Cawthon, Kathy Smith, and Mary Ackerson. Have questions? Contact Joyce at joycevcawthon@gmail.com.

C3 Bell Ringers at the Red Kettle Campaign

On December 11, C3 members braved the cold to raise money for the Salvation Army at Leppink's in Ferrysburg. Thanks to Betty Porter for organizing this effort, and to all the volunteers who stepped up to stand at the kettle!

Welcome Hosts Needed

You've noticed the folks who say hello, hold the door for you when you arrive, and make you feel like you belong, right? They belong to a team of hosts who serve once every five weeks. Some teams are well-staffed, but we could use some reinforcements for teams that are short-staffed, or have members who spend the winter elsewhere. If you think this is a way you could lend a hand at C3, contact coordinator Ellie Williams: elliewilliams4@gmail.com. or 616-296-0719.

Announcements at the Gathering

If there is something that you would like to have announced at the end of the Gathering, please talk with the Gathering Host before the Gathering begins and let them know. They may make the announcement themselves, or ask you to come forward to do so.

Sunday Dinner Group

Sign up at the Membership table to join the group at 5:30 p.m. at Ted's in Spring Lake.

C3 Men's Club

The C3 Men will not be meeting on 12/24 or 12/31. Next meeting will be on 01/07/25.

C3 Book Club and Friends

The book for January 21 is *The Bluest Eye* by Toni Morrison.

Women's Journey

January's meeting will be Monday, January 27 at 6:30 p.m. at The Bookman.

In Memoriam

A donation in memory of **Connie Farell** was made by Debra Sikanas and Russell Radford.

Thanks to Our Small Bites Contributors

Your generosity and willingness to bring us treats on a regular (or emergency) basis is a valued part of our Sunday morning experience! If you'd like to join the group and bring some treats to our Gathering on a once-per-month basis, contact Patti Baldus (patbaldus5@gmail.com). We always welcome new volunteers.

Do You Share Our Values?

Deciding to be a member of C3 is a commitment to being part of a community of people sharing a set of common values, not necessarily common beliefs. This unique approach gives our members the freedom to think, while acting congruently with our values. Visitors who share our values can participate, but members have made a commitment to perform the organizational work necessary to achieve our vision of living a good life and helping others to do the same. To become a member, stop by the Welcome Table and sign up.

Community Care and Concern

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

The **Connie Farell Memorial** was well-attended and appreciated by all who attended. The stories people shared were priceless. May thanks to those who organized and provided chili and cornbread muffins (especially Teresa Colbry and Joyce Cawthon). Be sure to read the excellent article about Connie that appeared in the Grand Haven Tribune.