



C3 Spiritual Community

October 17 at 10am

IN-PERSON [grand haven community center](#) + FACEBOOK LIVE [facebook.com/c3westmi](https://www.facebook.com/c3westmi)



GUEST TEACHER
Drew Nelson



GUEST MUSICIAN
Beth Bombara

As Kent continues his outdoor/nature guide work, [Drew Nelson](#) returns on Sunday, but not as musician. This time he joins us as Guest Teacher, to address us in the series *Born for These Times: Challenges and Opportunities*. In addition to being an exquisite musician, he also claims roles as a dad, woodworker, and lover of poems and mystery. We look forward to his speaking/storytelling, as we gather at 10:00 a.m. at the

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[Beth Bombara](#) fills the musician roll. She looks forward to playing for us—live and in person—her own award-winning mix of vintage folk and electric roots-rock. She's been a solo artist, a bandleader, and an occasional side musician for other artists. A former Michigander, she now calls Missouri home. She played for us in 2019 and 2020.



C3 Gatherings

Sundays at the Grand Haven Community Center (421 Columbus Ave., Grand Haven)

- 9:00 a.m.: **Pre-Talk: In Person**
Meet the morning's teacher in a small group setting for an open discussion of the morning's theme.
- 10:00 a.m.: **Gathering: In Person + Livestream on Facebook**
Welcome, readings, mediation from a community member, teaching and music
- 11:00 a.m.: **Talk Back: In Person**
A chance to share questions, comments and stories related to the morning gathering.

Additional Resources

- YouTube Channel: [Weekly Teaching Videos](#) *
- YouTubeChannel: [Weekly Meditation Videos](#) *
- Podcast Channel: [Weekly Teaching Audios](#) *
**posted Sunday afternoons or later in week*
- Printable list of [C3 Values](#)
- Last week's [Newsletter](#): *C3 Update for October 10, 2021*



C3 Teacher Kent Dobson

There is a lot more to discover and learn from Kent Dobson on his [website](#), and by listening to his [podcast](#) "Hints and Guesses."

C3 Kids

Each week we provide a safe and welcoming environment for kids starting at 10:00 a.m., with masked and vaccinated adult caregivers only, and CDC-recommended safety measures in effect. If you are looking for a Sunday morning experience for your kids that includes C3 Values, creative activities, toys, books, games and outdoor fun (when weather permits), we are here to make it happen! Miss Mary has missed your kids and is eager to be with them again. *Note that the C3 Kids will meet upstairs in the Woodbine Room this week. Click [here](#) to view the document "Safety for All in the C3 Kids Program."*



C3 News

c3westmichigan.org

Have you taken a look at the new C3 website? While it is still (and should always be) a work in progress, it's looking quite fresh!



Mugs!

It's great to have coffee available at the Gathering and Talk Back once again. Please try to uphold our value of Environmental Sustainability and remember to bring your own coffee mug!

Did You Finish Your Homework?

Kent assigned us all homework at the end of his teaching on October 3. He challenged us to consider and write about the following five questions. There's no deadline for this assignment. Keep working on it!

1. *What is my family story? What are the threads and fates within my family?*
2. *Do I have a sense for my own unique shape?*
3. *How does my unique shape respond to the challenges and opportunities in the world that we find ourselves in?*
4. *What are the challenges and opportunities in the world that we find ourselves in?*
5. *What is your view of humanity?*

C3 Community Care and Concern

Caring for the members of our C3 Community is a shared communal responsibility, rather than a role reserved for a pastor, priest or leader. Our C3 Community Care Team encourages members to support each other at time of need with notes, cards, phone calls, visits, meals and transportation. C3 members are urged to contact the Community Care and Concern team to inform them of life events, illness, or hardships, which can be shared with the C3 Community. To report a need or request help, or to help visit members in hospital, rehab or recovering at home, contact Ellie Williams: [email](#), 616-296-0719 or Betty Porter: [email](#), 616-296-2227.

Gordy Alderink was the victim of a hit and run while riding his bike recently. He has a hairline hip fracture. He is improving every day, walking with just one crutch, and hopes to be crutch-free by the end of the week. You may send encouragement to

Gordy at 4491 Leonard Street, Coopersville, MI 49404.

Cindy Anderson's mother, **Lois Finkbeiner**, passed peacefully on October 1 in Grand Haven, in the 98th year of her remarkable life. Read the obituary [here](#). You may send condolences to Don & Cindy Anderson, 15016 Stickney Ridge Rd, Grand Haven, MI 49417.

Cathy Saurman Magnan is home, after a long stay in Mercy Hospital, and is very grateful to be there. She is gaining strength, but it will take time to fully recover. If you would like to send a note to Cathy, her address is 1939 Eastwind Drive, Norton Shores, MI 49444.

Rev. Peter James Theune died unexpectedly on Sunday, October 10. Many C3 members know Pete from his time as pastor at Christ Community Church, and from his and Judy's visits in recent years at C3. He was instrumental in the establishment of The People Center, The Little Red House, and Bluebird Cancer Retreats, and worked to get the Community Thanksgiving Feast going. Visitations will be held on Friday, October 15, 2:00–4:00 p.m. and 6:00–8:00 p.m., at The VanZantwick Chapel of Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services, 620 Washington Ave. Grand Haven, MI 49417. A memorial service will be held at First Presbyterian Church in Grand Haven on Saturday, October 16, at 10:00 a.m. A brief, informal reception and a private interment will follow. Masks are required at all events. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the [Little Red House](#); [The People Center](#); [Bluebird Cancer Retreats of West Michigan](#); or the [Theune Family Fund at the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation](#).

C3 Charter for Compassion

Week 3@C3 Suggestion for October 17

Ottawa County is expecting to welcome 75 Afghan refugees in the near future. Ottawa Food is coordinating an effort to support these new neighbors with appropriate food supplies. They suggest donating VISA gift cards to purchase Halal certified meat in Grand Rapids (the only certified source in the area); they're collecting the email addresses of people who want to donate fresh produce; and they are looking for [cash donations for food](#) (note "for Afghan allies" in the "gift in honor of someone" space). All details can be found [here](#). Although this is not like our usual Week 3@C3 collection of items for a non-profit organization, the need for cash donations and fresh produce is immediate, so we are making this opportunity to support our new Afghan neighbors known to the C3 Community.



Let's Provide Food Aid to Incoming Afghan Refugees!

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C3 Outreach

Highway Cleanup a Model for Outreach Activities

The recently completed Adopt-A-Highway activity, organized by **Mary and Skip Ackerson**, is a great example of a C3 Outreach project. It's an event organized by C3 members who saw a need in the community that we could address, and those members took action to make the event an ongoing reality, just like the *Plant Up and Fly Right* tree project that **Ryan Cotton** spearheads. If you see a need—large or small—that the C3 Community can take on, please feel free to look into organizing something! Rod Van Abbema heads up the Outreach Committee and would love to hear your ideas and lend the support of the Outreach Team (Rod, Teresa Colbry, Jane Horton, Chrys Moelter-Gray).



Thanks to all the volunteers who helped pick up C3's adopted stretch on US-31 on October 2.

C3 Groups

C3 and Friends Book Discussion Group

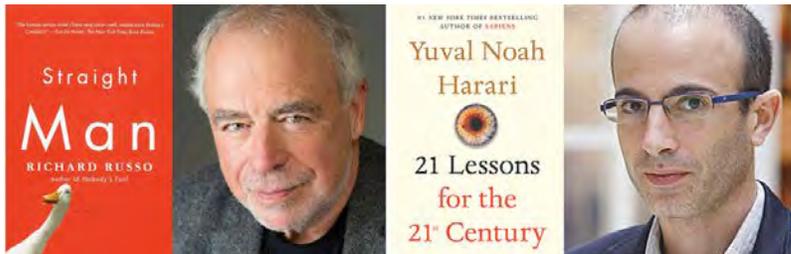
Due to the election, we will meet on **Tuesday, November 9** (not November 2). Save the date to discuss our next book selection, *Straight Man* by Pulitzer Prize-winning Richard Russo. This proves to be a GREAT read, perfect for the fall!

- "The funniest serious novel I have read since—well, maybe since Portnoy's Complaint."—Tom De Haven, *The New York Times Book Review*
- "There is a big, wry heart beating at the center of Russo's fiction."—*The New Yorker*

- "[Russo] skewers academic pretensions and infighting with mad abandon...in a clear and muscular prose that is a pleasure to read....I had to stop often to guffaw, gasp, wheeze, and wipe away my tears." – Henry Kisor, *Chicago Sun-Times*
- "Bursting with humor and insight." –*USA Today*

We will be meeting at Valerie Engeltjes' home, 5935 Beaver Creek Drive, Coopersville.

December 7: [*21 Lessons for the 21st Century*](#) by Yuval Noah Harari



C3 Men's Group

The C3 Men's Group meets in person **every Tuesday** at 7:00 p.m. This week the group will gather at the C3 Office, located at 1447 Washington, Grand Haven. For additional information contact Phil Koster at 616-402-1751.



Did you know that you can use money from your IRA to contribute directly to a charitable organization, like C3, without it being considered a taxable distribution? It may also serve as your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) for 2021. To make a qualified charitable distribution (QCD), be sure to consult with your tax advisor or financial representative before making this decision, because it is important to follow the guidelines and understand the process. The following links may be informative, but by no means represent an endorsement of either Investopedia or Principal:

- [Investopedia](#)
- [Your 2020 RMD](#)

Your ongoing support of C3 is greatly appreciated. Online donations can be made [here](#). Checks should be sent to C3 Spiritual Community, P. O. Box 371, Grand Haven, MI 49417.

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Donate via PayPal, it's safe and secure!

C3 Values in Action

Humanity for Prisoners 2021 Speaker Series

The 20th anniversary edition will be held on **Tuesday, October 19** at 7:00 p.m. It will feature HFP Founder Doug Tjapkes, author of *Sweet Freedom: Breaking the Bondage of Maurice Carter*. There will also be a musical performance by concert pianist (and Board member), Veena Kulkarni-Rankin. For more information and donation suggestion, visit the Facebook [event page](#) and the event [website](#).

Town Halls to Explore Religion and Racism

The focus of four upcoming town halls co-sponsored by the (Anti) Racism Task Force and Kaufman Interfaith Institute, convened by the Momentum Center, will be *Religion and Racism*. The first session on **Monday, October 25**, will delve into the historical context of Christianity and Racism. See the flyer [here](#), and read an extensive article from the Grand Haven Tribune (October 9-10) [here](#). [Pre-registration](#) is required to join the Town Hall via Zoom. C3's values of Diversity, Common Humanity and Open Inquiry should provide impetus to participate in these important conversations. Will you register to attend?



**Rik Stevenson,
U of Florida
Victoria Proctor
Gibbs, CORR
Gordon Wiersma,
Hope Church**

Volunteers Needed for Citizenship Classes and Legal Clinic

There are no Naturalization Ceremonies scheduled at Loutit District Library in the near future, but volunteers are needed for Citizenship Classes (ten sessions on Monday evenings, **November 8 - January 3**, no classes on November 29, December 27 or January 3) and a two-session legal clinic (Saturdays, **November 7 and 13** from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.). Mandatory volunteer training conducted by Lighthouse Immigrant Advocates is scheduled for **Mondays, October 25 and November 1**. [Click here](#) to see flyers for both events. For questions or to volunteer, please email Nancy Collins at VolunteersLDL@gmail.com, or call 616-842-1699.

C3 Calendar

Saturday, October 16

12:00–1:00 p.m.: **Vigil for Peace and Justice**, Central Park (421 Columbus Ave., GH)

Sunday, October 17

Grand Haven Community Center (421 Columbus Ave., GH)

9:00 a.m.: **Pre-Talk**, In Person

10:00 a.m. **Gathering**, In Person + Livestream on [Facebook](#)

- Guest Teacher: [Drew Nelson](#)
- Music: [Beth Bombara](#)
- Meditation: **Kevin Blanding**

11:00 a.m.: **Talk Back**, In Person

Tuesday, October 19

7:00 p.m.: **C3 Men's Group**, C3 Office (1447 Washington, GH)

Wednesday, October 20

6:30 p.m.: **Board of Trustees Meeting**, C3 Office (1447 Washington, GH)

Saturday, October 23

12:00–1:00 p.m.: **Vigil for Peace and Justice**, Central Park (421 Columbus Ave., GH)

Sunday, October 24

Grand Haven Community Center (421 Columbus Ave., GH)

9:00 a.m.: **Pre-Talk**, In Person

10:00 a.m. **Gathering**, In Person + Livestream on [Facebook](#)

- Guest Teacher: [Foster aka AutoPilot](#)
- Music: [Karisa Wilson](#)
- Meditation: **Phil Magnan**

11:00 a.m.: **Talk Back**, In Person

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Looking Ahead

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GUEST TEACHER

Jenny Atlee-Loudon



GUEST MUSICIAN

John Sanger

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C3 Contact

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C3 Spiritual Community Office

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Jeff Baldus, *Office Manager*

Hours: Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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