



**C3  
Spiritual  
Community**

**September 26 at 10am**

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



GUEST TEACHER  
**Fable the Poet**



GUEST MUSICIAN  
**Josh Rose**

**Welcome, autumn!**

This is the last week of our series *Meaning Matters: 12 Words/12 Months*, and we're pleased and excited to welcome [Fable the Poet \(Marcel Price\)](#) once again as our Guest Teacher. Please join us Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. at the Grand Haven Community Center for our in-person Gathering. Please note that we encourage everyone to wear a mask and maintain

physical distance. Tune in to the livestream on [C3's Facebook page](#) if you can't make it in person. The video of the Gathering will be available to view on [C3's YouTube](#) channel later in the day or week.

[Josh Rose](#) also makes a return appearance as Guest Musician this week. He joined us a few times virtually during the pandemic, and it will be a treat to hear and see him in person again.

**Talk Back** follows the Gathering. This is an opportunity to further reflect on the teaching for the day, ask follow-up questions, share insights and experiences, or just sit with friends and soak in the shared wisdom.

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## Kids Program

There will be childcare available when we gather, with masked and vaccinated adult caregivers only, and CDC-recommended safety measures in effect. Click [here](#) to view the document "Safety for All in the C3 Kids Program." **Note** that the C3 Kids will meet upstairs in the Woodbine Room this week.

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## Gathering Resources

See you at 10:00 a.m. Sunday at the Grand Haven Community Center (421 Columbus Ave.) — or tune in on [Facebook Live](#). Or, afterwards, view the Gathering video (meditation, teaching, and music) on our [YouTube channel](#) or listen to the weekly teaching on our [podcast channel](#). References and links from last week's teaching [here](#). Last week's Newsletter [here](#).

### **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."

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## News

### **Please Note this Address Change**

The Post Office will stop forwarding mail from our old address beginning in October. Members and friends who regularly send checks to C3 through the mail will need to make sure to use the correct address:

C3 West Michigan  
P.O. BOX 371  
Grand Haven, MI 49417

### **Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup on October 2**

The final Adopt-A-Highway cleanup for 2021 will be held on **Saturday, October 2**, with Sunday, October 3 as a rain date. As always, we can use as much help as we can get. The more volunteers we have, the quicker and easier the cleanup. If you are able to join us, please either sign up at the Gathering or contact Mary Ackerson at [mjackerson@gmail.com](mailto:mjackerson@gmail.com). Workers do need to watch a [6-minute safety video](#) on the [Adopt-A-Highway website](#).

### **Changes Coming in October**

The Board of Trustees and Sunday Gathering Team are working to add elements to our Sunday Gatherings **starting next week on October 3**.

- The **Pre-Talk** meeting at 9:00 a.m. resumes, which is an opportunity for the teacher of the day to meet with early risers to “prime the pump” with questions about the teaching for day.
- The **In-Person Gathering** at follows at 10:00 (also on Facebook live)
- **Talk Back** at 11:00 (in person only)
- ***Born for These Times: Opportunities and Challenges*** replaces *Meaning Matters* as teaching series
- **Coffee** will be available, but please **bring your own mug**.

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## **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.*

**Sandy Huber** passed away at home on September 10, surrounded by her husband Paul and daughters Megan and Chelsea. You may read her obituary [here](#).

In 2019, Sandy was honored for her lifetime of service and inducted into the Grand Haven High School Hall of Fame by receiving the Honorary Award for Service. Best known for her many sayings, her most recognized, “For you, the world,” was a true representation of all she gave to her students, young people, and the community throughout her life.

Celebration of Life for Sandy Huber will be on Sunday, September 26, at 1:00 p.m. in the Grand Haven High School Performing Arts Center. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Tri-Cities Kiwanis Foundation (memo line: Homeless Youth Fund), P. O. Box 571, Grand Haven, MI 49417.

Cards of condolence may be sent to the family at 1523 Pineridge Drive, Grand

Haven, MI 49417.

**Cathy Saurman Magnan** continues to improve, but remains hospitalized for now at Mercy Hospital in Muskegon, and is receiving therapy to enable a transition home. Cards may be sent to her in care of her good friend Kath Alward at 16177 Terrace Road, Spring Lake, MI 49417. Kath will make sure she gets the cards and your well wishes.

**Milt Redick** welcomes cards as he receives care at Lake Woods Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 1684 Vulcan Street, Muskegon, MI 49442. Visits can be prearranged by calling Sandy at Lake Woods: 231-777-2511. (Mondays are the best day for visiting; avoid Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday).

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## Outreach

### Join the excitement at the Grand Haven Hispanic Heritage Fiesta

Come and enjoy Hispanic-themed food, music, the Mercado, and many other exciting events. The fun starts at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow (**Saturday, September 25**). And you can still *help out as a volunteer*. The Mercado needs help from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m., or you can help with other Fiesta activities. Just sign up at the [Sign Up Genius](#). If you have a question, contact [Rod Van Abbema](#).

### A Wonderful Day in the C3 Booth at the Mercado

Those of you who have baked cookies, please bring them to the booth at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday. If you are working a shift at the booth, you can bring your cookies when you come to work. If you signed up for a certain time and need a reminder, please email me at [patbaldus5@gmail.com](mailto:patbaldus5@gmail.com). To all of you who signed up, *¡gracias!* See you on Saturday!

—Patti



### Vigil for Peace and Justice

Yes, we will stand for peace and justice during the Fiesta! The plight of refugees all over the world, including at our southern border, ongoing conflicts, and injustices suffered by so many demonstrate that the need to work for peace and justice is urgent and ongoing. The weekly Vigil for Peace and Justice takes place on **Saturday** from noon–1:00 p.m. along Washington Avenue at Central Park in Grand Haven. All are welcome.



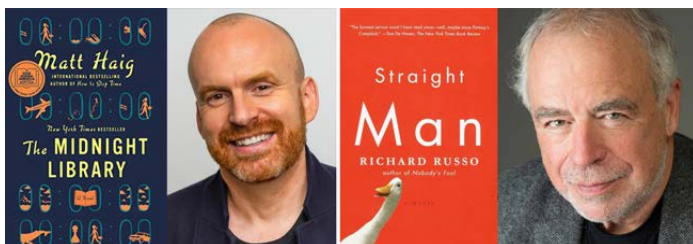


## Groups

### C3 and Friends Book Discussion Group

We meet again at 6:30 p.m. on **October 5**, at Kathy Tosa's home in downtown Grand Haven. The address is 221 Layfayette Avenue, and there is ample parking on her street. We can socially distance in her large living room. [The Midnight Library](#) by Matt Haig is scheduled to be made into a movie this year, so our reading and discussion of it is very timely! In a review, NPR's Jason Seeahan writes about this book in which a young woman who is on the verge of making a terrible choice, ". . . ends it. Overdose. Antidepressants. The world goes black. And then Nora wakes up. Not in heaven (dull) or hell (overdone) or purgatory (*insert Lost joke*), but in a library. *The Midnight Library*, which is the place people go when they find themselves hanging precariously *between* life and death and not entirely sure about which way to go." Early reports from group members who have started reading have been positive. Read it, join us for the discussion and share your reactions!

**November 2:** [Straight Man](#) by Richard Russo.



### New meeting place for C3 Men's Group

The C3 Men's Group will meet at the homes of participants for the foreseeable future. Our meeting at 7:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, September 28**, will be at Pete Bennett's home, 13987 Lincoln Street, Grand Haven. For additional information contact Phil Koster at (616) 402-1751.

## Finance

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## Values in Action

### A Long Talk

The Momentum Center for Social Engagement has arranged for [A Long Talk about the Uncomfortable Truth](#), a three-part anti-racism activation experience. Click on the highlighted title for detailed information and the registration form for this event, happening from **September 27-29**.

### Meals on Wheels Volunteers Needed

Visit the [Volunteer page on the AgeWell Services](#) site to see the wide array of volunteer opportunities. Meals on Wheels drivers are needed in Grand Haven/Spring Lake at this time.



### Dinner and Movie Night

It's Dinner & Movie Night on **Friday, October 8**, at the Momentum Center, featuring [News of the World](#) starring Tom Hanks (rated PG-13 for language and disturbing images). Dinner starts at 5:00 p.m. and the movie starts at 6:00 p.m. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided, other dishes are welcome. The Momentum Center follows CDC and Ottawa County Health Department recommendations for COVID-19.



### National Hispanic Heritage Month

Greater Ottawa County United Way shares good information about this month-long

observance. [Click here](#) to read more, including information about local events!

### **C3 Member Offers to Help with Medicare Plan Review**

It's that time of year again when Medicare Beneficiaries have the opportunity to review their plans during the Annual Enrollment Period (AEP) to see if they want to make any changes or remain with their current plan. C3 member Phil Leech is offering to help C3 members with this review and decision-making process at no cost or obligation.

Contact [Phil](#) at 616-842-6000.

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## **Calendar**

### **Saturday, September 25**

10:00 a.m. –nightfall: [Hispanic Heritage Fiesta](#), Central Park (400 Columbus Ave., GH)

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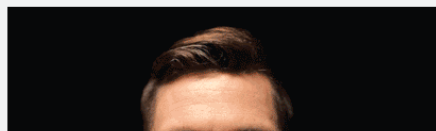
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- Meditation: **David Dean**
- Music: [Ruth and Max Bloomquist](#)

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### **Looking Ahead**

October 10: **Rob Davidson**

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Each week we post information about upcoming Gatherings and other special events. Help us extend our reach and recognition by sharing our posts!

### **Instagram Photos Needed**

We would love to feature photos of C3 members in action on our Instagram feed. Email your high res photos (or questions) to trustee [Tom Edwards](#).

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## **Contact Us**

[frontdesk@c3westmichigan.org](mailto:frontdesk@c3westmichigan.org)

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Jeff Baldus, *Office Manager*

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