



9 a.m. **Pre-Talk & Awakenings**
 10 a.m. **Gathering**
 10 a.m. **C3 Kids** with **Miss Mary** and volunteer **Patti Baldus**
 11 a.m. **Talk Back**

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White Team Hosts:
Patti Baldus,
Kathy Humphrey,
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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Next Week!
Speaker:
Kent Dobson
Musician:
Patty Pershayla
Meditation:
Nelleke Knarr
Gathering Host:
Beth Buelow
Kids' Volunteer:
Char Kole



Sunday, June 11, 2023
We Have Questions: Are We Separate? Are We One?

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Speaker: Kent Dobson has been the lead teacher at C3 since 2017. He's also in the guide-in-training program at Animas Valley Institute in Colorado, an organization specializing in wilderness intensives. Kent leads Israel study tours, wilderness retreats, and has his own podcast called Hints and Guesses. He's the author of *Bitten by a Camel*, a memoir about his time living in Israel and his departure from the Evangelical church he was pastoring.

Musician: Emilee Petersmark has a central, semi-secret motivation: she's always angry. That doesn't mean she's not friendly or pleasant; it means she burns with compassion for the wronged and contempt for the wrongers. And she spares no wrath for herself, looking inward with razor sharp clarity, since only by exposing our uglier emotions can we come to terms with them, and move on to a healthier outlook. Though the Crane Wives are still very much a thing, Emilee will be stepping forward soon with a stunning set of solo songs, and this is your chance to hear them before most of the world. Come take a peek into the soul of a fierce and restless heart.

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 Music: **Emilee Petersmark**
 Gathering Host: **Rod Van Abbema**
 Music: **Emilee Petersmark**
 Meditation: **David Dean**
Moment of Silence

Reading/Teaching: **Kent Dobson**

In Louisville, at the corner of Fourth and Walnut, in the center of the shopping district, I was suddenly overwhelmed with the realization that I loved all these people, that they were mine and I theirs, that we could not be alien to one another even though we were total strangers. It was like waking from a dream of separateness, of spurious self-isolation in a special world. . . .

This sense of liberation from an illusory difference was such a relief and such a joy to me that I almost laughed out loud. . . . I have the immense joy of being man, a member of a race in which God Himself became incarnate. As if the sorrows and stupidities of the human condition could overwhelm me, now that I realize what we all are. And if only everybody could realize this! But it cannot be explained. There is no way of telling people that they are all walking around shining like the sun.

Then it was as if I suddenly saw the secret beauty of their hearts, the depths of their hearts where neither sin nor desire nor self-knowledge can reach, the core of their reality, the person that each one is in God's eyes. If only they could all see themselves as they really are. If only we could see each other that way all the time. There would be no more war, no more hatred, no more cruelty, no more greed. . . . But this cannot be seen, only believed and 'understood' by a peculiar gift.

Thomas Merton, *Conjectures of a Guilty Bystander*

Music: **Emilee Petersmark**
 Gathering Host: **Rod Van Abbema**
 Music: **Emilee Petersmark**



Dine with Nine-ty!

Join us this summer for a delightful twist on our beloved Dine with Nine event! We are excited to announce the expansion of this gathering into a “everyone is welcome” community dinner at the picturesque Mulligan’s Hollow Lodge in Grand Haven. Save the date for **Saturday, July 15**, dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. To let us know what food you’ll bring, kindly utilize the sign-up sheet at the Gathering. Bring your own beverage (alcohol is allowed) and place setting, utensils, and cups (we are being friendly to Mother Earth). For drop-off convenience, you may drive up to the lodge, but all event parking is in the YMCA parking lot. Rain or shine, the event will go on, with ample space indoors and outdoors that is ADA accessible.

More Auction Kudos

Kathy and Mark Smith write, “Thanks to the kindness of Cathy and Bruce Martin. We “won” the bidding for the use of their home for a week. We had a fantastic week, enjoyed time with our son and his family from Aurora CO., did lots of hiking and sightseeing. Their home is beautiful, in a fantastic location and we truly enjoyed our time.”

Tom, Annie, Mark, Kathy, Valerie and Ira wanted to take a moment to express their heartfelt thanks to Corrie and Berend Snoeyer for their wonderful “Taste of Indonesia” auction dinner party. The food, the company, and the ambiance were all truly exceptional. It was an evening to remember!

Month Long Pride Focus at our Vigil for Peace and Justice

C3 has welcomed and supported the LGBTQ+ community since the 1990’s. We want to share that support and welcoming message with the greater community through our Vigil for Peace and Justice during June. Join us each Saturday from noon–1 p.m. along Washington Avenue at Central Park in Grand Haven. Why not let your creative juices flow and make a sign promoting justice and equality for all LGBTQ+ folks (folx) and invite friends to join in?

Supporting the Billboard Project

If you have pledged support for the Billboard Project, we thank you for your support. If you have pledged, but have not fulfilled your donation, head to the table at the Gathering, staffed with people who can accept your donation as cash, check, or credit card.

Week 3@C3 for June: Kids Food Basket–Muskegon

KFB - Muskegon will receive our support in June. Their wish list is:

- fruit cups or pouches
- pudding cups
- meat sticks (i.e., Slim Jims, approx. .28 oz sticks)
- 8-pound or extra-large brown lunch bags
- bulk items to make KFB Trail Mix—Cheerios, Pretzels, cheese crackers.

Off-brands are welcome! Keep in mind, KFB avoids serving items with peanuts or tree nuts in the ingredient list. The last day to bring items is next Sunday, June 18.

Happy Trails!

Andy Cawthon has committed to biking to raise money for C3. He has self-sponsored himself at \$1 per mile and hopes to ride 500 miles this summer! He feels it is an easy, low overhead and healthy way of raising some much needed funds for C3. He is encouraging other Community members to make similar personal pledges or sponsor others to do so. This is a “honor system” fundraiser, so no accounting is required!

C3 Kids

Our C3 Kids occupy the space in the Mackinaw Room that has been partitioned off, and sometimes we will hear their voices. Let’s welcome that indication of their presence with us and let it be part of our meditation. *Note: If you must leave during the Gathering, exit through the door to the kitchen, and please refrain from exiting during the Meditation and Moment of Silence*

Sunday Dinner Group

We will meet at Pine Street Café in Ferrysburg at 5:30 p.m. Please sign up before leaving the Gathering!

C3 Men’s Club

meets each Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall on Harbor Drive in Grand Haven.

C3 Book Club and Friends

Our June 20 meeting focuses on *Hamnet* by Maggie O’Farrell. Meet at The Bookman at 6 p.m. We’re reading *The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down: A Hmong Child, Her American Doctors, and the Collision of Two Cultures* by Anne Fadiman for July 18

Community Care and Concern

On May 23, C3 member **Sandy Huber** was posthumously awarded the GW Haworth Strength of the Community Award by United Way at “her” White Pines Intermediate School. A Little Free Library was also dedicated there in her name. Add a couple books to the collection and think of Sandy!