



**Sunday, July 23, 2023**  
**The Power of Decisions**

9 a.m. **Pre-Talk & Awakenings**  
10 a.m. **Gathering**  
10 a.m. **C3 Kids** with **Ms. Mary** and volunteer **Sandy Kate Stephens**  
11 a.m. **Talk Back**

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*Blue Team Hosts:* **Mark Smith, Cheryl Van Abbema, Tom Edwards with Chrys Moelter-Gray**

*Blue Team Ushers:* **Kim Crozier, Karen Fredriksen, Phil Leech, Beth Buelow**

*Welcome Table:*

**Dick Kamischke**

*Next Week:* **Gold Team**

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*C3 Board of Trustees*

*Chair:* **Sally Alderink**

*Vice-Chair:* **Teresa Colbry**

*Secretary:* **Valerie Engeltjes**

*Treasurer:* **Shannon McMaster Beth Buelow, Andy Cawthon, Kim Crozier, Tom Edwards, Kathy Humphrey, Wayne Johnson, and Rod Van Abbema**

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**Next Week!**

*Speaker:* **Mark Smith with Beth Buelow**

*Musician:* **Beth Bombara**

*Meditation:*

**Wayne Johnson**

*Gathering Host:*

**David Dean**

*Kids' Volunteer:*

**Margaret Willey**

*Speaker:* **Leonard McElveen** has addressed diverse audiences for more than 40 years. He recently served for 28 years at Mel Trotter Ministries, most recently as Vice President of Ministries. The transformation of human lives has been a core value of his work over the years. Leonard is married to Kiya McElveen; they have six children and 10 grandchildren. They enjoy traveling and spending time at their cottage on Lake Michigan.

*Musician:* **Katie Pederson**, international award-winning songwriter, is a pop-piano songstress with Michigan roots. She has shared the stage with artists such as Mason Jennings, Matt Giraud, and Will Dailey. Her latest project *Limitless* (recorded at the shores of Lake Michigan) was released in the spring of 2022 and captured fans of Carol King, The Chicks, and Elton John. Pederson recently released her new single *Abstract Art*, which combines elements of mandolin and pedal steel with her pop piano foundation.

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Music: **Katie Pederson**  
Gathering Host: **Valerie Engeltjes**  
Music: **Katie Pederson**  
Meditation: **Charlotte Rozich**  
*Moment of Silence*  
Reading/Teaching: **Leonard McElveen**

No matter where you go, there you are.  
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**You Can Help Make Our Sunday Gatherings Wonderful**

We are always looking for fantastic guest teachers, and the need will be even greater moving forward. That's where you come in! Have you heard someone speak, and thought, "This person would be perfect to talk at C3!", or "C3 needs to hear this!" We now have an easy way to pass your suggestions on to the Sunday Gathering Team. Just send an email with as much information as you can about the person to [GuestTeacherNames@c3westmichigan.org](mailto:GuestTeacherNames@c3westmichigan.org). Thanks for your help!





### **Dine with Seventy a Success!**

70 folks enjoyed the first-ever Dine with Nine-ty event at Mulligan's Hollow Lodge last Saturday evening! Of course, there was enough food, but also lots of shenanigans! David Dean amazed everyone with his card tricks. Susan Meeusen won at Bocce ball, with Tom Redick second. With a field of 17, Nancy & Joey Mangus triumphed in the Cornhole competition, with Pete Bennett and Julia Davey right behind them. Maybe this should be an annual event?

### **Welcome, New C3 Members!**

The following people joined C3 in June. Please welcome these new C3 members:  
Cheri Eshenhour - Grand Haven  
Ted Larned - Spring Lake  
Trystan Lindquist - Grand Rapids

### **Claude Moves on to GVSU**

Claude McMaster, who has been our set-up/tear-down person for a number of years, will serve in that role for the last time on August 27, and then he's off to GVSU. Maybe one of your older kids or grandkids could fill his shoes?

### **The Billboard Project Is Alive and Well**

Phase Two of the billboard project has started. Two more billboards (same design as first) debuted on US-31, one south of Grand Haven and the other north. They will be up for four weeks. Use this opportunity to invite friends and family to one of our Gatherings, and remember to say hello to new faces you encounter on Sunday mornings.

### **C3 Booth for Flea on 7<sup>th</sup>**

C3 has a space in this year's Coast Guard Festival's flea market on July 30. Tom Edwards will be accepting donations today, or by special arrangement. We're looking for table-top sized vintage objects in excellent condition.

### **Board of Trustees Election**

The nomination period for Board of Trustee candidates runs from August 1 through October 1. Anyone interested in running for office should contact a current board member. Please encourage other potential candidates to apply.

### **Summertime Vigil for Peace and Justice**

With an increase in summertime traffic, it's a good time to make a statement for social justice issues! Join us from noon to 1 p.m. along Washington Avenue at Central Park in Grand Haven. Feel free to bring a chair to make yourself more comfortable.

### **Thanks, and Take a Month Off!**

We received a big-hearted "thank you" from Kids Food Basket for the outpouring of healthy food for hungry kids. Every Woman's Place also thanked us for responding in a generous way to its urgent request for underwear. We will take a vacation from **Week 3@C3** in July. Be prepared for collecting school supplies in August.

### **Sunday Dinner Group**

We're mixing it up tonight! Bring your own picnic or pick up take-out food on the way and meet at the shelter at William Ferry Park in Ferrysburg at 5:30.

### **C3 Men's Club**

The C3 Men's Group meets from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesdays at the American Legion Hall on Harbor Drive.

### **C3 Book Club and Friends**

We will meet on Tuesday, August 15, 6 p.m. at the Bookman to talk about *On Being Mortal* by Atul Gawande. All C3 members and friends are welcome! September 19: *The Sun Does Shine: How I Found Life and Freedom on Death Row*, Anthony Ray Hinton. (Possible pot luck dinner, place to be determined)

### **Community Care and Concern**

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

**Carolyn DeVries** continues her recovery from a fall in an assisted living facility, and expects to return home next week. She welcomes texts at 616-502-5432.

**Phil Koster's** younger brother, **James Koster** (age 78), passed away on Wednesday, July 5, in Kentwood, shortly after entering hospice. Cards for Phil and Suzi may be sent to 3647 Brentwood Street, Norton Shores, MI 49441.

We have missed seeing **Jerry & Barbara VanLeeuwen** for the past two months. At the end of May, **Barb** was diagnosed with a rare oral cancer that had been previously misdiagnosed. On June 16, Barb had an uncommon oral reconstructive surgery at U of M Hospital, to be followed by radiation and chemotherapy. As Barb shared, "This is not a picnic." You may send a note to Barb -via text or email at [barbara\\_vanleeuwen@comcast.net](mailto:barbara_vanleeuwen@comcast.net) or at home, 2669 Weatherby Hills Dr SE, Grand Rapids 49546.