



9 a.m. **Pre-Talk & Awakenings**  
 10 a.m. **Gathering**  
 10 a.m. **C3 Kids** with **Joyce Cawthon** and volunteer **Margaret Willey**  
 11 a.m. **Talk Back**

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*Gold Team Hosts:* **Jenny Roberts & Bob Burleigh, Betty Porter, Jean Regester, Mike & Charlotte Rozich**

*Gold Team Ushers:* **Rod & Cheryl Van Abbema, Martha Perko**

*Welcome Table:*  
**Ellie Williams**

*Next Week:* **GreenTeam**

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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:* **Kent Dobson**  
*Musicians:* **Thrown Out Bones**  
*Meditation:* **Margaret Willey**  
*Gathering Host:* **Beth Buelow**  
*Kids' Volunteer:* **Eleanor Hills**



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## Sunday, July 30, 2023

### *We Have Questions: Why Walk This Way?*

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*Speaker:* **Mark Smith** joined C3 nine years ago. He has found plenty to keep him busy supporting C3: leader of the search team that hired Kent, BOT member for six years, Treasurer for four. He and Kathy have enjoyed traveling to many countries. His adventure travels include climbing Mount Kilimanjaro, joining his daughter in the Ecuadorian Amazon, and recently completing the Portuguese Camino.

*Musician:* **Beth Bombara** has a new album set for release in August, *It All goes Up*. It's all there – the songwriting first with a voice that connects on a raw, emotional level, alongside production led by Bombara's undeniable musicality. This Missouri-based singer/songwriter with a half-dozen albums has nodded to past traditions while always pushing ahead into new territory.

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 Music: **Beth Bombara**  
 Gathering Host: **Chrys Moelter-Gray**  
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 Meditation: **Mark Smith**  
*Moment of Silence*  
 Reading/Teaching: **Mark Smith** with Beth Buelow

Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase.  
 - Martin Luther King, Jr.

PILGRIM is a word that accurately describes the average human being; someone on their way somewhere else, but someone never quite knowing whether the destination or the path stands first in importance; someone who underneath it all doesn't quite understand from whence or from where their next bite of bread will come, someone dependent on help from absolute strangers and from those who travel with them. Most of all, a pilgrim is someone abroad in a world of impending revelation where something is about to happen, including, most fearfully, and as part of their eventual arrival, their own disappearance.  
 - David Whyte, *Consolations: The Solace, Nourishment and Underlying Meaning of Everyday Words*

I want to write about faith,  
 about the way the moon rises  
 over cold snow, night after night,  
 faithful even as it fades from fullness,  
 slowly becoming that last curving and impossible  
 sliver of light before the final darkness.  
 But I have no faith myself,  
 I refuse it the smallest entry.  
 Let this then, my small poem,  
 like a new moon, slender and barely open,  
 be the first prayer that opens me to faith.  
 - David Whyte, *Faith*, from *River Flow: New and Selected Poems*

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### Your Help Needed!

There is another event in the Mackinaw Room today at 1 p.m., and the set-up person needs to get the room rearranged quickly after the Gathering. Chase is not here today to help Chuck with tear-down, so if a few of you are willing and able to help Chuck with the tear-down, that would be most appreciated.

Also, we appreciate those who help stack chairs after the Gathering each week. Please continue to do so! All chairs need to be stacked. If there are any board or committee meetings after the Gathering, please remember to add those chairs to a stack before you leave.

### C3 Booth for Flea on 7th

C3 has a space in this year's Coast Guard Festival's flea market **today**. Stop by **booth 74** (in the alley between Washington and Columbus, behind Seven's Paint), say hello, buy something interesting!

### Pedaling Update:

**Gordy Alderink** has completed the Tour de Ottawa County, **John Leitner** has committed to the Tour de Albania in September, **Ira Engeltjes** and Meisha, their dog, have covered the roads of Coopersville, and **Andy Cawthon** is furiously trying to catch up! Over 1000 miles have been pedaled! **Chrys Moelter-Gray** has completed six Dips and Kicks in the Big Lake—she's not doing miles! You are encouraged to sponsor any of these C3ers with a pledge! We will continue pedaling/dipping until Sunday, September 17, and report totals and dollars shortly after that.

### Week 3@C3 in August

We're collecting Back-to-School items for the Muskegon Heights Public School Academy System. **Bring items from the list below to C3 on August 6, 13 or 20.**

Copy paper: 8 1/2 x 11, white; by case or ream

Standard, spiral-bound notebooks - wide ruled (important!)

Pocket folders - colorful

Pencils - #2 Ticonderoga brand (specifically for testing)

Crayola wax crayons: 24-ct boxes

Colored pencils - for students (not adult type)

Scotch tape - replacement rolls for dispensers or regular filled plastic dispensers

Sanitizer wipes - Clorox brand suggested

Kleenex or other similar brand tissues

**Please note the specifics.** See the *C3 Update* for a printable list with more detail, or consider sending a check made out to: C3-Back to School Project. Mail to Week 3 @ C3, P.O. Box 371, Grand Haven, MI 49417, and we will shop for you.

### Travel-size Items

**Every Woman's Place** takes contributions of travel size toiletry items—shampoo, conditioner, wrapped soap, lotions, nail files, floss. If you have any of these to contribute, bring them any Sunday to the Week 3@C3 table.

### The Billboard Project Is Alive and Well

Our two billboards (same design as first) can be seen on US-31, one south of Grand Haven and the other north. They will be up for another couple 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.

### Break for Vigil for Peace and Justice

Due to the Coast Guard Parade next Saturday, August 5, there will be no Vigil for Peace and Justice that day, but we'll be back on August 12. Look for us, or better yet, join us, along Washington Avenue at Central Park.

### Sunday Dinner Group

We're meeting again at **William Ferry Park in Ferrysburg at 5:30** today, repeating our "Bring Your Own Picnic" (or grab some take-out food on the way).

### C3 Men's Club

Due to the CG Festival, C3 Men's Group will meet at 7 p.m. **at the home of Ted Larned on August 1.** Contact Phil Koster at 616-402-1751 for more details.

### 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.**

**Cyndi Casemier's** mother, **Carolyn Casemier-Rotz**, passed away on July 23. The obituary may be read on Cyndi's Facebook page. A Celebration of Life will be held September 2, 4 to 7 p.m. at Klaasen's Funeral Home. Cards may be sent to Cyndi at 13489 Redbird Lane, Grand Haven, MI 49417.

**Carolyn DeVries** is back at home!

We have missed seeing **Jerry & Barbara VanLeeuwen** for the past two months. In May, Barb was diagnosed with a rare oral cancer. On June 16, she had 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.