



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

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Blue Team Hosts: **Mark & Kathy Smith, Cheryl Van Abbema, Tom Edwards**
Blue Team Ushers: **Kim Crozier, Karen Frederiksen, Phil Leech, Beth Buelow**
Welcome Table: **Dick Kamischke**
Next Week: **Gold Team**

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C3 Board of Trustees
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Next Week!
Speaker: **Kent Dobson**
Musicians: **Ruth and Max Bloomquist**
Meditation: **Bob Kleinheksel**
Gathering Host: **Valerie Engeltjes**
Kids' Volunteer: **Margaret Willey**

Sunday, August 27, 2023
We Have Questions: How Do We Find Hope?

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Speaker: **Ruth Zwald**, retired social worker/minister, makes her home on a farm, starting every dawn with good coffee and the crow of the rooster. She is a Mesa Carrier on the Peruvian Medicine Path, which involves personal healing, transformational healing for others, and creating ceremony and ritual for ourselves and for the earth.

Musician: **Hanna Laine** is a musician and vocal empowerment coach from Grand Rapids, best known as the vocalist for the Future-Soul band Earth Radio. Skilled in piano, vocal improvisation, beat-making, layering effects, and looping, her abilities to create a soundscape or groovy bop are limitless.

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 Music: **Hannah Laine**
 Gathering Host: **Sandy Kate Stephens**
 Music: **Hannah Laine**
 Meditation: **Cindy Anderson**
 Moment of Silence
 Reading/Teaching: **Ruth Zwald**

HOPE, *noun* 1. A desire of some good, accompanied with at least a slight expectation of obtaining it, or a belief that it is obtainable. *hope* differs from wish and desire in this, that it implies some expectation of obtaining the good desired, or the possibility of possessing it. *hope* therefore always gives pleasure or joy; whereas wish and desire may produce or be accompanied with pain and anxiety. 2. That which gives hope; or that which furnishes ground of expectation, or promises desired good
 - *Webster's Dictionary 1828*

Today we lose the words yours and mine and find
 in their absence a song that can only be sung together.
 How did we ever think we could attempt
 this humanness alone?
 To the table of love, we bring soup, bring cherries,
 bring the bread of our own sweet communion.
 We bring scissors to cut away the tresses of the past,
 bring dark wine to toast the courage of showing up exposed.
 And when we forget the words to the song,
 well, there is always laughter.
 And when we forget to laugh, well, there is always
 the union of tears— the way many rivers
 become one river, the way many voices
 become one music.

~ Rosemerry Wahtola Trommer, from her collection *All the Honey*

Music: **Hannah Laine**
 Gathering Host: **Sandy Kate Stephens**
 Music: **Hannah Laine**





Claude's Farewell

The Board of Trustees and the C3 Kids Committee would like to acknowledge Claude McMasters' graduation and express our appreciation of his contributions, which include helping with C3 Kids and three years of setup and take down for our Sunday Gatherings. Claude will attend Grand Valley in the fall. If you have not already made a contribution to Claude's graduation, and would like to do so, look for a decorated box with Claude's name on it at the sound table. **Today is the last day** the box will be here. Good luck, Claude!

C3 Logo T-Shirts

Thank you to everyone who ordered a new C3 t-shirt! We have placed the order and suspended sales for now. If you missed ordering a t-shirt during the past month, add your name to the signup sheet on the Outreach table. Once we have 25 names, we will take pre-orders again.

Board of Trustees Election Nomination Period

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

C3 Summer Fundraiser

It's not too late to sponsor **Gordy Alderink, John Leitner, Ira Engeltjes, Andy Cawthon** or **Chrys Moelter-Gray** in their fundraising efforts for C3. They will continue pedaling and dipping until **Sunday, September 17**, and will report totals and dollars shortly after that.

Volunteers Needed for Grand Haven Hispanic Heritage Fiesta

How about bringing some cookies for the C3 booth at the Fiesta, or be there to help sell them? Connect with Patti Baldus at the Gathering. Want to meet some new people? Sign up to volunteer for one of the many aspects of the fiesta, like the Mercado. Go to the volunteer signup at <https://www.tcpuentes.org/fiesta/volunteers>, or see Rod Van Abbema at the Gathering.

Hearing Assistive Devices

Those of you who use hearing aids are requested to supply the make and model number of the device you use, so that Chuck Tawney can research what kind of Bluetooth amplifier might improve the Gathering experience for you. There are index cards on the sound table; your name is not needed.

Week 3@C3 for September

Community enCompass - Sacred Suds is a community center in the McLaughlin Neighborhood in Muskegon that offers laundry facilities, along with many other services. We will collect laundry items and socks for them on **September 3, 10, and 17. Needed are:** laundry detergent/soap; bleach or other cleaning boosters; dryer sheets; and **especially SOCKS**, for men, women, and children, any type, any size. The need is great!

Checks Written to C3

Thank you for your donations to our fundraising projects. Please make checks out to C3, and if you're supporting a project with that check, please note that in the memo field.

Sign Up for Sunday Dinner Group

We will meet at **5:30 p.m. today at Don Luis Mexican Bar and Grill** (442 Beacon Blvd.) in Grand Haven. Sign up at the Membership Table before you leave today, so we can make a reservation.

C3 Men's Club

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

Vigil for Peace and Justice

The Vigil for Peace and Justice continues every Saturday from noon to 1 p.m., along Washington Avenue at Central Park.

C3 Book Club and Friends

Please note that we have switched the next two books around to fit vacation schedules. For **September 19** we are reading *The One in a Million Boy* by Monica Wood. For **October 17**, it will be *The Sun Does Shine* by Anthony Hinton.

Fall Adopt-A-Highway

Save the date Saturday, September 30 for our fall Adopt-A-Highway cleanup. The cleanup is from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Sign up at the Outreach table beginning September 3.

Community Care and Concern

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

Congratulations to **Sally Hipp**, who married **Nick Cavarocchi** on August 12. They will continue to spend summers in Grand Haven. No name changes!

Barb Van Leeuwen writes that she is undergoing the toughest part of her treatment for oral cancer now. She is grateful for the kind words received from C3 folks, letting her know that people are pulling for her. Cards or notes may be sent to Barb via text or email or at home: 2669 Weatherby Hills Drive SE, Grand Rapids 49546.