



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

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Gold Team Hosts: **Betty Porter, Mike & Charlotte Rozich, Tom Edwards** with **Chrys Moelter-Gray**
Gold Team Ushers: **Rod & Cheryl Van Abbema, Martha Perko**

Welcome Table:
Jeff Crandle
Next Week: **Green Team**

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C3 Board of Trustees
Chair: **Sally Alderink**
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Treasurer: **Shannon McMaster**
Trustees: **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**
Musician: **Hannah Rose Graves**
Meditation: **David Dean**
Gathering Host: **Nelleke Knarr**
Kids' Volunteer: **Patti Baldus**

Sunday, September 3, 2023

We Have Questions: Does Beauty Matter?

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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*.

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Musicians: **Ruth and Max Bloomquist** bring Ruth's award-winning abilities as a songwriter and singer and Max's harmony and touch on the upright bass, to share their heart-touching, acoustic Americana that is all their own. Ruth's trademark rich alto is unmistakable, and her songs evoke images and emotions common to us all.

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Music: **Ruth and Max Bloomquist**
Gathering Host: **Valerie Engeltjes**
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Meditation: **Bob Kleinheksel**
Moment of Silence
Reading/Teaching: **Kent Dobson**

Let everything happen to you, beauty and terror.
-Rainer Maria Rilke, *Go to the Limits of Your Longing*

I asked the earth, I asked the sea and the deeps, among the living animals, the things that creep. I asked the winds that blow, I asked the heavens, the sun, the moon, the stars, and to all things that stand at the doors of my flesh . . . My question was the gaze I turned to them. Their answer was their beauty.
- St. Augustine, quoted in *The Call of Beauty*, John O'Donohue

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Autumn Kickoff on September 24

To celebrate the change in seasons, and to spend time with each other, on **September 24, we will gather again at Mulligan's Hollow at 6 p.m.** for a little autumn celebration with a potluck, games, a bonfire, and some fun! Put it on your calendar now!

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.

C3 Logo T-Shirts

Thank you to everyone who ordered a new C3 t-shirt! The shirts are being printed and can be picked up at the Gathering beginning **September 10**. If you are interested in ordering a t-shirt for the next go around, add your name to the signup sheet on the Outreach table.

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.

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.

C3 Summer Fundraiser – the Latest Numbers

Gordy Alderink, John Leitner, Ira Engeltjes, and Andy Cawthon have logged **2822.9 miles** on their bikes; Chrys has had **14 beach days with 12 swims**. As of Sunday, there are 14 days to go!

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 **today and on September 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.

Let's Picnic, Sunday Dinner Group

We will meet at **5:30 p.m. today** for a **bring-your-own picnic** at **Grand Haven's East Grand River Park** (1601 Franklin Ave., enter from Eastern Street, GH).

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

We will meet at **The Bookman at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, September 19**, for our discussion of *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**, is our fall Adopt-A-Highway cleanup. The cleanup is from 10:00 a.m. to noon. You can 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.

Sarah Jacobs' mother, Marie (Helmerts) Bahlke, passed away peacefully on August 24, at 103, after a decades-long sparring match with old age. Marie became a published author at age 85 with her book of poetry *One Oar: A Journey with Alzheimer's*. A Celebration of her life will be September 23, 3-5 p.m. at Betzler Life Story in Kalamazoo. Cards to Sarah may be sent to 7091 Juniper Court, Norton Shores, MI 49009.