



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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 Green Team Hosts: **Karen Cotton, Tom Tosa, Marian Mulette with Sandy & Allen Beck**

Green Team Ushers: **Wayne Johnson, Jane Curtis and Karri Absenger**

Welcome Table:

Kathy Smith

Next Week: **Red Team**

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 C3 Board of Trustees

Chair: **Sally Alderink**

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 Musician: **Brie Stoner**
 Meditation: **Charity McMaster**
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Sunday, September 10, 2023

We Have Questions: Do We Really Need the Soul Anymore?

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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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 Musician: **Hannah Rose Graves** creates an atmosphere of healing and joy with her soulful, warm sound. She tells stories of loved ones and people living and gone, weaving their lives and legacies into songs with her bandmates. She will move to Austin, TX in October to expand her career.

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 Music: **Hannah Rose Graves**
 Gathering Host: **Nelleke Knarr**
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 Meditation: **David Dean**
 Moment of Silence
 Reading/Teaching: **Kent Dobson**

There's a thread you follow. It goes among things that change. But it doesn't change. People wonder about what you are pursuing. You have to explain about the thread. But it is hard for others to see. While you hold it you can't get lost. Tragedies happen; people get hurt or die; and you suffer and get old. Nothing you do can stop time's unfolding. You don't ever let go of the thread.

- William Stafford, *The Way It Is*

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Autumn Kickoff Bonfire and Social on September 24

- Dress for an evening outside on **Sunday, September 24, 6 p.m.** at **Mulligan's Hollow Ski Lodge**—right next to the Tri-Cities YMCA off Harbor Drive.
- Please sign up specifically for what food you are bringing at the Outreach Table this morning!
- BYOBeverage—alcohol is allowed.
- Please bring your place setting, utensils and cups. You can drive up to the lodge to drop off but **all parking is in the YMCA parking lot**. RAIN or SHINE!!! We have plenty of room inside and out, and it's ADA accessible.

Welcome, Eli!

Welcome to Eli Colbry (son of Teresa), who has taken Claude's place as our set-up and tear-down person! Eli is a busy young man—he works at Morningstar Café, is taking classes at GRCC in Computer Science/Networking, and now will be here at C3 each Sunday morning. Eli has low vision, so if he doesn't recognize you right away, he's not ignoring you!

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

If you pre-ordered a new C3 logo t-shirt, please pick it up today at the Outreach table! If you missed ordering a t-shirt, add your name to the signup sheet. 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.

Have fun at the Fiesta! General volunteers are still needed!

Sign up to help with one of the many aspects of Fiesta: kid's activities, beer tent, clean up, people control and more. Just go to the volunteer signup <https://www.tcpuentes.org/fiesta/volunteers> or contact **Rod Van Abbema**. To bring cookies for the C3 booth or to help staff it, email **Patti Baldus** patbaldus5@gmail.com or see her at the Sunday Gathering.

C3 Summer Fundraiser - One Week Left!

Gordy Alderink, John Leitner, Ira Engeltjes, Andy Cawthon and Chrys Moelter-Gray have 7 days to go to add to their totals. Then pledgers and pledgees need to communicate and determine amounts. Make checks out to C3 West Michigan, with "Biking (or Swimming) for C3" in the memo line.

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 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!

Sunday Dinner Group!

Meet again at **East Grand River Park** at **5:30 p.m. today** (1601 Franklin Ave., enter from Eastern Street, GH). With your own picnic or takeout food.

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 Paz y Justicia

Next Saturday's Vigil will happen concurrently with the Fiesta, 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.

Adopt-A-Highway

Our fall Adopt-A-Highway cleanup is **Saturday, September 30**. The cleanup is from **10 a.m. to noon** and we need lots of volunteers! (If necessary, the rain date is **Sunday, October 1**, after the Gathering). Sign up via email (tedwards@designallegro.com) or at the Outreach table.

Community Care and Concern

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

Barb Van Leeuwen is undergoing the toughest part of her treatment for oral cancer now. 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. 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.