



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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Gold Team Hosts: **Betty Porter, Jenny Roberts & Bob Burleigh, Mike & Charlotte Rozich, Ellie Williams**
Gold Team Ushers: **Rod & Cheryl Van Abbema, Martha Perko**
Welcome Table: **Shannon McMaster**
Next Week: **Green Team**

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C3 Board of Trustees
Chair: **Sally Alderink**
Vice-Chair: **Teresa Colbry**
Secretary: **Valerie Engeltjes**
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: **Dr. Sarah Kornfield**
Musician: **Hannah Laine**
Meditation: **Charity McMaster**
Gathering Host: **Chrys Moelter-Gray**
Kids' Volunteer: **Patti Baldus**



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Sunday, October 8, 2023
We Have Questions: What's the Point of a Religious Life (Part 2)?

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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*.

Musician: **Kyle Rasche** has carved his place as one of West Michigan's most dependable songsmiths of the poetic, soul-bearing sort. 2021 saw his foray back into the solo-songwriter world, with a pile of new songs, and an updated list of accolades—including being named a finalist in Kerrville Folk Festival's prestigious New Folk Songwriting Competition.

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 Music: **Kyle Rasche**
 Gathering Host: **Beth Buelow**
 Music: **Kyle Rasche**
 Meditation: **Leslie Newman**
 Moment of Silence
 Reading/Teaching: **Kent Dobson**

There is in every person an inward sea,
 and in that sea there is an island
 and on that island there is an altar
 and standing guard before that altar
 is the "angel with the flaming sword."
 Nothing can get by that angel to be placed upon that altar
 unless it has the mark of your inner authority.
 Nothing passes "the angel with the flaming sword"
 to be placed upon your altar
 unless it be a part of "the fluid area of your consent."
 This is your crucial link with the Eternal.
 - Howard Thurman, *Meditations of the Heart*

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An Exciting Opportunity at C3!

In the coming months, we will be hiring an Executive Director to join the C3 leadership team. Duties for the Executive Director will include everyday operational and administrative responsibilities as well as long-term and special activities that support our mission. Full details at C3westmichigan.org/employment. Resumes due by 10/31. Please help us spread the word!

Save These Dates!

Be sure to mark your calendars for **October 22 and November 5. October 22 is Kent's last Sunday** as our lead teacher. Plan to stay after the Gathering for a special time to celebrate his six years with us and send him off with our thanks and good wishes. Because of our recently approved bylaws changes, our **annual meeting will be held on November 5** immediately following the Gathering. At this time we'll reaffirm our commitment to the C3 community, elect new Board of Trustee members, and learn more about what's going on in many different areas of C3.

You won't want to miss either of these special Sundays!

Week 3@C3 for October

We will be collecting for the **Muskegon Rescue Mission's Thanksgiving Baskets Project**. Needed for the baskets are:

Packaged items:

stuffing mix

mashed potatoes

macaroni and cheese

brownie or cake mixes

Canned corn and green beans

Muskegon Rescue Mission prepares to give away 1,000 Thanksgiving meal baskets. These items will be collected **today and next Sunday**.

Autumn Kickoff Bonfire and Social

Almost 50 people gathered for good food, great conversation, bonfire gazing, and the Cornhole Tournament on September 24. Winners were Mary Ellen Mika and Gordy Alderink. The McMasters were champion bonfire builders, the food was abundant and fabulous, the weather was perfect, and the deer who watched from the sidelines were both entertained and entertaining! Many thanks to Joyce and David for their organizing this fun event.

Adopt-A-Highway

Thanks to the 20 or so folks who cleaned up our section of US-31 on September 30. Your help in collecting 58 bags full of trash was so appreciated!

Women's Journey Returns

Would you enjoy getting together on a monthly basis to share stories, laughter, and build friendships with C3 women? Join us for an organizational meeting on Monday, October 23, at 6:30 p.m. at The Bookman (715 Washington, Grand Haven). We will make a plan for Women's Journey 2024! Contact Becky Park at frontdesk@c3westmichigan.org with questions.

Sunday Dinner Group

Sign up at the Membership Table to join fellow C3ers for a meal at The Kirby this evening at 5:30p.m.

C3 Book Club and Friends

We next meet on **October 17**, to discuss *The Sun Does Shine: How I Found Life and Freedom on Death Row* by Anthony Ray Hinton. The book for November is *The Henna Artist* by Alka Joshi. Start thinking of three books to suggest for 2024, when we meet for our holiday party and book selection process in December.

Vigil for Peace and Justice

Our vigil continues through November each **Saturday** from **noon to 1 p.m.** along Washington Avenue at Central Park.

C3 Men's Club

Our meeting this Tuesday, October 10, will be at the home of Ted Larned, 17420 W. Spring Lake Road from 7-8:30 pm.

New Fall Hours at C3 Office

Becky will be in the office will Mondays and Tuesdays from 12 to 2:30 p.m. Other hours by appointment: call or text 616-842-1985 or email frontdesk@c3westmichigan.org.

Honor and Memorial Giving

A donation to C3 was made in memory of **Marie Bahlke** (Sarah Jacob's mother) by Mark and Kathy Smith.

Community Care and Concern

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

Lynne Deur is undergoing multiple procedures to receive a cochlear implant. She and Jean will remain in Michigan until she has the implant and is comfortable with it. Cards can be sent to Lynne at 18332 N. Shore Estates, Spring Lake, MI 49456.

Jean Register continues to recuperate at home, but is still unable to move around much or stand for very long. A Meal Train has been created to assist with evening meals. If you're able and willing to help, check it out at <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/dk80w4>. Her address is: 17541 Park Place Circle, Spring Lake, MI 49456 / 616-822-1414 / mreeg@comcast.net

Barb Van Leeuwen's treatment continues. Cards or notes may be sent to Barb via text or email or at home: 2669 Weatherby Hills Drive SE, Grand Rapids 49546.