



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: **Marian Mulette, Tom Tosa, Joyce & Andy Cawthon**
 Green Team Ushers: **Wayne Johnson, Jane Curtis, Kathy Tosa**
 Welcome Table: **Kathy Smith**
 Next Week: **Red Team**

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Next Week!
 Speaker: **Kent Dobson**
 Musician: **Grace Theisen**
 Meditation: **David Dean**
 Gathering Host: **Valerie Engeltjes**
 Kids' Volunteer: **Sally Alderink**



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Sunday, October 15, 2023

We Have Questions: Why Are Girls Going Fundamentalist?

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 Speaker: **Dr. Sarah Kornfield** is Associate Professor of Communication at Hope College, and affiliated professor of Women's and Gender Studies. Her research combines rhetorical criticism and feminist theory to analyze three pillars of U.S. public culture: entertainment television, Christian religiosity, and politics. She is the author of *Contemporary Rhetorical Criticism*, and the upcoming publication from Johns Hopkins University Press, *Invoking the Fathers*.

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 Musician: **Hannah Laine** is a musician and vocal empowerment coach from Grand Rapids, best known as the vocalist for the Future-Soul band Earth Radio. She began singing and songwriting at a very young age, and has found refuge in music as a way of healing and processing her life experiences. 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: **Chrys Moelter-Gray**
 Music: **Hannah Laine**
 Meditation: **Charity McMaster**
 Moment of Silence
 Reading/Teaching: **Dr. Sarah Kornfield**

In tandem with efforts to promote 'biblical manhood and womanhood,' an elaborate 'purity culture' was taking hold across American evangelicalism. Purity culture emerged as a cohesive movement in the 1990s, but it drew on teachings long championed by conservative evangelicals accustomed to upholding stringent standards of female sexual 'purity' while assigning men the responsibility of 'protecting' women and their chastity. Female modesty was a key component of purity culture. If men were created with nearly irrepressible, God-given sex drives, it was up to women to rein in men's libidos. Wives were tasked with meeting husbands' every sexual need, but it was the responsibility of women and girls to avoid leading men who were not their husbands into temptation."
 -Kristin Kobes Du Mez, *Jesus and John Wayne*, 169-170

Studying the 1990s and 2000s purity movement, Dr. Christine Gardner summarizes its message to girls like this, "God says you are a princess" and thus, "your behavior and the choices you make must be governed by that value if you are aiming for the sunset ending in your love story. You must present yourself as you would priceless china." Notably, this collapses princesses (which—although tightly bound to damsel type narratives—have some potential agency and activity) into china teacups, which are delicate and beautiful because of their passive and fragile nature.
 - Christine Gardner, *Making Chastity Sexy*, 74

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 Music: **Hannah Laine**



Celebration of Gratitude

Next Sunday, October 22, Kent will lead our Gathering for the last time as our lead teacher. Be sure to make plans to stay around for food, reminiscing, and a chance to thank Kent and wish him well! We're counting on everyone to help make this memorable. If your last name begins with A - M, please bring a savory finger food. If your last name begins with N - Z, please bring a sweet finger food. For all the details, please check your recent email for a special message from C3 West Michigan. We'll see you there!

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!

C3 Community Annual Meeting

It's important to remember two things about the annual meeting: It's held the first Sunday in November now. It's the morning after we change our clocks, so with that extra hour of sleep, there's no excuse to miss it! We'll be discussing some important business, as well as electing new Board of Trustee members, so you won't want to miss it!

Usher Openings

Wanted: C3 members for simple 15-minute job once every five Sundays.
Requirements: ability to smile, greet, and hand out bulletins.
Pay: satisfaction from meeting nice people and serving C3.
Contact Rod Van Abbema (rodvanabbema@gmail.com).

Week 3@C3 for October

Today is the last day for collecting for the **Muskegon Rescue Mission's Thanksgiving Baskets Project**. Needed for the baskets are packaged stuffing mix, mashed potatoes, macaroni and cheese, brownie or cake mixes, canned corn and green beans, as Muskegon Rescue Mission prepares to give away 1,000 Thanksgiving meal baskets.

C3 Book Club and Friends

We meet this Tuesday, October 17, 6 p.m. at The Bookman 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.

C3 Men's Club

Our meeting this Tuesday, October 17, will be at the home of Ted Larned, 17420 W. Spring Lake Road from 7-8:30 pm.

Vigil for Peace and Justice

Join us from noon to 1 p.m. the last two Saturdays in October along Washington at Central Park to advocate for much needed peace.

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.

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!

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.

New Fall Hours at C3 Office

Becky will be in the office 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.

Patricia Johnson had knee-replacement surgery this week.

Jean Register had a stroke early this week and was at Trinity Health Grand Rapids. She is stable, alert, and communicating well. She will be discharged to inpatient rehab. Her kids are with her and will keep us informed.

Barb Van Leeuwen thanks those who have supported her during her long treatment period, which has recently ended. She continues recovery at home, 2669 Weatherby Hills Drive SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546.