



9 a.m. **Pre-Talk & Awakenings**
 10 a.m. **Gathering**
 10 a.m. **C3 Kids** with **Miss Mary** and volunteer **Patti Baldus**
 11:00 a.m. **Talk Back**

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 White Team Hosts:
Patti Baldus,
Kathy Humphrey,
Chrys Moelter-Gray
 White Team Ushers:
Jerry & Barb VanLeeuwen,
John Leitner & Cindy Krause-Leitner

Welcome Table:
Sarah Jacobs
 Next Week: **Blue Team**

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Next Week!
 Speaker: **Barry Johnson**
 Musician:
Morgan Haner
 Meditation:
Cindy Anderson
 Gathering Host:
Mark Smith
 Kids' Volunteer:
Charity McMaster

Sunday, February 11, 2024
We Have Questions:
When (Why and How) Do US Politicians Use Christian Appeals?

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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: **Grace Theisen** is a queer Americana artist originally from Kalamazoo. After graduating from Hope College in 2014 with a double major in Gender Studies and Psychology, Grace moved to Nashville from 2015 to 2018 to run her nonprofit, Songs Against Slavery. She returned to Kalamazoo in 2019 and has been influential in the Michigan music scene. She is one-third of the band The Rebel Eves.

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 Meditation: **Mary Ackerson**
 Moment of Silence
 Reading/Teaching: **Dr. Sarah Kornfield**

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 "It is my hope that on this anniversary we can pray for the souls of those children lost and work towards a future where all children are allowed to decide their own future in this blessed Nation of ours. Our Founding Fathers were grounded in the Christian principles this Nation was founded on. 2 Chronicles 7:14: 'If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways; then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.' "
 ~ Representative Yoho (R-FL), House, January 15, 2020

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 "Since Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1941, every U.S. President has declared the week of Thanksgiving to be National Bible Week. Next week, we will, once again, celebrate this beloved book, which continues to mold the lives of millions and even billions around the world. It is fitting that we take time today to bring attention to the very book that was so influential in the founding of our Nation. The Holy Bible was perhaps the most accessible book to our Founding Fathers. Its principles gave them invaluable insights into human nature, civic virtue, political authority, and the rights of citizens."
 ~ Representative Babin (R-TX) House, November 20, 2019

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Week 3@C3

Our project for February is to stock the Micro Pantry at the Momentum Center— “Take what you need, leave what you can.” Acceptable items are easy-to-prepare, shelf-stable food: microwave mac & cheese, Ramen noodles, canned soups and pasta, instant mashed potatoes, oatmeal, canned vegetables and fruit, gummy fruit snacks, fruit and pudding cups, granola bars, instant hot chocolate. Items will be collected on **February 11 and 18**.

Note: Cans that don't need a can opener are especially helpful.

Save These Dates

It may be winter now, but spring will arrive, and with your participation, C3 will show up in strength for these events, which support our value of **Care for the Earth**.

April 20: Earth Day

April 27: Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup

May 11: Parks Clean-up Blitz (in Spring Lake)

Also note:

June 8: Grand Haven Pride Festival (co-sponsor)

Your Feedback on the Gathering

The Sunday Gathering Team recently began developing a larger pool of guest teachers. Thanks to many suggestions, we're inviting some of them to teach in the next couple of months, so you'll be seeing a lot of new faces. We'd love your feedback on these guest teachers—as well as the musician(s) and the overall Gathering experience. Please either talk to a member of the Sunday Gathering Team or take a few minutes to fill out the forms that are located at the back of the room, along with pens, and boxes in which you can put your feedback. You can be anonymous or sign your name. Thanks for your help! Sunday Gathering Team: **Leslie Newman, Beth Buelow, Valerie Engeltjes, Marianne Fischer, Chrys Moelter-Gray, Jean Regester, Chuck Tawney, Rod Van Abbema, Cindy Van Ittersum, and Ellie Williams**

Volunteer Opportunity

We can always use people to serve as substitute Welcoming Hosts on Sunday mornings, when people from the scheduled team are out of town or ill. If you would be willing to serve as an occasional host, contact Ellie Williams: elliwilliams4@gmail.com.

Travel-size Items

Every Woman's Place takes contributions of travel-size toiletry items—shampoo, conditioner, wrapped soap, lotions, nail files, floss. If you have any of these to contribute, bring them any Sunday to the Week 3@C3 table.

Sunday Dinner Group

Let's head to Ted's tonight! Sign up on the sheet at the Membership table if you will join the group this evening at 5:30.

C3 Men's Club

The C3 Men's Group meets each Tuesday, 7 to 8:30 p.m., at St. John's Episcopal Church in Grand Haven, Room B. Contact **Phil Koster** at 616-402-1751 for more information.

C3 Book Club and Friends

Join us on at 6 p.m. on **February 20** at The Bookman to discuss ***The Forty Rules of Love: A Novel of Rumi*** by Efif Shafek.

March 19: ***Bee Season: A Novel*** by Myla Goldberg

April 16: ***The Last Green Valley*** by Mark Sullivan

Women's Journey

Our next meeting will be Monday, February 26, at 6:30 p.m. at The Bookman. Bring a favorite children's book or story. **Leslie Newman** will be leading us.

Community Care and Concern

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

Thanks for Your Generosity

Thanks to everyone who donated—money, time, talent. We'll be giving the Life Church pastor's family the collection this weekend. In the end we will have a donation of over \$2500 plus your offers of furniture, and handmade items. Thanks for coming together for this family and for showing your love for the world, wherever it's needed.

Yvonne Olmsted's brother Hans Cramer (also known as Hamsagati Das), died recently in India, as he wished. The family will gather this summer for a memorial. Cards may be sent to 210 S. 7th Street, Grand Haven, MI 49417.

Need a name tag?

New members or members who have lost a name tag may contact Jeff Crandle (chair of Membership Committee) at 616-638-5266 (text preferred) or crandlejeff@gmail.com. Please be aware that each name tag costs C3 \$10, so consider adding that to your contributions.