



9 a.m. **Pre-Talk**
 10 a.m. **Gathering**
 10 a.m. **C3 Kids** with
Miss Mary and volunteer
Char Kole
 11:00 a.m. **Talk Back**

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Green Team Hosts: **Karen Cotton,**
Marian Mulette, Tom Tosa,
Chuck & Sandy Kate Stephens
Green Team Ushers:
Wayne Johnson, Jane Curtis,
Kathy Tosa
Welcome Table: **Kathy Smith**
Next Week: **Red Team**

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Next Week!
Teacher: **Brad Ruggles**
Musician: **Jen Sygit**
Meditation: **Abby Black**
Gathering Host: **Valerie Engeltjes**
Kids' Volunteer: **Sally Alderink**



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Sunday, September 29, 2024

What the World Needs Now: Surrender

Men Don't Retreat: Masculinity and Sovereignty in White Evangelicalism

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Guest Teacher: **Sarah Kornfield** is Associate Professor of Communication at Hope College and affiliated professor of Women's and Gender Studies. She is the author of *Contemporary Rhetorical Criticism*, and the just-published book from Johns Hopkins University Press, *Invoking the Fathers*.

Musicians: **Annagail** (Jared and Jennifer Adams) is an American Americana/folk duo based in Grand Rapids, Michigan. They've always defied and stretched genres. Equal parts singer/songwriters and rock band. Thinking man's Americana. Darkly optimistic opuses? Pop for philosophers? Country for the curious? Rock for the recluse? Whatever you need to call them, Annagail weave heartache and hope for the disillusioned.

Music: **Annagail**
 Gathering Host: **Mark Smith**
 Music: **Annagail**
 Meditation: **Bob Kleinheksel**
 Moment of Silence
 Readings/Teaching: **Sarah Kornfield**

When you are trapped in sin, imagine yourself in a *cage*. The door is *locked*, and as you look around you see many others in *cages* too. But because of the gospel, Jesus comes and *unlocks* the *cage*. He leaves the door *open* and invites you to *walk out*. As you *step out* of the *cage* that has *held* you *prisoner*, he gives you the *key* to the *cage*, which is your story. Every time we share our story and tell what God has saved us from, our sin loses power over us, and others are often *freed* from their *cages*. Do not be ashamed of your story. Do not hide it. Use the story God has saved you from, by his kindness, to *walk freely* out of your *cage*, and invite others to do the same.

-Pastor Jonathan "JP" Pokluda, *Why Do I Do What I Don't Want To Do? Replace Deadly Vices with Life-Giving Virtues*, 138, emphasis added

Sovereignty, as Stephen J. Hartnett and Bryan R. Reckard explain, has to do with how "nation-states create borders, organize space, and wield power over particular areas." Borders symbolize a state's sovereign claim over a "territorial entity." As such, sovereignty pertains to space or terrain. However, in democratic nation-states, "the people" retain their freedom; they consent to governance and hold their elected officials accountable. At least in theory, then, "the people" are free and sovereign. As such, who constitutes "the people" becomes a matter of utmost importance. Surveying U.S. governance, social contract theorists such as Carole Pateman and Charles W. Mills clearly demonstrate that U.S. sovereignty was built by and for propertied white men. They constituted the original "the people" and others did not. Since the founding era a wide variety of Constitutional Amendments and legislation have reshaped the contours of "the people," rendering appeals to freedom and sovereignty especially pertinent as they shape what it means to be a person or citizen in the United States.

-Kornfield and Mikkelsen, in press

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Dine with Nine

Today is the last day to sign up to attend or host Dine with Nine (or seven or eight) on October 19. Fall Harvest is the theme. Several hosts will open their homes for the event.

Hispanic Heritage Fiesta

Our cookie sale at the Hispanic Heritage Fiesta raised \$323, which will be donated to the Lupita Reyes Scholarship Fund at the Grand Haven Community Foundation. We had copies of our C3 Values in Spanish to share, and volunteers did a great job of talking with visitors about the C3 community and our values. Thanks to all you bakers and those who spent time staffing the booth.

Week 3@C3 for October: Thanksgiving Baskets

We will help Muskegon Rescue Mission fill 900 baskets for the annual Thanksgiving Basket Giveaway, which offers area residents a full Thanksgiving meal to make at home. Choose from the list at the Week 3@C3 Table and bring items back on October 6, 13, and 20.

Do You Have Any Old Photos of C3 (Christ Community Church)?

We're trying to collect historical photos of C3/Christ Community Church (including past members, events, pastors, etc.) to be used for the Community Celebration on November 3. Photos in digital format are preferred, and can be sent to Brad@c3westmichigan.org. If you need us to scan your hard copy, please call or text 616-842-1985, or email smcmaster@c3westmichigan.org.

Can You Take One Small Step?

C3 is encouraging people to participate in *One Small Step*, an initiative by WGVU and StoryCorps, by signing up to take part in a facilitated conversation with someone new, with different political beliefs from yours, and get to know each other as people. Learn more and sign up at the WGVU website: www.wgvu.org/onesmallstep/.

Nominations for BOT

The Board of Trustees election will happen at the Annual Meeting on November 3. There are three openings on the board for 2025-26. Two current board members will be seeking re-election, leaving one open seat. Nominations are open through October 1. If you would like to nominate someone, or have any questions, please see Trustee Wayne Johnson or Executive Director Shannon McMaster.

Sunday Dinner Group

Sign up to go to Kirby House at 5:30 p.m. This ad hoc group needs someone to spearhead the scheduling as we return indoors.

C3 Men's Club

This men's conversation group meets each Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Room B at St. John's Episcopal Church. Call Phil Koster, 616-492-1751 with questions.

Vigil for Peace and Justice

Join us Saturdays from noon to 1 p.m. along Washington Avenue at Central Park.

C3 Book Club

October's book is *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride. Our next meeting is 6 p.m. on Tuesday, October 22 at The Bookman.

Women's Journey

Our next meeting is Monday, October 28 at 6:30 p.m. at The Bookman. We could use one or two volunteers for snacks. We will again have some questions as conversation starters.

A donation in memory of **Mike Pinder** was made by Kerry FitzGerald.

Community Care and Concern

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

Thom Clay died recently, as we learned from his sister Celia Said. She related how they enjoyed attending Christ Community Church and liked Ian. There will be a service on November 2. Contact Shannon at the office for more details.

Nelleke Knarr's mother Norma Jean Knarr died on September 14, and a funeral mass was held in Danville, IN, on September 19. Cards may be sent to 747 Fuller Avenue, SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506.

Janice Scharich's mother, Vera Sturgeon Van Velsen, died on September 4, at age 88. Cards of support may be sent to Janice at 940 Bradford Greens Court, Grand Rapids, MI 49525.

A memorial celebration of life will be held for **Joan Sutton** on October 19, time to be announced. Joan died August 26. Cards can be sent to 13892 148th Avenue, Grand Haven, MI 49417

Info for C3 Matters or C3 Update

Please send any announcement for the C3 Update and/or C3 Matters to Chrys (cgmgray@mac.com) & Becky (frontdesk@c3westmichigan.org) by Tuesday of the week you would like it included.