



HAPPY BIRTHDAY FORT COLLINS MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

35th Anniversary Celebration: God's Work, Our Hands

Proposed Order of Worship

Gathering

Prelude – choir
Greeting and Call to Worship
Opening Prayer
Song – congregation
Passing of the Peace

Hearing God's Word

Song – congregation
Minister's Memories:

- Dave Gingerich
- Bill and Marj Stucky
- Joy Lapp
- Karla Kaufmann

Song – congregation
More Ministers' Memories:

- Jeff Borg
- Ken Pilot
- Steve Ramer

Responding to God's Word

Slide show
Offering – choir
Benediction
"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" (Benediction 606) – choir & congregation

Proposed Speaker Intros

NOTE: Each intro will be given before each speaker goes on.

David Gingerich was our informal coordinator during the house church years of 1979 to 1984. He found time to lead and coordinate the group while attending Illif Seminary, and was well known for his liberal views of theology and his strong interest in the struggles of the poor in war-torn Central America in the 1980s. Today, David is a carpenter in Fort Collins and is particularly proud of his two sons: Andrew who is a film-maker, and Jonathon who just graduated from law school.

Bill and Marj Stucky were our first “formal ministers” who served from 1984 to 1990. From long-time camp directors and teachers at the Mennonite Camp Mennoscah in Kansas, to ministers at our first church at Whedbee Street, their warm and caring personalities shone through. Church repairs, Self-Help sales, and countless worship services are all part of their legacy. Today, Bill and Marj are spending their retirement in North Newton, KS.

Joy Lapp was our short-time minister from 1992 to 1993 in our Whedbee Street church. Prior to coming to FCMF, she spent time teaching English in Egypt, acting as interim minister at Lawrence Mennonite Fellowship, and was in the process of getting her PhD in the Program of Religious Studies in Denver. Today, Joy is Professor of Religion at Iowa Wesleyan College

Karla Kaufmann came to FCMF from Mennonite Seminary in Elkhart, IN. There she hoped to find some answers to her theological questions, but never intended to become a minister. Still, she submitted her MLIF (ministerial leadership information form) and was called to Fort Collins. Excited to be near the Rockies, she spent her time with us from 1994 to 1997 in the Whedbee Street church. Today Karla is a part-time hospice director and spiritual director in Three Rivers, Michigan.

Jeff Borg served briefly as interim minister after Joy left and before Karla came on board. However, he returned as our longest running minister, serving from 1997 to 2004 in the Whedbee and Oak Street churches. Prior to coming on board, he worked part-time with Denver Justice and Peace Committee (DJPC). He is best known for his engaging sermons and cue cards, his progressive columns in the Coloradoan, and his bold activism! Today, Jeff is a political science teacher at Front Range Community College in Fort Collins.

Ken Pilot served as interim minister after Jeff left. An experienced minister with decades of experience teaching in parochial schools and working as a District Coordinator and minister of Metropolitan Community Church, Ken came on board in 2004 and stayed until 2006 in the Oak Street church. During that time he brought people together in a joint project to create our logo and mission statement that still graces our Sunday bulletin. Today, Ken is a minister at Metropolitan Community Church in Fort Collins.

Steve Ramer is our current minister, coming to us in 2006 from Washington, D.C. Steve hails from Kansas, a real farm boy who planned to become an Agricultural Teacher or farmer in Kansas, but ended up teaching agriculture in the Philippines, working with people with mental illness in Pennsylvania, and attending Howard University School of Divinity, an African-American school in Washington, D.C. Prior to coming to Fort Collins, he spent time in Mennonite Voluntary Service, volunteered with Sojourners. He just recently returned from leading a Christian Peacemaker Team delegation in Palestine!

Worship Team

- Greeter – Martha Roden and Leonor Kennell
- Worship Leader – Lynette McGowan
- Music – Choir
- Song Leader – Maurice Shenk
- Message – Former and current ministers
- Cleanup – Pam Duncan and others