

# SUMMER CHAPEL SPEAKERS – 2009

## **Will Gay Bottje** – “To Believe, or Not To Believe? – That Is the Question”



June 21 – Will is a composer, flutist, and educator. Born in Grand Rapids in June, 1925, Will attended Juilliard School of Music from 1943-47, Fulbright Grant 1952-53 and DMA Eastman School of Music in 1955. He was Professor Composition at Southern Illinois Univ. from 1957-81 and was Adjunct Professor at GVSU until 1987. He is a member of the American Composers Alliance.

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## **Lisa Locke** – “A Half-Hearted Fanatic”



June 28 – Lisa has been a part of FSC for 50 years, being continually shaped, stretched, challenged, inspired, and comforted. She has sung in the choir, taught Character School and served for nine years as Administrator. Since that time, she has written for the Grand Rapids Press Religion section, served as Associate Director of West Michigan Environmental Action Council and currently is a project manager at Sustainable Research Group, developing strategies for more “sustainable” ways of living and doing business. That is her passion. What fuel and drive her passion are her children and grandchildren, the lights of her life.

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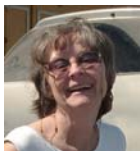
## **David Lee Smith** – “I Pledge Allegiance...”



July 5 – Dave very much enjoys his role of Minister of Visitation for FSC. He lives in Grandville with his wife Liz Coleman-Smith. A native of Grand Rapids, and a graduate of Creston, GRJC and WMU, Dave served 4 years active duty in the USAF and 30 more years in the Michigan Air and Army National Guard. After 4 years at the Chicago Theological Seminary he served 21 years as the pastor of the Burlingame Congregational U.C.C. He subsequently has had several interim ministry positions. His broad exposure to the full religious and political spectrum, along with his military experiences have given him a complicated view of patriotism. What is it we pledge allegiance to?

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## **Sharon Whitehill** – “A Loaf of Bread, A Jug of Wine, and...Guilt.”



July 12 – Since her retirement from Grand Valley State University's English department in 2002, Sharon has taught memoir-writing classes for adults and has given sermons at progressive churches in Michigan, Florida, Wisconsin and Washington.

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## **Mark Walstrom** – “The Redemption of Beauty”



July 19 – Mark first attended FSC in 1987 and became a member in 1999. He is a licensed psychotherapist in private practice in Grand Rapids.

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## **Nurya Love Parish** – “Dusty Old Monks, Radical Nuns, and New Monasticism”



July 26 – Nurya Love Parish was Associate Minister of Fountain Street Church from 2002-2006. She currently serves as the Executive Director of the Grand Rapids Area Humanities Council and participates in the emerging church conversation. She is a postulant for priesthood in the Episcopal Diocese of Western Michigan.

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## **Gayla Jewell** – “Why Goddess?”



August 2 – Fountain Street Church has been woven throughout the fabric of Gayla Jewell's life since 1982. Her religious experience began as the third of five children in an Evangelical Christian family. Life paths have led her to be a women's health nurse practitioner, a bee keeper, a sociologist, a master Reiki therapist, and more. Over the years her spiritual searching moved through anger, questioning, resentment, rejection, self-forgiveness, and acceptance. She seeks to express a spiritual wholeness and anticipation that integrates feminine and masculine perspectives. Her quest is to reclaim space for both gender expressions in what she calls the “Mystical Harmonies of the Spirit”. Her spiritual quest provides the context for her Chapel talk on Sunday, 2 August 2.

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## **Ken Porter** – “Everything Is A Prayer”



August 9 – Ken Porter is a Certified Somatic Therapist at The Fountain Hill Center. He's lived in Grand Rapids since 1974, and first came to Fountain Street in 1986. His passions include wilderness camping, kayaking, music, meditation, laughter, and open-hearted communication.

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## **Michael Crawford** – “Flawed Abundance : Grace, Gratitude and the Transformed Life”



August 16 – Michael Crawford is a musician, actor and teacher. He has been a member of Fountain Street Church for twenty years. He has served on the board and is currently serving on the Music Committee, and Adult Spiritual Life and Learning Committee. He is a member of the Grand Rapids Symphony, has been in many T.V., stage and screen productions, including three feature films and is teaching Double Bass and Music Appreciation at Grand Rapids Community College.

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## **Todd Fettig** – “Fighting for Truth in the Post-Information Era”



August 23 – In his decade-plus of newsroom experience, Todd Fettig has worked quietly behind the scenes to make the news make sense. If you've read The Grand Rapids Press in the past 10 years, you've read Todd's work, probably without realizing it. He once was asked by a job shadow: “Do you ever go home and cry at night because your job is so boring?” Well, let's just say his job is far from boring, now.

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## **Matthew Cockrum** – “Lost and Found”



August 30 – Matthew Cockrum, Minister of Spiritual Life & Learning at Fountain Street Church since December, 2006, works with children's, youth and adult learning ministries as well as pastoral care. Matthew's interests and experiences in yoga, chaplaincy, self psychology, process theology, queer theory and Christian mysticism will inform this Sunday's worship service.

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