



Core Values and Spring Happenings

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Dear Friends of the Farm,

On Sunday June 6, 2024 a group of twelve or so gathered, among the pines and heard these words:

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

We wondered anew what these phrases mean. Are they vaguely dishonest encouragement? Each of the young adult fellows prepared something to share: a litany about meekness and roots, a story about Francis of Assisi, a [poem](#) about mercy. We named griefs. We sang.

Last summer, Plainsong's board and staff gathered to ask 'where are we going', 'what do we value' and 'where do the gifts of the farm meet the world's deep hunger'. Those conversations led to the creation of new core values. (See Below)

Mourning presupposes love. We do not grieve that which we have not loved. Plainsong (on its best days) invites us to be more deeply connected to one another, to the land, and to God. The rhythms of tending the land, nourishing neighbors, and grounding in hope draw us into a bigger love— a love for Harry the self-important rooster, a love for the soil, a love for the driver who rolls down their window to ask if there are any tomatoes available, a love for the garter snakes, a love for the eight year old full of questions, a love for that which we so quickly ignore, a love for the whole ecosystem. In a time when it's easier to isolate and take care of me and mine, to scroll out, to barricade, Plainsong seeks to be a place of ever expanding connection and ever expanding love. We cannot do the work without the grounding practices of gathering to sing and pray. Our prayer and reflection draws us into deeper care, mourning, hospitality, creativity and so often play.

We cannot do this work without you. How are you cultivating connection in your community? What are you mourning? How are you grounding yourself in hope?

grace and peas,

Emily

Values

Connection

Through hospitality and mutual relationships, we nurture belonging and connection between people, places, and God

Embodied Presence

We are cultivating a place where people are needed and belong - a place where people use their bodies to tend the land, nourish their neighbors, and ground themselves in hope and life-giving rhythms

enter
and
Be at
Peace

Creativity

We are committed to cultivating a culture of creativity, bringing curiosity and playfulness into the work of our place

Care of Place

We are committed to the environmental stewardship of the land, buildings, and ecosystems that our mission and work inhabit

Holistic Spirituality

At Plainsong prayer becomes work and work becomes prayer (and often play)



Join us in welcoming Erin, Plainsong's new Farm Fellow!

Erin is looking forward to slowing down and being present in her nine months at Plainsong, practicing how to listen for God and walk with God in everyday life, as well as exploring the field of regenerative agriculture as it fits together with community development. Before Plainsong, Erin was immersed in the world of plants, native and non-native, for work with a watershed restoration group and on a botanical inventorying project of Grand Rapids parks. In her free time, she still likes to take long walks to meet many plants, as well as cook, find live music, and try to become a "handy" person, fixing up her old bike and car.



Prayers for Getting Ready

March 9, 4:30pm

[learn more](#)

Earth Day Birthday

April 26, 1-4 pm

[learn more](#)



Monday Drop-in Volunteering

May 5 - October 27, 9:30-11 am

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Starting Your Garden 101

May 21, 6-7:30 pm

[learn more](#)





Are you looking for a place to feel connected? A way to serve? There is **one** more spot available for Plainsong's Growing Season Young Adult Fellowship (June-October). Plainsong's Residential Fellowship invites young adults, ages 21 to 32, to live into the rhythm of tending the land, nourishing neighbors, and grounding in hope.

[Apply today!](#)



We hope that you continue to join us in rhythms of cultivating connection.

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