



FORT COLLINS MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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Worship 10:00 AM

We are all ministers in this fellowship

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OUR VALUES

- **Commitment and perseverance.** As the body of Christ, we have a commitment to the community through difficult times as well as good times.
- **Faith-filled, grateful attitude.** In God's economy, we have enough resources: enough finances, enough love and nurture, enough volunteers, enough time. Be grateful while also working to grow resources.
- **Every person in this fellowship is a minister.** Every person has a gift and every person should be given an opportunity to give that gift. We are the body of Christ.
- **Spirituality and social justice are integrally interwoven.** We believe and act on this as we emulate the life of Christ, interpret the Scriptures, and meet the spiritual needs of our community. We are unapologetic about being a Christian community that values spirituality; AND we are unapologetic about being a justice and peace community; AND we are unwavering that these are inextricably entwined, and even synergistic.

We are an open and affirming congregation.



ORDER OF SERVICE

Sometimes the simplest truths connect us with the Divine. This autumn we invite you to join us as we explore the simple truths found in scripture, Jesus' life, and wisdom traditions. Simple truths open our hearts and minds; they become mantras, or words to live by. — *"Simple truths are more powerful than Empires."* (Mahatma Gandhi)

GATHERING

- Prelude
- Centering Silence and Opening Prayer
- Call to Worship
- Congregational Singing
- Welcome and Passing the Peace of Christ



Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us offer one another signs of peace, reconciliation, and love. (Stand and shake hands or hug.)

HEARING GOD'S WORD

- Children's Story: *the Enemy: a book about peace (Martha)*
- Scripture: Mathew 18:21-33
- Sermon: *Give Peace a Chance (Cade)*



Join Cade as he shares his personal journey toward understanding peace. From growing up during the Viet Nam War, to searching for answers in literature, Cade has applied his own approach to the study of peace, and come up with some unique insights.

"Peace is not the absence of war. Like a cathedral, peace must be constructed

patiently and with unshakable faith." — Pope John Paul II

"Peace is a journey of a thousand miles and it must be taken one step at a time." — Lyndon B. Johnson

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

- Congregational Singing
- Reflections and Discussion
- Joys and Concerns
- Offering & Music
- Family Circle
- Closing and Sending



VISITORS

Please complete a visitors' card (available from the greeter or on the back information table) and place it in the offering basket or return it to the greeter.

PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS

Steve's regular office hours are Wednesdays, from **2-6 pm** and by appointment. You can contact him at: **412-7510** or stevemramer@yahoo.com



Holy God, you spoke the world into being.

Pour your Spirit to the ends of the earth, that that your children may return from exile as citizens of your commonwealth, And our divisions may be healed by your words of love and righteousness.

Birthdays, prayers, and announcements on back

PRAYER REQUESTS

Let us know your requests during the “joys and concerns” time of worship, or write them on prayer cards (available in the back of the church) and place them in the offering basket.

If a concern arises during the week or if you would like someone to personally pray with you, Keith (**391-9956**), Steph (**685-8162**), or Steve (**412-7510**) welcome hearing from you.

SEPTEMBER PRAYERS FOR FCMF FAMILIES

- Susie and Paul Ford
- Mary Beth and Dave Freeman & family
- Ron and Jeanette Friesen
- Gus Gouvas
- Chris Graeter



SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

Our Fellowship: For those in our fellowship who have ongoing health concerns—Elizabeth, Michael, and Helen; for Gus (last word is he is safe and doing fine); for Annie in her new job; for Martha looking for clients; for Keith’s mom as she heals from surgery; for Cathy’s mom as she heals from a back injury; and for those who have not been to church in awhile.

“The world will never have lasting peace so long as men reserve for war the finest human qualities. Peace, no less than war, requires idealism and self-sacrifice and a righteous and dynamic faith.” — John Foster Dulles

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- **Week 1:** Denise Aitchedji (09/01), Gabi Egan-Ramer (09/08)
- **Week 3:** Beth Helmers (09/19), Dave Freeman (09/21)

ONGOING EVENTS

- **Potlucks:** Every Wednesday at 6:00 pm (starting Sept. 3). Enter through back (north door) to kitchen/dining area.
- **MennoPints:** 1st or 2nd Friday (starting September 5)
- **Movie Night:** 3rd Friday of the month (starting September 19)
- **Elders Meeting:** 1st Monday of the month (October 6)
- **Womynfolk Group:** Support group meets the 1st Monday of each month—except Sept. Contact Annie: (**601**) **918-9054** (c)

CALENDAR

Refer to Announcements for details



- **Sept. 28-Oct. 5:** Hosting FFH families
- **Oct. 6:** Elders Meeting
- **Oct. 10-12:** FCMF Annual Retreat
- **Oct. 11:** Remembering the Sand Creek Massacre
- **Oct. 17-18:** Rocky Mountain MCC Sale

“When the power of love overcomes the love of power the world will know peace.” — Jimi Hendrix

ANNOUNCEMENTS



WE NEED YOU! It's hard to believe, but we will be hosting FFH families again in just 1 week, from **Sept. 28-Oct. 5**. With Gus gone, we need **everyone's** help to fill in and make the families feel welcome. For those of you who have already signed up, THANK YOU! For others, we especially need someone to share overnight duties with Dave on Saturday. Please sign up at www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090E48AE928A57-ffhsignup7

RETREAT IS AROUND THE CORNER. By now you should have received your Retreat Information Sheet and Registration Form. The Retreat takes place **Oct. 10-12**, where Friday night (the 10th) is optional, as is breakfast on the 11th. Please print the form, fill it out, write your check, and put it in our Retreat Box in the sanctuary. We'd love for everyone to come to beautiful Sky Ranch where you can be introspective, interactive, or inspirational ... whatever strikes your fancy. And don't let money stop you—scholarships are available so all can attend!

REMEMBERING THE SAND CREEK MASSACRE. On November 29, 1864, a 700-man force of Colorado Territory militia attacked and destroyed a peaceful village of Cheyenne and Arapaho in southeastern Colorado Territory, near what is now the small town of Granada, killing and mutilating an estimated 70–163 Indians, about two-thirds of whom were women and children. This year will be the 150th anniversary of this atrocity. To remember and honor those who were killed, and to learn more about the experience of Native Americans, settlers, and the church, we are invited to participate in an interactive presentation, “**The Loss of Turtle Island**,” on **Sat. Oct. 11 (time and place TBD)**. Staff from MCC Central States will guide this event. For more information contact Betsy Headrick McCrae, ghmc.betsy@comcast.net, 303-985-3930.

MCC SALE IN LESS THAN A MONTH! The 2014 Rocky Mountain MCC Sale in Rocky Ford takes place on **Oct. 17-18**, so make sure you have: (1) marked your calendar, (2) made reservations if necessary, and (3) finished any projects you want to donate to the quilt auctions, craft booth, and Christmas booth. Check out the over 4,000 yards of fabric available to quilters and all the home-baked goodies at the pantry (including peppernuts). Remember, the financial results of MCC Relief Sales throughout the USA and Canada enable MCC to fulfill a multitude of needs of families around the world. For more info, visit: <http://rmmcsale.org/>

FFH NEEDS DONATIONS. There are many ways to support our vulnerable parents and children in the FFH program — your generosity allows them to focus more of their energy on self-sufficiency tasks! Here are some items FFH families currently need:

- Laundry/shower supplies: 2 hair dryers, 1 baby bathtub, 4 clothes baskets, 2 wet towel hampers, 1 potty chair, 3 trash containers.
- Family supplies: Grocery/gas cards, bottled water, healthy snacks, toothbrushes and paste, hairbrushes and combs, deodorant, hypo-allergenic detergent, HE detergent, dryer sheets, all sizes diapers, baby wipes, baby powder.
- School supplies: Notebooks, pens, pencils, crayons, backpacks. For details, contact **Sue Peterson** at: suecares4317@gmail.com

WORSHIP ROTATIONS

	Sept. 28	Oct. 5	Oct. 12	Oct. 19
Greeter	OPEN	Rachel	 <p>Annual Retreat at Sky Ranch!</p>	Keith
Worship leader	Steph	Liz		Annie
Music	Mary Beth	Saja & Cathy		Stan
Children's Story	Martha	Dave		Steph or Addy
Scripture	Annie	Liz		Matt
Message	Cade	Lynette – World Communion		Steve
Communion Bread	NA	Lynette		NA
Snacks & Coffee	Carla & Jeff	Mary		Greeters

Bulletin Announcements:

Please submit any announcements by Thursday evening to Martha Roden at: martharoden@gmail.com

Worship Rotations:

When a rotation assignment does not work for you, please alert Steve and worship leaders in a timely fashion.