

LENT

FORT COLLINS MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

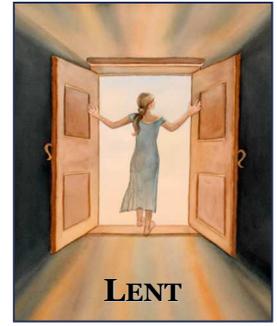
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Worship 10:00 AM

We are all ministers in this fellowship

MARCH 1, 2015

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.



LENTEN THEME FOR 2015: THRESHOLDS OF TRANSFORMATION

Lent can be a time for reflection, change, and action as we strive to remove obstacles that get between us and our relationship with God. This Lenten season, we explore the image of *thresholds*, those places we come to that lie between the life we have known and the life ahead of us . . . spaces that can be *transformational*. A threshold, chosen or otherwise, is a place of wild possibility. A threshold invites us to stop, to imagine, to dream, and to question.

1. GATHERING

- Prelude
- Centering Silence
- Blessing the Threshold
- 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.)



2. HEARING GOD'S WORD

- Children's Story
- Scripture: Genesis 6:12-17, 9:8-15
- Sermon: "Noah's Threshold and the Real Meaning of Rainbows" (Steve)



Consider God's call to Noah — to build a boat in the middle of dry land. This difficult task was Noah's "space" for transformation; a place of wild possibility, where he could imagine, dream, and question.

"The greatest glory of living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time you fall."
— Nelson Mandela

3. RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

- Communion
- Congregational Singing
- Joys and Concerns
- Discussion
- Offering & Music
- Family Circle & 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

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.

Birthdays, prayers, announcements, and more quotes on back



FEBRUARY PRAYERS FOR FCMF FAMILIES

- Marissa Kauffman and Austin Yoder
- Sanders Aitchedji, Denise Bouthillier & family
- Levi and Kristin Bagdanov
- Elizabeth and Norman Bates
- Rachel and Jenny Boehs



SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS



Our Fellowship: Pray for healing of young Jordan and emotional support for his parents as they worry about him; for Kristen as she tries to find healthy ways to serve others; for healing of Gus's eye; for those in the Ukraine; for Michael's

Internet access; for Lynette as she misses Max; for Russ as he struggles with concern and love for Stacey and her children; and for all those without shelter in the bitterly cold weather.

Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for the personnel in Paris, France as they help youth and adults in their congregations and communities make sense of the recent violence. May they help provide a Jesus-centered perspective to the outrage and anger.

"Personal transformation can and does have global effects. As we go, so goes the world, for the world is us. The revolution that will save the world is ultimately a personal one."

— Marianne Williamson

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- **Week 1:** Rachel Boehs (02/02), Cade Coldren (02/03), Katie Price-Foster (02/04), Kotaro Ito (02/04), Heather McDonald (02/05), Mike Cusic (02/06)
- **Week 3:** Elisabeth Miller 02/19

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
- **Movie Night:** 3rd Friday of the month
- **Elders Meeting:** 1st Tuesday of the month
- **Womynfolk Group:** Support group meets the 1st Monday of each month. Contact Annie: **(601) 918-9054 (c)**



CALENDAR



Refer to Announcements for details

- **March 1:** Potluck and Congregational Meeting
- **March 1:** *After Decades of War* film discussion
- **March 2:** Women's Group

"We need to realize that our path to transformation is through our mistakes. We're meant to make mistakes, recognize them, and move on to become unlimited." — Yehuda Berg

ANNOUNCEMENTS



ANNUAL MEETING TODAY! We're having a potluck lunch after worship on **Sunday, March 1** to fortify us for our **Annual Meeting** on the same day. We'll celebrate our various accomplishments for 2014! Please plan to attend (and bring your handouts).

AFTER DECADES OF WAR: CAN ANYONE SOLVE FOR PEACE? Join Abrahamic Activists for a film preview on **Sunday, March 1 at 3:00 pm**, followed at **4:45** with dinner and film debriefing, at the home of Naomi Weidner, 2844 Des Moines Drive in Fort Collins. We'll listen to the stories of two unlikely allies: Ali Abu Awad, Palestinian freedom fighter and former IDF prisoner, and Rabbi Hanan Schlessinger, a West Bank Zionist settler. Together they created a joint Palestinian-Israeli peace initiative on the West Bank in Gush Etzion called Roots/Judur/Shorashim.

All are invited to bring hope, doubt, or skepticism to this afternoon of learning and lively discussion. RSVP Naomi Weidner: naomi.weidner@comcast.net

WOMYNFOLK. Time for our women to get together for support, fellowship, and a lively discussion at Ruth's house on **Monday, March 2 at 6:30 pm**. For details, please contact Annie at: (601) 918-9054 (c)

FACEBOOK AND WEBSITE. Allison has graced us with our own FCMF Facebook page: www.facebook.com/fcmennonite. Make sure to "Like it," share it, and add your two cents to the Review tab so visitors can hear from real people. The new website is completed except for visuals. But thanks to Allison and her camera, we will be adding the photos in time for a glorious publication and resurrection of our website — hopefully by Easter!

WORSHIP ROTATIONS

	March 1	March 8	March 15	March 22	March 29
Greeter	Liz	Isaiah	Eliza	OPEN	Allison
Worship leader	Steve	Lynette	Katie	Steph	OPEN
Music	Sara & Cathy	Geoff	Stan	Marybeth	Geoff
Children's Story	Dave	Cathy	Martha	Rachel	Martha
Scripture	Rachel	Miranda	Mark	Annie	Dave
Message	Steve	Betwixt 'n Between	Mary	Martha	Steve
Communion Bread	Carla & Jeff	NA	NA	NA	NA
Snacks & Coffee	Annie	Steve&Liz	Greeters	Carla&Jeff	Katie

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.

