



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.



40-DAY LENTEN PILGRIMAGE: A JOURNEY OF CONTEMPLATION AND ACTION

Lent is a holy season of preparation for the renewed life promised by Easter. Lent is also a journey of renewal. An intentional season of actions that takes us out of the ordinary and shakes things up a bit. A journey that leaves behind destructive desires, behaviors and attitudes, and embraces new pathways that can lead us to renewed lives.

1. GATHERING

- Prelude
- Centering Silence
- Call to Worship
- Congregational Singing
- Welcome & 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.



2. HEARING GOD'S WORD

- Children's Story
 - Scripture: Kristen
 - Sermon: "What Were You Expecting?" (Steve)
- Today we examine the story of Elijah the Tishbite who embarked on a 40-day journey to meet God. He did not find him in the tornado, nor the earthquake, nor the inferno, but in the silence when God whispered he would always be with him!
- As human beings, we are often afraid, tired, and want to give up. That's when we can ask ourselves, "What is the source of my faith?" and "How does this help me to face the future?"



"Faith is the bird that feels the light when the dawn is still dark."
— Rabindranth Tagore

3. RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

- Congregational Singing
- Reflections and Discussion
- Joys and Concerns
- 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, Steve would welcome hearing from you: **(970) 412-7510**.

Please read the back for birthdays, prayers, announcements, and helpful quotes! →

FEBRUARY PRAYERS FOR FCMF FAMILIES

- Maurice Shenk
- Kristen Smith
- Ruth Wallick
- Wes and Angela White & family
- Sanders Aitchedji and Denise Bouthillier & family

WEEKLY PRAYER REQUESTS



FCMF: Pray for Russ's safety and success in Nigeria; for Faith Alive as they cope with financial strain, trying to provide free medicine and services to God's poorest; for Frank Gibson's rapid healing after having a heart valve replaced; for renewed hope for several people in Liz's life who

are struggling; for Mary and her mother after her mother was taken to the hospital; for ongoing healing for Wes's dad; for housing for Frank; and for those in the community struggling to live in shelters and outdoors in the cold.

Mennoite Mission Network: Pray for SOOP volunteers to work alongside staff doing office, maintenance and construction work, acting as teachers' aides, and assisting in the kitchen at *Academia Menonita Betania*, a bilingual Christian school located near the city of Aibonito, Puerto Rico.

"Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies." — Mother Teresa

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- **Week 1:** Cade Coldren (02/03), Kotaro Ito (02/04), Katie Price-Foster (02/04)
- **Week 3:** Geoff Krall (02/16), Elisabeth Miller (02/19), Rachel Boehs (02/20)

ONGOING EVENTS

- **Potlucks:** Every Wednesday at 6:00 pm. Enter by north door.
- **Mennopints:** Second Friday of each month.
- **Elders Meeting:** Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2016.
- **Womynfolk Group:** First Monday of each month. Contact Annie: (970) 294-2646 (c)

CALENDAR



Feb. 28: Bernie Sanders Rally at Moby Arena

Mar. 1: Democratic Caucus

Mar. 8: Theologians in Residence presentation

Mar. 7-Apr. 3: Hosting FFH Families

"Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase." — Martin Luther King, Jr.

"Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe." — Saint Augustine

ANNOUNCEMENTS



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR FFH. Please mark your calendars with our dates for hosting FFH families this year: **March 27 - April 3** (Easter), Sept. 25 - Oct. 2, and Dec. 4 - 11. Liz will remind you as the time comes closer!

SCIENCE MEETS FAITH, RELIGION, AND SPIRITUALITY. The Theologian in Residence Program presents *Science, Faith, and Wilber's Four Integral Quadrants*. This conversation will use elements of Ken Wilber's *Integral Vision* to explore Wilber's breathtaking and challenging proposal to the world's religions to "keep evolving." The event is held at United Methodist Church, 1005 Stover St., on **March at 6:30- 8:30 pm**. Cost is \$10.00. For details, see: <http://tirprogram.com/>

HOMELESSNESS IS NOT A CRIME! Make sure to write a letter to the editor (The Coloradoan), send an email to City Council, or show up at the **March 15 City Council meeting at 7 pm** to speak out that "homelessness is not a crime!" The city is gearing up to implement more stringent rules that fine the homeless when they try to rest or sleep in public places (even when shelter beds are not available or the weather is deadly). When unpaid fines mount, incarceration results! Is this really what we want -- a city that is no longer the "Choice City," but the "Choice City for a Chosen Few"?

SHARING SUPPERS BEGIN. If you signed up to host and participate in our "sharing suppers," keep an eye out for emails telling you when they start in March -- and make sure to respond and confirm your attendance.

USE OUR GROCERY CARDS ... PLEASE. We need more people using our King Sooper cards. Every time you spend money on the card, FCMF gets 5%. You can use the cards at King Sooper, City Market, and Loaf and Jug (for gas). Last month, four cards were used totaling \$2,100 (FCMF received \$105). Think how much we could make if 20 cards were used: \$525! Please see Steve for a card. Note: We're looking into other grocery cards as well.

WORSHIP ROTATIONS

	Feb. 28	March 6	March 13	March 20
Greeter	Liz	Lynette	Isaiah	Eliza
Worship leader	Steve	Liz	Kristen	Brad
Music	Mary Beth	Cathy & Saja	Geoff	Stan
Story	Steve	OPEN	Mary	Martha
Scripture	Kristen	Rachel	Ethan	Mark
Message	Steve	Steve	OPEN	Steve
Communion Bread	NA	Jeff & Carla	NA	NA
Snacks & Coffee	Karla & Jeff	Annie	Liz	Lynette, Rachel, Eliza

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, worship leaders, and Martha in a timely fash'

