



FORT COLLINS MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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Worship 10:00 AM

We are all ministers in this fellowship

NOVEMBER 16, 2014

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
- Scripture: Mark 4:3-9, 2 Corinthians 9:6-11
- Sermon: *The Seed Time and the Harvest* (Steve)



When a farmer plants a seed, it is an act of faith and a dramatic act of hope that points to the future. Our pledges and annual budget are seeds of hope and acts of faith that we plant, dreams we must nurture during the year ahead. For only then can we joyfully harvest our prayerfully considered gifts of time and money!

"Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds you plant."
— Robert Louis Stevenson

"With every deed you are sowing a seed, though the harvest you may not see." — Ella Wheeler Wilcox

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 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.

NOVEMBER PRAYERS FOR FCMF FAMILIES



- Steph and Geoff Krall & family
- Russ McCahan & family
- Heather and Gerard McDonald & family
- Lynette and Max McGowan
- Stan and Myrna Miller & family

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

Our Fellowship: Pray for those without homes as they struggle with the bitter cold; for Kristen and her new relationship; for Alicia an a permanent housing situation; for rain for drought-ridden California; for Steph and her extended family as they grieve the death of her uncle; for the health of Michael, Elizabeth, and Helen; and for our FCMF budget.

Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for the Mennonite Mission Network personnel who have ministered long-term in the Middle East breaking down barriers that divide people.

"Talk unbelief, and you will have unbelief; but talk faith, and you will have faith. According to the seed sown will be the harvest."
— Ellen G. White

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- **Week 1:** Estella Price-Foster (11/01), Sanders Aitchedji (11/02)
- **Week 2:** Alicia Berry-Chaney (11/12)
- **Week 3:** Cathy Egan (11/16), Kelsey Griffith (11/17), Miranda Coldren (11/19), Ethan Coldren (11/21)
- **Week 4:** Nathan Freeman (11/25), Steve Ramer (11/26)

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 Monday of the month (October 6)
- **Womynfolk Group:** Support group meets the 1st Monday of each month. Contact Annie: (**601**) 918-9054 (c)

CALENDAR

Refer to Announcements for details



- **Nov. 16:** Budget Meeting
- **Nov. 16:** Laudamus Concert
- **Nov. 17-18:** FFH: Cozzola's
- **Nov. 19:** FFH: 10K Villages
- **Dec. 9:** Colorado Gives Day

"Hope lies in dreams, in imagination, and in the courage of those who dare to make dreams into reality."

— Jonas Salk

ANNOUNCEMENTS



PLEASE PLEDGE! If you have not yet pledged, please do so. When we vote on the budget, we'll be voting based on pledges. So PLEASE make a pledge, no matter how small. Like Kevin says, even \$10 per month, or \$2.50 a week (less than the cost of a fancy coffee) makes a difference! And remember, if things pick up and you are able, you can always give more throughout the year.

BUDGET MEETING. Today we meet briefly after service to come to a consensus on the 2015 Budget. Please study the notes that Steph and Steve sent out.

LAUDAMUS CONCERT TODAY! "From Brahms to PDQ Bach" promises to stir your soul as well as to tickle your funnybone! Please plan to attend on **Sun., Nov. 16** at 3 pm, at St. John's Lutheran Church, 305 E. Elizabeth St., Fort Collins. Cost is: \$12 for adults over 18, \$9 for seniors and college students, children under 18 are free. Note: Our own Maurice Shenk is a Laudamus performer!

FFH FUNDRAISERS GALORE! Mon., Nov. 17 (4-8 pm) and Tues., Nov. 18 (11 am-8 pm), Cozzolas's will donate 20% of all food and beverage sales from FFH Patrons toward the FFH program. Great gluten-free pizza is available as well. Both the Old Town location (241 Linden) and the south location (1112 Oakridge) will honor the event. **Make sure to mention FFH** when you purchase pizza (or show them the flyer Liz sent by email! **Wed., Nov. 19, from 3-7pm,** Ten Thousand Villages will host "Give Twice Shopping Night," donating 10% of their profits to FFC. Peruse the beautiful hand-made products from all over the world, and do your holiday shopping early to benefit FFH.

COLORADO GIVES DAY. On **Dec. 9, 2014,** Coloradoans come together to raise money for nonprofits. The threshold is a gift of \$10 or more, making it possible for many to make a difference for nonprofits they feel strongly about. For example, last year **FoCo Café** raised \$10K toward build-out costs, and they used those dollars wisely. This year, help them raise dollars to purchase local food and pay rent and utilities during the first months they are open, feeding those who have little or no money. Please pre-schedule your gift today and it will be processed on Colorado Gives Day: <https://www.coloradogives.org/NoCoGives/FoCoCafe/overview>

WORSHIP ROTATIONS

	Nov. 16	Nov. 23	Nov. 30	Dec. 7
Greeter	Eliza	OPEN	OPEN	Rachel
Worship leader	Katie	Steph	OPEN	Liz
Music	Stan	Mary Beth	Geoff	Cathy & Saja
Children's Story	Steve	Rachel	Martha	Dave
Scripture	Mark	Annie	Dave	Liz
Message	Steve	Katie	Steve	Steve
Communion Bread	NA	NA	NA	Coldrens
Snacks & Coffee	Greeters	Carla & Jeff	Katie	Mary

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.

