



# FORT COLLINS MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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**Worship 10:00 AM**

*We are all ministers in this fellowship*

**NOVEMBER 30, 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.*

## WELCOME THE ONE WHO COMES: AWAKEN, OPEN UP, HOLLOW OUT, AND RECEIVE

From Joyce Rupp's classic, *Fresh Bread*, and Caryl Houselanders' book, *Reed of God*, we draw our 2014 Advent theme, "**Welcome the One Who Comes.**" We are preparing a dwelling place for God this season, on earth and within ourselves. Wake up with us! Open up your heart. Hollow out, start over, clean up, and make ready your mind and spirit to receive the One Who Comes.

### 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 13:24-27, Isaiah 64:1-4,8
- Sermon: *Wake Up! The Apocalypse is Now!* (Steve)



Today we examine two passages with seemingly contradictory images of God: a God of thunder, lightning, and earthquakes ... and God, the potter, bent over, lovingly caressing us like clay. Images of comfort and fear, both necessary for a complete picture of God.

*"But now, O Lord, you are our Father, we are the clay, and You our potter; and all of us are the work of Your hand."*  
— Isaiah 64:8

**Birthdays, prayers, and announcements on back**

### 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](mailto:stevemramer@yahoo.com)

*To all that is chaotic in you, let there come silence.*

*Let there be a calming of the clamoring, A stilling of the voices that have laid their claim on you ...*

*Let what distracts you cease, let what divides you cease ...*

*Let there be an opening into the quiet that lies beneath the chaos, where you find the peace you did not think possible*

*And see what shimmers within the storm.*  
— Jan Richardson



## 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 who recently lost loved ones: Rachel (father), Myrna (father), and Eliza's friend, Lynn (father); for Stacey as she battles exhaustion fighting emotional and legal hurdles for her children; for Eliza's son-in-law's father who is in hospice; for Wes, Angela, Jordan, and Eleanor as they wait for the arrival of their new baby; for Elizabeth and her health; and for more rain to drought-ridden California.

**Mennonite Education and Mission Network:** Pray for 50 young adults who are three months into their Mennonite Voluntary Service Assignments, as they adapt to live in the community and work in the fields of public health, immigration law, and home repair.

*"It is not light that we need, but fire; it is not the gentle shower, but thunder. We need the storm, the whirlwind, and the earthquake." — Frederick Douglass*

## 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:** 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday
- **Movie Night:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month
- **Elders Meeting:** 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month (October 6)
- **Womynfolk Group:** Support group meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month. Contact Annie: (**601**) 918-9054 (c)

## CALENDAR

Refer to Announcements for details



- **Nov. 30:** Elder nominations due today
- **Dec. 1:** Women's Group
- **Dec. 9:** Colorado Healthcare Co-op
- **Dec. 9:** Colorado Gives Day
- **Dec. 21-28:** FFH Hosting

*"Times of great calamity and confusion have been productive for the greatest minds. The purest ore is produced from the hottest furnace. The brightest thunder-bolt is elicited from the darkest storm." — Charles Caleb Colton*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**ELDER NOMINATIONS DUE TODAY.** It's time to nominate a new Worsip Elder. Please write the name(s) of members of the congregation who might fill the bill and give the list to Annie today.

**BABY HELP.** Jordan and Eleanor may already have a new baby brother or sister—their mom Angela was scheduled for a C-section on Sat. morning, and dad Wes anxiously awaits the news. The grandparents will not arrive until Tues., so if you want to help with a meal for Sun. or Mon., please let Cathy know. There will also be a week in mid-December when Wes and Angela will need help with food and watching Jordan and Eleanor. Cathy will keep us up to date.

**EVERENCE CREDIT UNION.** Please read your email from Rachel about joining the Everence Credit Union. The more people who join, the great the amount that Everence will match when we donate to someone in need. Thank you! **Note:** This is an online credit union (no local branches).

**WOMEN'S GROUP.** It's that time again. Our women's group will be meeting at Ruth's house on **Mon., Dec. 1 at 6:30.** Be prepared for an eclectic discussion of whatever tickles our fancy. For details, contact

Annie at: [rascot@bellsouth.net](mailto:rascot@bellsouth.net) or (970) 294-2646.

**COLORADO HEALTH CARE COOPERATIVE.** The Cooperative is holding special gathering to get input on their strategy for collecting signatures for an initiative petition for cooperative healthcare in 2015, followed by a campaign to pass the ballot initiative in 2016. Please join the gathering on **Tues., Dec. 9 from 7-8:30 pm** at Thrive! Wellness Center (383 W. Drake Rd., Suite 201, Ft. Collins). Please RSVP to (970) 689-7281 or [info@communityacu.org](mailto:info@communityacu.org)

**FFH HOSTING.** Please sign up to help us host FFH families the week of **Dec. 21-28.** Watch for Susie's email, then click to log into Signup Genius and offer up your talents in the kitchen, with the families, or with the kids. The families may end up staying at hotels on Christmas Eve and Christmas as a gift from Best Western, and Mon. and Tues. shifts are covered, but we need to be prepared.

## WORSHIP ROTATIONS

	Nov. 30	Dec. 7	Dec. 14	Dec. 21
<b>Greeter</b>	OPEN	Rachel	OPEN	Keith
<b>Worship leader</b>	Cathy	Liz	Lynette	Annie
<b>Music</b>	Geoff	Cathy & Saja	Geoff & Levi	Stan
<b>Children's Story</b>	Martha	Dave	Cathy	Steph
<b>Scripture</b>	Dave	Liz	Miranda	Matt
<b>Message</b>	Steve	Steve	Lynette	Steph
<b>Communion Bread</b>	NA	Coldrens	NA	NA
<b>Snacks &amp; Coffee</b>	Katie	Mary	Steve & Liz	Greeters

### Bulletin Announcements:

Please submit any announcements by Thursday evening to Martha Roden at: [martharoden@gmail.com](mailto:martharoden@gmail.com)

### Worship Rotations:

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

