

# FORT COLLINS MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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Worship 10:00 AM

*We are all ministers in this fellowship*

**OCTOBER 19, 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 Time
- Scripture: John 3:16-17, Psalms 139



- Sermon: *You Can Run, But You Cannot Hide* (Steve)

In keeping with the theme this fall, our two scripture verses sum up an essential simple truth: God loves us! In fact, God so loves us that the Divine takes on human flesh to save us and love us—not to condemn us!

*"What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like." — Saint Augustine*

### 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)



*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.

## OCTOBER PRAYERS FOR FCMF FAMILIES



- Matt Griffith
- Helen Harman
- Lane Hurt
- Jeff Kearns and Carla Conorardy
- John Kefalas and Beth Helmers

## SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

**Our Fellowship:** Pray for rain and an end to the devastating drought in California; for Michael's health; for Heather and her family in their new home; for Katie's elderly father and Cathy's mom; and for Helen and Elizabeth's health.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Pray for DOOR's city directors and national staff as they gather in Chicago for a week of planning meetings and fellowship.

**Mennonite Education Agency:** Pray for students at Bluffton University to would develop into leaders; in the church, on the field, and in the classroom.

*"There are no galley-slaves in the royal vessel of divine love. Every man works his oar voluntarily." — Saint Francis de Sales*

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- Week 1: Audrey Faulkner (10/11)
- Week 2: Keiko Ito (10/14)
- Week 3: Myrna Miller (10/22), Maurice Shenk (10/22)
- Week 4: Leslie Price-Foster (10/27), Ray Metzler (10/27)

## 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> Monday 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*

- **Oct. 19:** Fall Fun Fellowship mtg.
- **Oct. 22:** Community Conversation on Universal Healthcare
- **Oct. 26:** Special speaker at FCMF; End-of-Life workshop

*"Do you want me to tell you something really subversive? Love is everything it's cracked up to be. That's why people are so cynical about it. It really is worth fighting for, being brave for, risking everything for. And the trouble is, if you don't risk everything, you risk even more." -- Erica Jong*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**RETREAT SUCCESS!** Thanks to everyone who helped make our retreat such a success – both those who planned it and those who attended it. Thanks also to the Enneagram itself and the amazing insights it provides us about our personalities, our true selves, and the spark of the Divine within. And finally, thanks for the gorgeous weather!

**FALL FUN FELLOWSHIP MEETING.** Following worship today, **Sun., Oct. 19**, we will have a potluck meal and a meeting to begin discussing FCMF's 2015 budget ... plus, we'll launch our annual Fall Pledge drive!

**SPECIAL SPEAKER NEXT SUNDAY.** Dick Williams is preaching on **Sun., Oct. 26**. In 1964, he participated in the Mississippi Freedom Summer, registering blacks to vote the very same summer that three civil rights workers were killed in rural Mississippi. He returned this past June with others to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the event.

**COMMUNITY CONVERSATION ON UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE IN COLORADO.** The Thrive! Wellness Center and Co-operate Colorado are hosting a community conversation about the Colorado Health Care Cooperative and how it would finance comprehensive, high quality health care to **every Colorado resident**, while saving millions for families, businesses, and public agencies. We are including an extensive discussion period to hear how the current health care system is impacting the families and communities in our area, and how the Cooperative and other innovative initiatives could help improve our lives and the health of our communities. Please attend on **Wed., Oct. 22 from 7 – 8:30 pm** at Thrive! Wellness Center, 383 W. Drake, Suite 201.

**END-OF-LIFE WORKSHOP.** Living well, aging well, and dying well all require planning, yet these topics are very difficult, if not impossible, to talk about. In light of these challenges, Everence has developed an innovative new curriculum to equip you to bring the topic of end-of-life planning to the forefront. Join this end-of-life workshop on **Sun., Oct. 26, from 4 – 8 pm** at Casa Del Sol in La Junta, CO. Please contact Rhoda Blough to RSVP: [rhoda.blough@everence.com](mailto:rhoda.blough@everence.com) or (**970**) 219-0900.

**MENNONITE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY.** Join the Colorado Chapter of MEDA on **Mon., Oct. 27 at 6:00 pm** at the Posner Center for International Development (1031 33rd Street, Denver, CO) as they present Mr. Jed Emerson, an internationally recognized thought leader in impact investing, sustainable finance, social entrepreneurship, and strategic philanthropy. The meeting will also review the 2014 goals and accomplishments of the Colorado Chapter of MEDA and hear an update on the latest from MEDA International in advance of Convention, being held in Winnipeg, Manitoba on **Nov. 6-9, 2014**.

## WORSHIP ROTATIONS

	Oct. 19	Oct. 26	Nov. 2	Nov. 9
<b>Greeter</b>	Keith	Liz	Lynette	Martha
<b>Worship leader</b>	Annie	Steve	Russ	Kristen
<b>Music</b>	Stan	Mary Beth	Cathy & Saja	Levi
<b>Children's Story</b>	Steph	OPEN	Dave	Mary
<b>Scripture</b>	Matt	Kristen	Rachel	Ethan
<b>Message</b>	Steve	Dick Williams	Annie – Service of Remembrance	OPEN
<b>Communion Bread</b>	NA	NA	Carla & Jeff	NA
<b>Snacks &amp; Coffee</b>	Greeters	Karla & Jeff	Annie	Steve & Liz

### 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.

