



# 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.*

## EASTER THEME FOR 2015: THRESHOLDS OF TRANSFORMATION

Our Easter Season continues with the theme of **thresholds of transformation**, those places we come to that lie between the life we have known and the life ahead of us. A threshold, chosen or otherwise, is a place of wild possibility. A threshold invites us to stop, to imagine, to dream, and to question as we strive to remove obstacles that get between us and our relationship with God.

### 1. GATHERING

- Prelude & Interpretive Dance
- 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 15:1-7, 17:1-9, 17:15-17
- Sermon: "Abraham and Sarah's Threshold, and The Dangers of Star Gazing" (Steve)



With Noah, the covenant was between God and one family. However, with Abraham and Sarah, God expands the covenant to an entire nation of chosen people that one day will be like the stars at night – distinct, yet limitless. The purpose of the nation is so God may bless the entire world and not to judge it.

### 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](mailto: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**

## APRIL PRAYERS FOR FCMF FAMILIES

- Cathy Egan and Steve Ramer & family
- Susie and Paul Ford
- Dave and Mary Beth Freeman & family
- Ron and Jeanette Friesen
- Allison and Isaiah Goertz



## SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS



**Our Fellowship:** Pray for Mark Scott & his family as they grieve the death of his mother; for Dave Freeman and his brothers as they help their aging parents; for the people of violence-torn Nigeria; for Stacey and her family; for the FFH families; for more action to preserve our natural world; and for desperately needed rain in California!

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Pray for Jane and Jerrell Ross Richer and their children who are experimenting with a ministry in Ecuador and the United States, sharing spiritual insights

between South and North America.

*"Keep your eyes on the stars and your feet on the ground."*  
— Theodore Roosevelt

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- **Week 1:** Addy Krall (04/02)
- **Week 2:** Annie Scott (04/07), Ruth Wallick (04/07)
- **Week 3:** Eliza Carney (04/13)
- **Week 4:** Nehemiah McDonald (04/24)
- **Week 5:** Russ McCahan (04/26), Kristen Smith (04/26), Jeff Kearns (04/28)

## 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
- **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

- **April 25:** MSMC Faith & Life
- **April 29:** Volunteer Open house at FoCo Café Forum.
- **May 7:** FFH Annual Volunteer Celebration

*"Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world."* — Harriet Tubman.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MSMC'S ANNUAL FAITH & LIFE FORUM.** Each year in the spring, Mountain States Mennonite Conference (MSMC) hosts a Faith & Life Forum. Representatives from all congregations gather to make new and re-new friendships, to worship and pray and sing, and share ideas. This year's topic is, "Ways We Follow Jesus." The forum will be held on **Saturday, April 25, 2015, from 8:30 am-3:00 pm** at Beth-El Mennonite Church/Iglesia El Centro, 4625 Ranch Drive, Colorado Springs, CO. MSMC's deadline to RSVP is **April 20** — to make sure there is enough seating and food. Contact Karen Martin at: [administrator@mountainstatesmc.org](mailto:administrator@mountainstatesmc.org). **NOTE:** Please let Steve know if you are interested in attending.

**FFH CELEBRATION DINNER.** Please help FFH get ready for its Annual Celebration Dinner and first-ever Silent Auction which will be held on Thursday, May 7. The dinner is a time to thank all FFH volunteers for their generosity and kindness. The auction is a chance raise operating funds, since 78% of the FFH budget comes from individuals and participating congregations; the rest from grants.

To help make the evening a success, please consider volunteering for the dinner or donating to the silent auction fundraiser.

- **Silent Auction Donation ideas:** Gift cards from your friends' businesses, homemade dinners, themed baskets, weekend getaways at your cabin, destination packages, vouchers for portrait sittings, crafted gifts, sponsored parties, sports game tickets, concert and performance tickets, Yoga/fitness classes, vouchers for massages/spa treatments, beauty items, celebrity memorabilia, gardening surprises, framed art, golf, games and other outdoor fun... the sky's the limit! Please drop off donations at the Day Center (FCMF), no later than **Thurs. April 30**. (Center is open Tues, Wed, Thurs, and Sat, 9am-5pm)
- **Celebration Prep Team:** The team will be gathering on **Sat. May 2**, 9 am - noon to prepare auction baskets and table decorations. To join the team or ask questions, please contact FFH at: [faithfamilyhospitality@gmail.com](mailto:faithfamilyhospitality@gmail.com) or **(970) 430-5532**

**FOCO CAFÉ.** For those of you who haven't eaten there yet, the food is fantastic, the service wonderful, and the community is terrific! When you get your food, you can pay what you're able or "pay it forward" to help others. If you are interested in volunteering at the Café, please plan to attend their open house on **Wednesday, April 29** so you can ask questions and tour the Café at 225 Maple Street.

**ANNUAL ASSEMBLY AT GHOST RANCH.** This year's Annual Assembly will be held at Ghost Ranch in Abiquiu, NM on **August 7-9**, and a planning team is working diligently to make our weekend together full of relationship building and fun. To check out are a few historical facts about the history of Ghost Ranch, visit: [www.ghost ranch.org](http://www.ghost ranch.org)

## WORSHIP ROTATIONS

	April 12	April 19	April 26	May 2	May 9
<b>Greeter</b>	Martha	Keith	Liz	Lynette	Isaiah
<b>Worship leader</b>	Annie	Lynette	Susie	Liz	Kristen
<b>Music</b>	Stan	Geoff	Mary Beth	Cathy & Saja	Levi
<b>Children's Story</b>	Cathy	Steph	Mary	Dave	Mary
<b>Scripture</b>	Miranda	Allison	Kristen	Rachel	Ethan
<b>Message</b>	Steve	Lea	Lynette	OPEN	OPEN
<b>Communion Bread</b>	NA	NA	NA	Jeff & Carla	NA
<b>Snacks &amp; Coffee</b>	Isaiah & Allison	Greeters	Carla&Jeff	Annie	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.

