



Machu Pichu, Peru

FORT COLLINS MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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Worship 10:00 AM

We are all ministers in this fellowship

APRIL 19, 2015

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, imagine, dream, and question as we strive to remove obstacles between us and God.

1. GATHERING

- Prelude
- 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: Matthew 25:34-40
- Sermon: "Serving and Learning in Peru" (Lea)

Today Lea will share her recent Study Service Trimester in Peru. She studied in Lima, served in Cusco, and even visited Machu Pichu!

"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." — Jesus (Matthew 25:40)

Lea and her host brother, Benji

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, 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 Gabi as she prepares for a trip to Ghana in early June; for Martha as she visits her mom in California for her 89th birthday; for Palestinian refugees living in Syria; for an end to police brutality in our nation; for peace in Nigeria; for Kristen's friend Marshal; for healing for those who carry shame; for the ability to forgive; and for desperately needed rain in California!



Mennonite Mission Network: Pray that Mennonite Mission Network in Mongolia finds a new executive director for the new term.

"Helping others isn't a chore; it is one of the greatest gifts there is."

— Liya Kebede

Lea working hard in the community gardens of Villa Maria

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:** 1st or 2nd Friday
- **Movie Night:** 3rd Friday of the month
- **Elders Meeting:** 1st Tuesday of the month
- **Womynfolk Group:** Support group meets the 1st 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

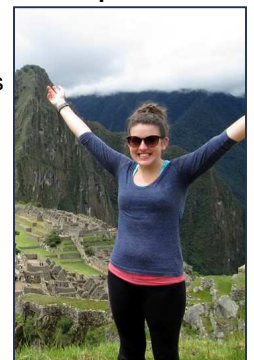
"Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier." —Mother Teresa

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.

FFH CELEBRATION DINNER. FFH will hold its Annual Celebration Dinner and first-ever Silent Auction on **Thursday, May 7 starting at 5:30 pm** at Summitview Community Church, 1601 W. Drak Road. Please RSVP as soon as possible when you receive the e-vite! 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.

- **Silent Auction Donation ideas:** Want to help donate some auction items? Consider 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,... 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: faithfamilyhospitality@gmail.com or **(970) 430-5532**



Lea at the top of the world: Machu Picchu

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.

TIME TO REGISTER FOR ANNUAL ASSEMBLY 2015! The weekend retreat will be held at beautiful Ghost Ranch in Abiquiu, NM, **August 7-9, 2015** and will be a time of recreation, relationship building, and dreaming for our future as a Conference. For additional information, a schedule of events and to register, visit: www.msocasembly.org.

WORSHIP ROTATIONS

	April 19	April 26	May 2	May 9	May 16
Greeter	Keith	Liz	Lynette	Isaiah	Eliza
Worship leader	Lynette	Annie	Liz	Kristen	Katie
Music	Geoff	Mary Beth	Cathy & Saja	Levi	Stan
Children's Story	Cathy	Mary	Dave	Mary	Martha
Scripture	Allison	Kristen	Rachel	Ethan	Mark
Message	Lea	Lynette	Steve	OPEN	Steve
Communion Bread	NA	NA	Jeff & Carla	NA	NA
Snacks & Coffee	Greeters	Carla&Jeff	Annie	Liz	Greeters

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.

