

# FORT COLLINS MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

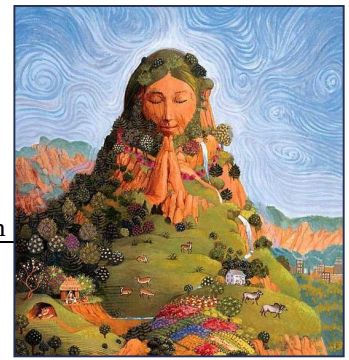
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**Worship 10:00 AM**

*We are all ministers in this fellowship*

**April 26, 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 ... places of wild possibility.

### 1. GATHERING

- Prelude
  - Centering Silence
  - 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.)

### 2. HEARING GOD'S WORD

- Children's Story
- Scripture: Psalm 104:13-24, Psalm 148:1-13
- Meditations: *"Hildegard of Bingen and the Greening Power of God"*



Hildegard of Bingen was a multi-talented Benedictine abbess (1098-1179 A.D.) who was a preacher, healer, scientist, composer, theologian, artist and poet. She coined the term **viriditas**—greening power, connecting it closely with creativity. Today, in centering silence, meditations, and reflections, we honor Hildegard.

*Viriditas*

*Let my soul be greening with the living Light;  
Let my heart awaken morning from the night;  
Let the Spirit guide me to Presence true and whole.  
Viriditas, viriditas, the greening of my soul.*

### 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 Martha's husband David as he deals with his mother's death in Oregon; for Martha as she visits her 89-year old Mom in California; for Asumpta, a Nigerian HIV patient at Faith Alive clinic; for Kristen as she teaches fourth grade; for Annie's friend Pricilla in Mississippi as she deals with family crises; for Christian in Northern Nigeria; for Palestinian refugees in Syria; and for desperately needed rain in California.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Today, DOOR Denver hosts its annual Cinco de Mayo festival fundraiser. Pray that relationships will deepen as three churches minister to their community

through food, local performers, and children's activities.

*"The fire has its flame and praises God. The wind blows the flame and praises God. In the voice we hear the word which praises God. And the word, when heard, praises God. So all of creation is a song of praise to God."*

—Hildegard of Bingen



*"With my mouth," God says, "I kiss my own chosen creation. I uniquely, lovingly, embrace every image I have made out of the earth's clay. With a fiery spirit I transform it into a body to serve all the world."* —Hildegard of Bingen

## 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), Carmen Roden (4/27), 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: (970) 294-2646 (c)

## CALENDAR

Refer to Announcements for details



- **April 29:** Volunteer Open house at FoCo Café Forum.
- **May 7:** FFH Annual Volunteer Celebration

*"... I am likewise the fiery life of the substance of divinity. I flame over the beauty of the fields and sparkle in the waters, and I burn in sun, moon, and stars. And with an*

*airy wind that sustains all things with invisible life, I raise them up vitally. For air lives in greenness and flowers . . . "*

—Hildegard of Bingen

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**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. Drake Road. Please RSVP as soon as possible when you receive the e-vite! This dinner thanks all FFH volunteers for their generosity and kindness, and the auction raises operating funds.

**Silent Auction Donation ideas:** Consider donating gift cards from a friends' businesses, homemade dinners, themed baskets, weekend getaways, crafted gifts, sports tickets, concert and performance tickets, Yoga classes, vouchers for massages/spa treatments, etc. Drop off donations at FCMF, no later than **Thurs. April 30** (during FFH Day Center hours: Tues, Wed, Thurs, and Sat, 9am-5pm).

**Celebration Prep Team:** The team will gather on **Sat. May 2, 9 am - noon** to prepare auction baskets and table decorations. To join the team, contact: [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.

**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.msmcassembly.org](http://www.msmcassembly.org).

## WORSHIP ROTATIONS

	April 26	May 3	May 10	May 17	May 24
<b>Greeter</b>	Liz	Lynette	Isaiah	Eliza	Susie
<b>Worship leader</b>	Susie	Liz	Kristen	Katie	Steph
<b>Music</b>	Mary Beth	Cathy & Saja	Levi	Stan	Mary Beth
<b>Children's Story</b>	Mary	Dave	Mary	Martha	Rachel
<b>Scripture</b>	Kristen	Rachel	Ethan	Mark	Annie
<b>Message</b>	Lynette	Steve	OPEN	Steve	OPEN
<b>Communion Bread</b>	NA	Jeff & Carla	NA	NA	NA
<b>Snacks &amp; Coffee</b>	Carla&Jeff	Annie	Liz	Greeters	Wes & Angela

### 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.