



# FORT COLLINS MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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**Worship 10:00 AM**

*We are all ministers in this fellowship*

**EASTER SUNDAY: APRIL 5, 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—THE ULTIMATE TRANSFORMATION: FROM DEATH TO LIFE EVERLASTING!

### 1. GATHERING

- Centering Silence & Candle Lighting
- Prelude: "So Much Wrong" and "Alleluia"
- Scripture Reading: Resurrection account according to Mark
- Confessional Prayer (in unison)  
*Lord, Enlighten what is dark in me,  
Strengthen what is weak in me,  
Mend what is broken in me,  
Bind what is bruised in me,  
Heal what is sick in me,  
And lastly, resurrect whatever peace  
and love has died in me.*  
— Amen
- Congregational singing: Alleluia The Great Storm is Over (Sing the Journey #71), Christ the Lord is Risen Today (Hymnal #280 – v. 1,2,3)
- Responsive Reading: #668 Hymnal
- 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 Time: "A Dramatization of the Resurrection According to Mark"
- Children's Story
- Easter Band: Lord of the Dance (Sing & Rejoice #67)
- Communion: All are welcome to participate

### 3. RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

- Congregational Singing: Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises (Sing the Journey #88)
- Joys and Concerns
- Offering & Music
- Sending Songs: Christ the Lord (Hymnal #280, v. 1,4,5)
- Closing Response:  
**Leader:** Christ is Risen!  
**People:** Christ has Risen indeed!  
**Leader:** Go now into your daily lives this week and live as if you truly believe it to be so!

### 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***

## MARCH 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 with Mennonite Mission Network personnel that God will inspire in each of us the joyful impulse of the first missionaries, the women who shared good news of God's life and love across the street and around the world.

*"Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime." — Martin Luther*

*"The symbolic language of the crucifixion is the death of the old paradigm; resurrection is a leap into a whole new way of thinking." — Deepak Chopra*

## MARCH 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 6:** Women's Group
- **April 9:** IFC Awards Dinner
- **April 25:** MSMC Faith & Life Forum.
- **April 29:** Volunteer Open house at FoCo Café  
*"A rebirth out of spiritual adversity causes us to become new creatures." — James H. Faust*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**A WEBSITE IS BORN.** Just in time for Easter, our website has been transformed and reborn. When you get a chance, please visit [www.fcmennonite.org](http://www.fcmennonite.org) and tell your friends!

**FORT COLLINS AREA INTERFAITH COUNCIL DINNER.** You are invited to IFC's Annual Appreciation and Awards Dinner to honor those who have worked so hard to provide affordable housing for all. The event takes place on **Thursday, April 9 pm at 6:00 pm** at the first United Methodist Church (1005 Stover Street). Thanks to the generosity of 1st Bank, dinner will be served without cost, with a soup and salad meal provided by FoCo Café (Feeding Our Community Ourselves). A free-will offering will be designated for IFC member agencies whose purpose is to provide affordable housing.

**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.

**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.

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

## WORSHIP ROTATIONS

	April 5	April 12	April 19	April 26	May 2
<b>Greeter</b>	Martha	Martha	Keith	Liz	Lynette
<b>Worship leader</b>	Steve	Lynette	Annie	Steve	Liz
<b>Music</b>	Cathy & Saja	Geoff	Stan	Mary Beth	Cathy & Saja
<b>Children's Story</b>	Dave	Cathy	Steph	Mary	Dave
<b>Scripture</b>	Liz	Miranda	Allison	Kristen	Rachel
<b>Message</b>	Steve	Steve	Special Guest	Steve	OPEN
<b>Communion Bread</b>	Coldrens	NA	NA	NA	Jeff & Carla
<b>Snacks &amp; Coffee</b>	Mary	Isaiah & Allison	Greeters	Carla&Jeff	Annie

### 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.

