



# FORT COLLINS MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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**Worship 10:00 AM**

*We are all ministers in this fellowship*

**AUGUST 16, 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.*



## SEASON OF THE CHURCH: LIFE TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY

Since the dawn of time, people have sought out each other to form communities. Truly, it is in community that we become part of something greater than ourselves ... and experience God. Community is indeed the antidote for alienation from one another as well as from the Divine Creator!

### 1. GATHERING

- Prelude
- Centering Silence
- Call to Worship
- Congregational Singing
- Welcome & 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: Hebrews 10:24-25
- Sermon: *The Power of Community* (Kathleen)



The FoCo Café has served more than 15,000 meals in its first 200 days open! But the Café's primary mission is to build community. Learn more about the Café and how we build community through healthy beautiful lunches

### 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***

## JULY PRAYERS FOR FCMF FAMILIES

- Annie and Mark Scott & family
- Maurice Shenk
- Kristen Smith
- Ruth Wallick
- Wes and Angela White & family



## AUGUST PRAYERS FOR FCMF FAMILIES

- Austin Yoder and Marissa Kauffman
- Sanders Aitchedji & Denise Bouthelier and family
- Levi and Kristin Bagdanov
- Elizabeth and Norman Bates
- Rachel and Jenny Boehs



Prayers for Edámu, a friend of Sanders from Nigeria; for Denise's friend Ester who lost her life; for the Eden Foundation and the amazing work it does in Africa; for Stacey and her children; for Eliza's cousin Daisy who is in poor health; for Annie and her mom; and for John who really needs a room to rent.

*"All that you touch, you change. All that you change, changes you." — Octavia Butler*

*"Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible." — Francis of Assisi*

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- **Week 1:** Kevin Cross (8/7)
- **Week 3:** Norman Bates (8/16)

## ONGOING EVENTS

- **Potlucks:** On vacation this summer
- **MennoPints:** On vacation this summer
- **Elders Meeting:** 1st Tuesday of the month
- **Womynfolk Group:** Support group meets the 1st Monday of each month. Contact Annie: (970) 294-2646 (c)

## CALENDAR

### Refer to Announcements for details

- **Aug 14-16:** New West Fest
- **Aug. 25:** Estate Planning seminar



- **Sept. 5:** Tour de Fat
  - **Sept. 6:** Worship in Lory State Park
  - **Sept. 12:** Music on the Mountain
- "Your ordinary acts of love and hope point to the extraordinary promise that every human life is of inestimable value." — Desmond Tutu*

*"I am what I am because of who we are." — Zulu proverb*

*"We think sometimes that poverty is only being hungry, naked and homeless. The poverty of being unwanted, unloved and uncared for is the greatest poverty. We must start in our own homes to remedy this kind of poverty." — Mother Teresa*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**STEVE'S BACK!** We're glad to see our Pastor's face back in the sanctuary and the office. Hope he's rested up and rejuvenated from family get-togethers, personal retreat, and the Annual Assembly.

**GARDEN BOUNTY ARE ROLLING IN.** Liz and Steve are happy to announce a bountiful harvest. Beans, carrots, beets, zucchini, onions, chard, peppers, and more! Check Liz's latest email for prices.

**GET READY FOR RETREAT.** It's coming up faster than you think at the beginning of October. If you are interested in being on the planning committee, please contact Steve.

**GARDEN OF EDEN.** Learn more about the amazing Eden Foundation introduced to us by Sanders and Denise. Visit: [eden-foundation.org](http://eden-foundation.org)

**NEED A ROOM TO RENT.** John Hicks is in search of an affordable room to rent. He's disabled, but handy-capable, and can fix anything! He does not have access to the internet, so perhaps you can check Craig's List periodically and tell John what you find.

**ESTATE PLANNING JOURNEY.** Confused about estate planning? Not sure of the difference is between a Will and a Trust? Come attend a joint seminar between MCC and Everence that covers the basics of estate planning. The event takes place **Tues., Aug. 25, at 7:00 pm** at First Mennonite Church, 430 West 9th Street, Denver. RSVP by Aug. 21 to Anna Yoder: (316) 283-2720 or [annayoder@mcc.org](mailto:annayoder@mcc.org).

**MUSIC ON THE MOUNTAIN.** You are invited to an excellent 'party on the mountain', with great food, wonderful people, and entertainment by Greeley's one and only . . . 'Betwixt 'n' Between, with Ray Metzler, Vicki and Dustin. This takes place on Saturday, September 12 at the home of Lynette and Max in Masonville. Stay tuned for more details.

## WORSHIP ROTATIONS

**We desperately need people to step up to the plate and help on August 30!**

	August 16	August 23	August 30	Sept 6
<b>Greeter</b>	Keith	Liz	OPEN	Outdoor Worship at Lory State Park
<b>Worship leader</b>	Katie	Suzie	OPEN	
<b>Music</b>	Stan	Marybeth	OPEN	
<b>Children's Story</b>	Martha	Steve	OPEN	
<b>Scripture</b>	Alison	Kristen	Dave	
<b>Message</b>	FOCO Café	Eliza	Angela	
<b>Communion Bread</b>	NA	NA	NA	
<b>Snacks &amp; Coffee</b>	Greeters	Carla & Jeff	Katie	

### 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.

