



# FORT COLLINS MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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**Worship 10:00 AM**

*We are all ministers in this fellowship*

**AUGUST 30, 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:

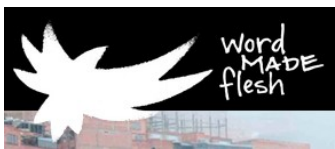
**Leader:** May the peace of Christ be with you.

**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

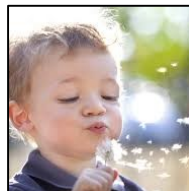
- Children's Story
- Scripture: Isaiah 61:1-3
- Sermon: "Word Made Flesh" (Angela)



Sadly, sexual slavery is alive and well in the world today. However, people are working to end it! Join Angela as she shares a video from Andrew Baker, head missionary of **The Word Made Flesh Bolivia**.

The mission seeks abundant life for those affected by sex trafficking and prostitution in Bolivia through presence, healing, and training.

*"He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners." Isaiah 61:1*



### 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, Steve would welcome hearing from you: **(970) 412-7510**.

***Birthdays, prayers, announcements, and more quotes on back***

## AUGUST PRAYERS FOR FCMF FAMILIES

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



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

Pray for the folks of the Land Collective who shared with us last week; for Denise's ongoing healing after surgery; for Renata's possible move to Fort Collins; for Daniel (from Faith Alive Clinic in Nigeria) who needs surgery; for Tom's struggle with sobriety; for Dave Freeman and his brothers as they make difficult decisions about aging parents; for Angela's neighbor Robin and her pregnancy; for all those who just started school (again or for the first time); for Dan and his children as they move into their new house; and for John Hicks and Deborah James as they each continue the search for an affordable place to live.

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

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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

## ONGOING EVENTS

- **Potlucks:** Resume on Wednesday, Sept. 9!
- **MennoPints:** First Friday in September.
- **Elders Meeting:** To be announced
- **Womynfolk Group:** Support group meets the 1st Monday of each month. Contact Annie: (970) 294-2646 (c)

## CALENDAR

### Refer to Announcements for details

- Aug. 29: Micheale Riversong's Memorial Service
- Sept. 5: Tour de Fat
- **Sept. 6: Worship in Lory State Park**
- Sept. 12: Music on the Mountain
- Sept. 19: Listening to Grace
- Sept. 20-27: Host FFH Families



*"Your ordinary acts of love and hope point to the extraordinary promise that every human life is of inestimable value." — Desmond Tutu*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**GREAT NEWS!** Dan signed a lease for a home on south Taft Hill and he will be able to move in on **Tuesday, September 1!** Each of the 7 children was able to enroll in school as well. If you'd like to help Dan move and clean house, or would like to make a financial, furniture, household good, or cleaning supply contribution, please contact **Russ: (970) 581-6323** (Note: Everence will match all financial contributions to the FCMF Benevolence Fund!)

**MEMORIAL SERVICE.** Michael Riversong's Memorial Service and Potluck will be held on **Saturday, August 29, at 5 pm** at Fort Collins Mennonite Fellowship. See you there!

**WORSHIP OUTDOORS.** This year we'll have another outdoor worship service at Lory State park on **Sunday, Sept. 6.** Keep your eyes open for emails with more details.

**COMING SOON!** If you liked, "I'd Like to Buy an Enemy," you'll love Ted Swartz's newest show, "Listening for Grace." It's coming to Fort Collins Mennonite Fellowship (300 E. Oak St., Fort Collins, CO 80524) at **7:00 pm on Saturday, September 19, 2015!** Admission is free and open to the public! In his show, Ted uses his distinctive humor to voice our fears and hopes when a faith community questions sexuality and same-sex relationships. It's about a father's journey, a church's struggle, and a search for commonality. Here's a link to a flyer: <https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/4240887/Listening%20for%20Grace/LFG%20Flyer%20-%20Fort%20Collins.pdf>

**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.

**FFH IS AROUND THE CORNER.** Our church will host FFH families from **September 20-27.** That means it's time to race to the sign-up sheet and volunteer for as many slots as fit with your life style. Don't be afraid to sign up even if you've never done it before. There are many experienced pros who will walk you through your role and most people find it SO rewarding. Consider inviting a friend or neighbor to do a shift with you - it doesn't matter whether or not they attend our church. To sign up, go to: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f054faba82ea5fc1-ffhhosting>

**GET READY FOR RETREAT.** It's coming up faster than you think on **October 9 (evening), 10, and 11.** If you are interested in being on the planning committee, please contact Annie: **(970) 294-2646.**

## WORSHIP ROTATIONS

	August 30	Sept 6	Sept 13	Sept. 20
<b>Greeter</b>	Liz	<b>We need musicians, storytellers, and poets to share their skills!</b>	Isaiah	Eliza
<b>Worship leader</b>	Steve		Kristen	Katie
<b>Music</b>	Cathy		<b>OPEN</b>	Stan
<b>Children's Story</b>	Cathy		Mary	Martha
<b>Scripture</b>	Dave		Ethan	Mark
<b>Message</b>	Angela		Steve	Steve
<b>Communion Bread</b>	NA		NA	NA
<b>Snacks &amp; Coffee</b>	Katie	Contact Steve!	Liz	Greeters

### 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.

