



FORT COLLINS MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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Worship 10:00 AM

We are all ministers in this fellowship



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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.



HOPE IS BORN IN DARKNESS

This Advent we turn our focus to Old Testament scriptures that anticipate the birth of a Messiah. We examine the longing, anticipation, waiting, fear, pain, hope, and joy that can all lead to new birth. We will explore the feelings that often occur in the darkness before the birth of hope for the world and in each of us.

1. GATHERING

- Prelude
- Centering Silence
- Call to Worship: See Insert
- 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.



2. HEARING GOD'S WORD

- Congregational Singing
 - Sermon: "Lectio Divina: Divine Reading"
- Lectio Divina is a holistic way of prayer that opens us to the gift of contemplation God waits to give.



It leads us to a meeting place with God in our deepest center. During Advent we have focused on scriptures from Isaiah, rich in meaning and imagery. We will use the meditative reading of selected passages to speak to the most intimate depths of our hearts.

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. They lived in a land of shadows, but now light is shining on them."
—Isaiah 9:2

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.

Pastor Steve and his family are gone through January 4. If a concern arises and you would like someone to talk to or personally pray with you, please contact Annie, Mary, or Russ.

Please read the back for birthdays, prayers, announcements, and more quotes!

DECEMBER PRAYERS FOR FCMF FAMILIES

- David and Jean Lehman
- Russ McCahan
- Lynette and Max McGowan
- Sage Mijares
- Stan and Myrna Miller & family

WEEKLY PRAYER REQUESTS



Pray for safety and good times for those on the road to visit family and friends; for Johanna as she mourns the loss of her dear mother; for Russ and his concerns; for Annie's friend Melissa who was in a serious car accident; for Bjorn as he deals with a break-in and a sick friend in Sweden; for Lynette and Max dealing with long-distance caregiving issues; for John Carlson as he grieves the death of his brother; and for Martha's mom who is now eligible for community assistance to get a new furnace and some house repairs.

"What is my name? What is your name? What is God's name? Our name is: that we must be born. And the creator's name is: to bear. The soul alone among all creatures is generative like God is." — Meister Eckhart

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- **Week 1:** Jude Krall (12/03), Angela White (12/03), Daniel Scott (12/11)
- **Week 2:** Sena Aitchedji (12/18)
- **Week 3:** Michael Scott (12/21)
- **Week 4:** Jim Carney (12/27)

ONGOING EVENTS

- **Potlucks:** Every Wednesday at 6:00 pm. Enter by north door.
- **Mennopints:** Second Friday of each month.
- **Elders Meeting:** To be announced
- **Womynfolk Group:** First Monday of each month. Contact Annie: (970) 294-2646 (c)

CALENDAR

Refer to Announcements for details

- Dec. 27-Jan. 3: FFH Hosting



"Each day holds a surprise. But only if we expect it can we see, hear, or feel it when it comes to us. Let's not be afraid to receive each day's surprise, whether it comes to us as sorrow or as joy. It will open a new place in our hearts, a place where we can welcome new friends and celebrate more fully our shared humanity." — Henri Nouwen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAMILIES ARE HERE! We open our doors at 9 am on Sunday so FFH families can get moved in and have a warm place to stay all morning and afternoon. If you see some new folks in Service or notice kids or adults peeking out the doors of the Sunday school rooms, no worries – they are just members of our wonderful families!

If you still want to volunteer during the week of **Dec. 27 to Jan. 2**, please sign up at: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F054FABA82EA5FC1-ffhhosting2



FOOD CO-OP STILL NEEDS YOUR HELP. Did you know that out of 2,400 Food Co-Op Member-Owners, only 182 spend more than \$1,000 a year at the Food Co-op (less than \$84 per month or \$22 per week)!

If you're already a member, the Food Co-Op needs you to spend a larger portion of your weekly food budget at the Co-Op. And if you're not a member, please consider becoming one. Spending \$50 per month of your existing food budget at the Co-Op comes to little more than \$11.00 per week, and spending \$150 per month comes to less than \$35.00 per week. It's worth it. The Food Co-Op has been here for 44 years — don't let this be its final year. The Food Co-op cannot survive without you!

INTERNATIONAL NATIVITIES. Global Village Museum presents Nativities Around the World. Multiple renditions of over 250 Nativities from countries, such as Nigeria, Peru, France, and Nepal are on display November 6, 2015 through January 23, 2016. The Museum is located in Old Town at 200 West Mountain Avenue and open **Tuesday through Saturday 11 am to 5 pm** (970-221-4600).



WORSHIP ROTATIONS

	Dec. 27	Jan. 3	Jan. 10	Jan. 17
Greeter	Martha	OPEN	Allison/Isaiah	Eliza
Worship leader	Lynette	Mary	Kristen	Brad
Music	Geoff	Cathy & Saja	Geoff	Stan
Story	NA	OPEN	Mary	Martha
Scripture	NA	Rachel	Ethan	Mark
Message	Lynette	Eliza	Steve	Steve – MLK Jr. Day
Communion Bread	NA	Jeff & Carla	NA	NA
Snacks & Coffee	Carla & Jeff	Annie	Liz	Lynette, Rachel, Eliza

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.

