

# FORT COLLINS MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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**Worship 10:00 AM**

*We are all ministers in this fellowship*

**FEBRUARY 8, 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.*



## ORDER OF SERVICE

### 1. GATHERING

- Prelude
- Centering Silence and Opening Prayer
- 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: Acts 9:1-19
- Sermon: "Surprise" (Susie)



Sometimes God's actions sneak up on us. Perhaps they were never expected or desired, but here they are! In fact, if we don't look around, we might even miss them. But God's actions always spread the witness of God's love and salvation.

*"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".— Henri Nouwen*

### 3. RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

- Congregational Singing
- Joys and Concerns
- Offering & Music
- Family Circle & Closing



### 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***



## FEBRUARY PRAYERS FOR FCMF FAMILIES

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



## SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

**Our Fellowship:** Pray for healing for Angela's friend, Michelle; for ongoing foot and knee healing for Martha; for Stacey and her children as they deal with difficult emotional issues; for Dave's mother and those caring for her; and for ongoing healing for Michael and Elizabeth.



*"What gives me the most hope every day is God's grace; knowing that his grace is going to give me the strength for whatever I face, knowing that nothing is a surprise to God."*  
— Rick Warren

*"The moments of happiness we enjoy take us by surprise. It is not that we seize them, but that they seize us."*  
— Ashley Montagu

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- **Week 1:** Rachel Boehs (02/02), Cade Coldren (02/03), Katie Price-Foster (02/04), Kotaro Ito (02/04), Heather McDonald (02/05), Mike Cusic (02/06)
- **Week 3:** Elisabeth Miller 02/19

## 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



- **Feb. 22:** Congregational Meeting, Lent begins
- **Feb. 27:** Best Little Mardi Gras in Ft. Collins
- **Feb. 23:** Volunteer Open House at FoCo Café
- **Feb. 27-March 1:** Men's Retreat

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**DIRECTORY UPDATE.** We are updating our directory again, so please respond to Steve's email asking you to make sure your information is correct. And if you are new, please provide your contact information—we would love to include you in the directory.

**FFH NEEDS YOU.** The FFH Day Center is now open four days a week (Tues., Wed., Thurs., Sat., from 9 am to 5 pm). We would like to add hours on Mon and Fri. To make this possible we need more volunteers. If you are interested, please contact: [faithfamilyhospitality@gmail.com](mailto:faithfamilyhospitality@gmail.com)

**ANNUAL MEETING.** We'll be having a potluck lunch after worship on **Sunday, Feb. 22** to fortify us for our **Annual Meeting** on the same day to celebrate our various accomplishments for 2014! Please plan to attend.

**LENT IS COMING!** Get ready for a terrific Lenten season starting **February 22**, continuing through Easter on April 5. You'll learn more about our Lenten theme next week.

**STARTING STRONG.** Did you know that FoCo Cafe ("Feeding Our Community Ourselves) served 1342 meals in January 2015 – thanks to lots of wonderful volunteers. If you haven't eaten there yet, please try it. They are open from **11 am – 2 pm, Mon. to Sat. at 225 Maple Street.** All food is organic with gluten-free entrées and desserts always available. For those of us who can pay, our dollars help those who cannot and need a warm meal. FoCo Café will hold a **Volunteer Open House on Mon., Feb. 23, 4 to 6:30 pm.** Drop in, sign up to volunteer while you are there, ask questions, tour the Cafe, and meet other volunteers.



**THE BEST LITTLE MARDI GRAS IN FORT COLLINS.** Come for an evening of fun that benefits the Geller Center. This Mardi Gras celebration takes place on **Sat., Feb. 21, from 8 to 11 pm at the Fort Collins Hilton.** The event includes appetizers, costume contest, silent auction, face painting, cash bar, and music by After the Fire. Please see Maurice for tickets (\$30).

**MEN'S RETREAT.** We are pleased to have John Paul Lederach and Herm Weaver leading sessions about practical conflict resolution this year at the retreat, from **Feb. 27 to March 1.** John Paul is a world-renowned Mennonite expert on this subject and it is a great privilege to have him. Retreat brochures with more details are available in the sanctuary.

## WORSHIP ROTATIONS

	Feb 8	Feb 15	Feb 22	March 1	March 8
<b>Greeter</b>	Isaiah	Keith	Liz	Lynette	OPEN
<b>Worship leader</b>	Annie	Lynette	Steve	Russ	Lynette
<b>Music</b>	Geoff	Stan	Mary Beth	Cathy&Saja	Geoff
<b>Children's Story</b>	Mary	Steph	Martha	Dave	Cathy
<b>Scripture</b>	Miranda	Allison	Kristen	Rachel	Miranda
<b>Message</b>	Susie	Cathy	Lynette	Steve	Betwixt 'n Between
<b>Communion Bread</b>	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
<b>Snacks &amp; Coffee</b>	Steve&Liz	Greeters	Carla&Jeff	Annie	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.

