



FORT COLLINS MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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Worship 10:00 AM

We are all ministers in this fellowship

JULY 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.



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 & 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: 2 Corinthians 4:7-12. Matthew 25:31-46
- Sermon: Stepping Out in Faith (Russ)



Today we bless Russ as he leaves for Nigeria and shares some stories about his time there in the past.

"Jesus is the politics of the new age; He is about the establishment of a kingdom; He is the one who has created a new time that gives us the time not only to care for the poor but to be poor. Jesus is the one who makes it possible to be nonviolent in a violent world."

— Stanley Hauerwas

3. RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

- Congregational Singing
- Reflections and Discussion
- Joys and Concerns
- Offering & Music
- Journey Blessings
- Family Circle & Announcements
- Benediction



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.

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



SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS



Our Fellowship: Pray for Pope Francis and for his efforts to heal our relationship with the Earth and one another; for Russ' friend, Sister Oresota in Nigeria, who works tirelessly with the poorest in that country; for our FFH families as they move from church to church; for the health of Angela's best friend Michelle; for John who is in need of a home and a new prosthesis that fits him better; for a healing of family dynamics in Martha's family; for

Daniel as he fights forest fires in Alaska; and for drought relief in California.

"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." — Mother Teresa

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- **Week 1:** Carla Conrardy (7/2)
- **Week 2:** Elizabeth Bates (7/6). Jordan White (7/9). Steph Krall (7/11)
- **Week 5:** Linda Metzler (7/26), Susie Ford (7/29)

ONGOING EVENTS

- **Potlucks:** Every Wednesday at 6:00 pm (starting Sept. 3). Enter through back (north door) to kitchen/dining area.
- **MennoPints:** 1st or 2nd Friday
- **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

- July 6: Womyn Folk group
- Aug 7-9: Annual Assembly

"To lose yourself in righteous service to others can lift your sights and get your mind off personal problems, or at least put them in proper focus." — Ezra Taft Benson

"Jesus didn't say, 'Blessed are those who care for the poor.' He said, 'Blessed are we where we are poor, where we are broken.' It is there that God loves us deeply and pulls us into deeper communion with himself." — Henri Nouwen

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CELEBRATION OF LIFE. For those who attended Audrey Faulkner's "Celebration of Life" service on Thursday, it was awesome. There were multiple speakers from her family, friends, and faith community (including Steve). She was an amazing woman who had it hard growing up, raised a child on her own, and went on to become a professor of Social Work. She was a tireless advocate for the poor and disenfranchised and always encouraged people to do whatever they could to make a difference. And even though Michael Riversong passed away just last week, he was able to thank Audrey through a recoding of his beautiful Celtic harp playing at the service.

WOMYN FOLK. Feel like meeting with like-minded women to discuss all manner of ideas, feelings, and topics? Please plan to meet at Ruth Wallick's home on **Monday, July 6 at 6:30** for free-form socializing and discussion. For information, call Annie at: (970) 294-2646 (c)

WORSHIP 'ROUND THE TABLE. If you haven't signed up to help, please do so—we start **July 12**. As you can see by the **YELLOW** highlights in the Worship Rotations below, we have some openings. Plus **Aug. 9**

needs everyone! We will have a sign-up sheet at the back of the Sanctuary on Sunday.

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY APPROACHES. It's time to register for Annual Assembly 2015. The weekend retreat will be held at beautiful Ghost Ranch in Abiquiu, NM, **August 7-9, 2015** and will be a time of recreation, relationship building, and dreaming for our future as a Conference. A number of are going and would like to carpool. **Please contact Steve if you're interested. Registration was due July 1 but you can still register.** For additional information, a schedule of events and to register, visit www.msncassembly.org. Questions? Feel free to contact Annie at: annie@mountainstatesmc.org

"Most Christian 'believers' tend to echo the cultural prejudices and worldviews of the dominant group in their country, with only a minority revealing any real transformation of attitudes or consciousness. It has been true of slavery and racism, classism and consumerism and issues of immigration and health care for the poor." — Richard Rohr

WORSHIP ROTATIONS

	July 5	July 12	July 19	July 26	August 2
	Worship 'Round the Table				
Greeter	Rachel	NA	NA	NA	NA
Worship leader	Susie	NA	NA	NA	NA
Music	Mary Beth	OPEN	Cathy	OPEN	OPEN
Children's Story	Angela	NA	NA	NA	NA
Scripture	Rachel	NA	NA	NA	NA
Message	Russ	Eliza	Cathy	Mary	Lynette
Communion Bread	Carla & Jeff	NA	NA	NA	NA
Snacks & Coffee	Annie	Isaiah & Allison	Katie	OPEN	OPEN
Setup & Cleanup	NA	Martha	Cathy	Isaiah & Allison	Lynette

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.

