



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.



LENTEN THEME FOR 2015: THRESHOLDS OF TRANSFORMATION

Lent can be a time for reflection, change, and action as we strive to remove obstacles that get between us and our relationship with God. This Lenten season, we explore the image of *thresholds*, those places we come to that lie between the life we have known and the life ahead of us . . . spaces that can be *transformational*. A threshold, chosen or otherwise, is a place of wild possibility. A threshold invites us to stop, to imagine, to dream, and to question.

1. GATHERING

- Prelude
- Centering Silence
- Blessing the Threshold
- 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

TRANSFORMATION



EMBRACING THE CHALLENGES

- Children's Story
- Scripture
- Sermon: *A Formula for Change (Martha)*

Join Martha as she talks about about how slow change yields lasting results. In particular, she will focus on how small changes, made a little at a time, can eventually add up to something big. You just never know when one more small action is going to turn the tide.

"Mistakes are the portals of discovery." – James Joyce

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.

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

MARCH PRAYERS FOR FCMF FAMILIES

- Saja Butler
- Eliza and Jim Carney
- Mary and Cade Coldren & family
- Carla Conrardy and Jeff Kearns
- Keven and Julia Cross



SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS



Our Fellowship: Pray for the Max Villatoro the pastor of First Mennonite Church in Iowa City as he faces deportation; for Mrianda as she travels in Europe; for Mary as she visits her mother in Texas; for Cade and Ethan as they fare for themselves; for Elisabeth Miller as she works

as an intern with the Heifer Project International in Massachusetts; for Michael's health; for Elizabeth Bate's health and wellbeing; and for all who struggle with uncertainty, loneliness, and fear.

Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for Mark and Mary Hurst of Mennonite Mission Network, based in Australia, as they follow up on contacts they made during the annual Passionfest festival in New Zealand.

"Just take one step at a time, trusting that God still has a plan for you, and He will make the best out of your situation."

— George Foreman

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- **Week 1:** Gus Gouvas (03/01)
- **Week 3:** Liz Ruhl (03/19)
- **Week 4:** Cybil Holmes (03/28)
- **Week 5:** Allison Goertz (03/31)



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
- **Movie Night:** 3rd Friday of the month
- **Elders Meeting:** 1st Tuesday of the month
- **Womynfolk Group:** Support group meets the 1st Monday of each month. Contact Annie: (601) 918-9054 (c)

CALENDAR



Refer to Announcements for details

- **March 22-29:** FFH Hosting
- **March 28, April 9:** Homeless Gear donation collection at Sam's Club, Loveland (10:30-4:30 pm)
- **April 3:** Good Friday Service
- **April 9:** IFC Awards Dinner

"If you're climbing the ladder of life, you go rung by rung, one step at a time. Don't look too far up, set your goals high but take one step at a time. Sometimes you don't think you're progressing until you step back and see how high you've really gone."

— Donny Osmond

ANNOUNCEMENTS



FFH WANTS YOU! Our FFH families will be staying at our church all week. It's time to roll up our sleeves and help them feel safe, comfortable, and cared for from **March 22-29**. See Liz if you haven't signed up yet and want to help.

TESTIMONIALS NEEDED. Martha is collecting personal testimonials about your experiences at FCMF. Excerpts will appear in the new website on Easter to encourage people to visit. Please send your information to: martharoden@gmail.com

MARCH MADNESS. Homeless Gear is a non-profit organization that provides a hand up to families transitioning from homelessness to self-sufficiency. Visit their website for a list of events you can participate in, from collecting supplies at Sam's Club, to volunteering services, to attending fundraising events: <http://homelessgear.org/special-events/>

FORT COLLINS AREA INTERFAITH COUNCIL DINNER. You are invited to IFC's Annual Appreciation and Awards Dinner to join in honoring these who have worked so hard to provide affordable housing for all. The event takes place on **Thursday, April 9 pm at 6:00 pm** at the first United Methodist Church (1005 Stover Street). Thanks to the generosity of 1st Bank, dinner will be served without cost with soup and salad meal be provided by FoCo Café (Feeding Our Community Ourselves). A free-will offering will be designated for IFC member agencies, whose purpose is to provide affordable housing.

SERVICE DOESN'T HAVE TO WAIT! Join Youth Venture this summer to serve and learn with Mennonite youth from Lithuania, Ecuador, Japan, and France. Apply by **April 1** for international locations. Ages 16-22 can apply at: MennoniteMission.net/Serve.

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY AT GHOST RANCH. This year's Annual Assembly will be held at Ghost Ranch in Abiquiu, NM on August 7-9, and a planning team is working diligently to make our weekend together full of relationship building and fun. To pique your interest, below are a few historical facts about the history of Ghost Ranch, visit: www.ghost ranch.org

WORSHIP ROTATIONS

	March 22	March 29	April 5	April 12	April 19
Greeter	Steve	Allison	Rachel	Isaiah	Eliza
Worship leader	Steph	OPEN	Allison	Kristen	Katie
Music	Marybeth	Geoff	Cathy&Saja	Levi	Stan
Children's Story	Rachel	Allison	Dave	Mary	Martha
Scripture	Annie	Dave	Liz	Ethan	Mark
Message	Martha	Palm Sunday - Steve	Easter - Steve	OPEN	Steve
Communion Bread	NA	NA	Coldrens	NA	NA
Snacks & Coffee	Carla&Jeff	Katie	Mary	Liz	Greeters

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.

