



FORT COLLINS MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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Worship 10:00 AM

We are all ministers in this fellowship

MARCH 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.

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

- Children's Story
- Reading: *A Blessing Betwixt*
May you abide the places in between; the thresholds, the passages, the spaces of waiting and patience and preparing.
May you give yourself to the mysteries that move us from what was toward what is yet to be.

May you know the company of the angels who come only to those betwixt and who love the liminal places and the treasures that they hold.

- Musical Entertainment: *Betwixt 'n Between* (Ray, Vicki, and Dustin)

3. RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

- Congregational Singing
- 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 Jordan's healing and for Wes and Angela as they care for him; for Gus as his eye infection heals (send him an email); for Elizabeth as she struggles with loneliness and agoraphobia (drop by or call her); for Russ, Stacey, and her

children as they undergo emotional turmoil; for Michael's physical and financial health; and for Rachel's cousin Rhonda who struggles with bone cancer.

Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for Freddy and Margrit Kipfer Barrón of Mennonite Mission Network in Bolivia as they strengthen existing Mennonite congregations and lay the groundwork for new ones.

"Those who stand at the threshold of life always waiting for the right time to change are like the man who stands at the bank of a river waiting for the water to pass so he can cross on dry land." — Joseph B. Wirthlin

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- **Week 1:** Gus Constandion (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 8:** Betwixt 'n Between
- **March 8:** Boundaries workshop
- **March 14 and 28:** Homeless Gear donation collection

"Sometimes your only available transportation is a leap of faith."— Margaret Shepard

"Leaving the old, both worlds at once they view, that stand upon the threshold of the new. — Edmund Waller

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HEALTHY BOUNDARIES. Are you someone who has difficulty saying "no"? Feels guilty if you're not volunteering? Doesn't know how to stop worrying about others and ask for what you want? You may have boundary issues. If you'd like to learn more about setting healthy boundaries, please plan to attend "Boundaries: Don't Fence Me In," a workshop by Arleen Brown, LSCW. The FREE workshop will be held today (**Sunday, Mar. 8**) from 2-4 at the Gray Rock Commons Clubhouse.



FFH WANTS YOU! Time to roll up our sleeves and help families without homes have a safe and comfortable time staying at our church during the week of **March 22-29**. We have plenty of volunteer activities so everyone can contribute a service that is meaningful to them, as well as to the families: greet, help prepare and serve meals, chat with families, play with kids, or stay overnight. There is something for everyone. Please revisit your volunteer email from Susie (dated March 1) or visit the SignUp Genius volunteer website and sign up: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090E48AEA928A57-ffhsignup9/7273507

HOMELESS GEAR. Interested in helping homeless families get the supplies they need? Homeless Gear needs a few extra hands to help collect donations at Sam's Club Collection and process them at the warehouse. Sam's Club Collection: Volunteers stand outside Sam's club and hand out lists of items to shoppers (**March 14 and 28, 1:30-4:30 in Loveland**). Donations Processing: Sort supplies and prepare shipments on **Tuesdays (1-4 pm and Wednesdays (9 am – 4 pm))**. For details contact Chelsey: chelsey@homelessgear.org



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.

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

WORSHIP ROTATIONS

	March 8	March 15	March 22	March 29	April 5
Greeter	Allison	Eliza	OPEN	Isaiah	Rachel
Worship leader	Lynette	Katie	Steph	OPEN	Allison
Music	NA	Stan	Marybeth	Geoff	Cathy&Saja
Children's Story	Martha	Martha	Rachel	Martha	Dave
Scripture	Lynette	Mark	Annie	Dave	Liz
Message	Betwixt 'n Between	Mary	Martha	Steve	Easter - Steve
Communion Bread	NA	NA	NA	NA	Coldrens
Snacks & Coffee	Steve&Liz	Greeters	Carla&Jeff	Katie	Mary

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.

