



FORT COLLINS MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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Worship 10:00 AM

We are all ministers in this fellowship

MAY 10, 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.

EASTER THEME FOR 2015: THRESHOLDS OF TRANSFORMATION

Our Easter Season continues with the theme of *thresholds of transformation*, those places we come to that lie between the life we have known and the life ahead of us ... places of wild possibility.

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

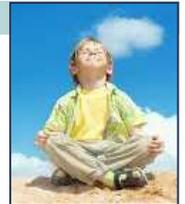


- Scripture: Exodus 20:1-17, Exodus 31:18, Exodus 34:8
- Sermon: "Fire on the Mountain: God's Covenant with Moses"

Third in a series on the God's changing covenant with humanity. On the mountain, amidst fire, smoke, and lightening, God writes his covenant with Moses on tablets on of stone — the Ten Commandments. God's expectations are now in writing, providing consistency, unanimity and portability. Putting the covenant in stone also means it is solid and long lasting. But the downside is this: there is less flexibility and adaptability as the world changes.

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

MAY PRAYERS FOR FCMF FAMILIES

- Jeff Kearns and Carla Conrardy
- Steph and Geoff Krall & Family
- Russ McCahan and Stacy & Family
- Lynette and Max McGowan
- Stan and Myrna Miller & Family



SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS



Our Fellowship: Pray for those in Nepal suffering from the recent earthquake; for Denise Bouthillier as she recovers from her heart attack in Bulgaria; for ongoing health for Martha's mom Carmen; for Gabi as she chooses

a college for next year; for improved health for Michael and Elizabeth; and for much needed rain in California.

Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for the wife and children of Edgardo Sánchez, a church leader at the Argentina Mennonite Church, who died on Easter.

"Those who are faithful to God are protected and prospered. That comes as the result of serving God and keeping His commandments. But with those blessings comes the temptation to forget their source. It is easy to begin to feel the blessings were granted not by a loving God on whom we depend but by our own powers." — Henry B. Eyring

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- **Week 1:** Mitsuko Ito (5/1)
- **Week 2:** Sonia Price-Foster (5/9)
- **Week 3:** Natalia Sifuentes (5/11), Shohei Ito (5/13), Eleanor White (5/15)
- **Week 4:** Nathan Metzler (5/19), Jenny Goehs (5/24)
- **Week 5:** Lea Egan-Ramer (5/25), Lynette McGowan (5/29)

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
- **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

- **May 30:** Annual Church Cleanup

"We are spirit children of a loving Heavenly Father who placed us in mortality to see if we would choose - freely choose - to keep His commandments and come unto His Beloved Son. They do not compel us. They cannot, for that would interfere with the plan of happiness. And so there is in us a God-given desire to be responsible for our own choices." — Henry B. Eyring

"The Ten Commandments have never been replaced as the moral basis upon which society rests." — Edwin Louis Colde

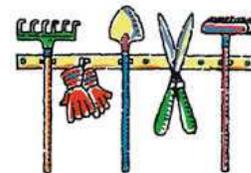
ANNOUNCEMENTS

FFH DINNER A SUCCESS! Summitview Church was packed with volunteers who attended the FFH Appreciation Dinner and Silent Auction. We learned that since 2012, FFH has provided 4,520 hours of "radical hospitality" (lodging, meals, and fellowship) for 68 families, 50% of which have moved into permanent housing. FFH plans to increase the number of churches so they can provide 2 rotations serving 8 families, instead of just 4. We need only 11 more churches!



HUGE THANK YOU! We received a lovely card from Sproutin' Up thanking us for the generosity of our recent donation. Sproutin' Up is a non-profit organization dedicated to making healthy food more accessible to low-income families by providing free farmers' markets in low-income neighborhoods and teaching under-served young people gardening skills. Their motto? "Good neighbors growing great food."

SPRING CLEANUP DAY IS COMING. Our annual church spring cleanup day takes place on **Saturday, May 30. We start at 8 am and finish with some lunch.** Put it on your calendar and come help spiff up the church and the grounds! **Make sure to RSVP** with Steve so we know how much pizza to get – we'll even have gluten-free pizza!



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY HOMELESS GEAR. This month, Homeless Gear celebrates seven years of collecting and redistributing outdoor gear to the people who need it most – the homeless. In 2014, it distributed approximately \$1.1 million worth of supplies, with more than 1,400 people volunteering in some capacity.

Today, Homeless Gear operates five programs that provide the homeless with supplies that help them survive in the short-term, connections to resources in the interim, and links to employment, housing, and self-sufficiency in the long-term.

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. For additional information, a schedule of events and to register, visit: www.msmcassembly.org.

WORSHIP ROTATIONS

	May 10	May 17	May 24	May 31	June 7
Greeter	Isaiah	Eliza	Steve	<i>Memorial Day Service at Lory State Park!</i>	Rachel
Worship leader	Kristen	Katie	Steph		Allison
Music	Cathy & Michael	Stan	Mary Beth		Cathy & Saja
Children's Story	Mary	Martha	Rachel		Dave
Scripture	Ethan	Mark	Annie		Liz
Message	Steve	Steve	Susie		Steve
Communion Bread	NA	NA	NA		Coldrens
Snacks & Coffee	Liz	Greeters	Wes & Angela	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.

