



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.



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 discomfort and 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: Martha
- Scripture: Jeremiah 31:31-39
- Sermon: "Jeremiah was a Prophet ... not just a Bullfrog"



Number four in a five-part series on God's evolving covenant with his people. The Ten Commandments laid out God's expectations in stone, which made them long-lasting but also less flexible or adaptable to change. And so a new covenant came about from God to replace that written in stone:

"I will put My law within them and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people."

3. RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

- Congregational Singing
- A Blessing for Our Graduates
- 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 the recovery of Audrey Faulkner after a massive stroke and serious fall; for recovery for Denise Bouthillier as she goes through 6 weeks of cardio rehab while her family remains in Bulgaria; for Wes as he faces possible gall ladder surgery; for Angela as she says goodbye to one job and hello to another; for Angela's friend Michelle as she

deals with losing her job and disability claims; for Kristen's friend Marshal and his daughter; for those in Nepal suffering from the recent earthquake; for those fighting an uphill battle against the CSU's on-campus stadium; for all those who are victims of police brutality and racial profiling; and for much needed rain in California.

Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for Adam and Jeanette Strode of Mennonite Mission Network as they develop cultural and language competency in Thailand so they can conduct a Bible study and share the gospel with their Thai neighbors.

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
- **May 31:** Worship in the Park

"The things we truly love stay with us always, locked in our hearts as long as life remains." —Josephine Baker

"Thou has created us for Thyself, and our heart is not quiet until it rests in Thee." — St. Augustine



ANNOUNCEMENTS



HAPPY GRADUATION! Let's send Ethan plenty of graduation wishes as he graduates from high school and prepares for college at CSU this coming fall. The Coldrens have invited all of FCMF to Ethan's graduation party on **Saturday, May 23** at their home, 742 Larkbunting Dr., Fort Collins. Come anytime between **5:30 and 8:00 pm**.

SPRING CLEANUP DAY. 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!

GET READY FOR WORSHIP IN THE PARK. Please plan to attend our annual Worship in the Park at Lory State Park on **Sunday, May 31**. Enjoy nature, fellowship, and good food. Steve will send out a reminder by

email about location, cost, and food.

THANKS HOMELESS GEAR! Each quarter, Homeless Gear hosts Children in Need events for homeless and near-homeless children and families. Last week they served 101 families and 291 children by distributing 418 coats and sweatshirts, 155 pairs of shoes, food, hygiene products, pajamas, winter gear, backpacks, socks, underwear, and other clothing. Partners also joined with Homeless Gear to provide services such as haircuts, eye exams, legal advice, and more.

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 17	May 24	May 31	June 7	June 14
Greeter	Eliza	Steve	<i>Worship in the Park at Lory State Park!</i>	Rachel	Martha
Worship leader	Katie	Steph		Allison	Lynette
Music	Stan	Mary Beth		Cathy & Saja	Geoff
Children's Story	Martha	Rachel		Dave	Cathy
Scripture	Mark	Annie		Liz	Miranda
Message	Steve	Susie		Steve	OPEN
Communion Bread	NA	NA		Coldrens	NA
Snacks & Coffee	Greeters	Wes & Angela		Mary	Isaiah & Alison

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.

