



# FORT COLLINS MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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**Worship 10:00 AM**

*We are all ministers in this fellowship*

**MAY 3, 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: Genesis 15:1-7, 17:1-9, 17:15-17
- Sermon: "Abraham and Sarah's Threshold, and The Dangers of Star Gazing" (Steve)



God's original covenant was between God and one family. However, in time, with Abraham and Sarah, God expands the covenant to an entire nation of chosen people that one day will be like the stars at night – distinct, yet limitless. The purpose of the nation is so God may bless the entire world and not to judge it.

### 3. RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

- Congregational Singing
- Communion
- 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](mailto: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 affected by the earthquakes in Nepal; for Michelle (Angela's friend) as she deals with rheumatoid arthritis; for Catherine (Angela's friend) as she fosters an abused child; for all students as they deal with end-of-the-year struggles; for Ethan and Gabi as they each choose a college for next year; for Ruth (Eliza's friend) as she continues to heal; for continuing physical and financial health for Martha's mother Carmen; and for more rain in California

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Pray for those whom God is calling to live out their faith by applying to Mennonite Mission Network's Mennonite Voluntary Service.

"Keep your eyes on the stars and your feet on the ground."  
— Theodore Roosevelt

## 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:** 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday
- **Movie Night:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month
- **Elders Meeting:** 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month
- **Womynfolk Group:** Support group meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month. Contact Annie: **(601) 918-9054** (c)

## CALENDAR

Refer to Announcements for details

- **May 4:** Women Folk Meeting
- **May 7:** FFH Annual Volunteer Celebration
- **May 30:** Annual Church Cleanup

"Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world." — Harriet Tubman.

"Ideals are like stars; you will not succeed in touching them with your hands. But like the seafaring man on the desert of waters, choose them as your guides and following them, you will reach your destiny." — Carl Schurz

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LADIE'S NIGHT.** Our monthly Women Folk meeting is at Ruth's house at **6:30 pm on Monday, May 4.** Call Annie for directions: **(970) 294-2646** (cell).



**FFH CELEBRATION DINNER ALMOST HERE!** FFH holds its Annual Celebration Dinner and first-ever Silent Auction on **Thursday, May 7 starting at 5:30 pm** at Summitview Community Church, 1601 W. Drake Road. Please RSVP as soon as possible when you receive the e-vite – and talk to Liz! This dinner thanks all FFH volunteers for their generosity and kindness, and the auction raises operating funds.

The evening also celebrates three important accomplishments: (1) Four current guest families (including 4 mothers with a total of 15 children) who are now employed and making strides toward stable housing and other goals! (2) Over 100 devoted congregational and individual donors who have donated almost \$60,000 so far this year. (3) Volunteers from 27 member congregations who have devoted their hearts, faith, talents, and time to serve our guest families.

**SPRING CLEANUP DAY IS COMING.** Our annual church spring cleanup day takes place on **Saturday, May 30, any time from 8 am until 1 pm.** Put it on your calendar and come help spiff up the church and the grounds!

**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.msncassemblies.org](http://www.msncassemblies.org).



## WORSHIP ROTATIONS

	May 3	May 10	May 17	May 24	May 31
<b>Greeter</b>	Allison	Isaiah	Eliza	Susie	<i>Memorial Day Service at Lory State Park!</i>
<b>Worship leader</b>	Liz	Kristen	Katie	Steph	
<b>Music</b>	Cathy & Saja	Levi	Stan	Mary Beth	
<b>Children's Story</b>	Dave or Isaiah	Mary	Martha	Rachel	
<b>Scripture</b>	Rachel	Ethan	Mark	Annie	
<b>Message</b>	Steve	OPEN	Steve	OPEN	
<b>Communion Bread</b>	Liz	NA	NA	NA	
<b>Snacks &amp; Coffee</b>	Annie	Liz	Greeters	Wes & Angela	

### Bulletin Announcements:

Please submit any announcements by Thursday evening to Martha Roden at: [martharoden@gmail.com](mailto:martharoden@gmail.com)

### Worship Rotations:

When a rotation assignment does not work for you, please alert Steve and worship leaders in a timely fashion.

