



# FORT COLLINS MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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Worship 10:00 AM

*We are all ministers in this fellowship*

**Nov. 1, 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.**

## THE HARD SAYINGS OF JESUS

Jesus said many perplexing things in the Gospels. Even his disciples were known to exclaim, "This is a hard saying; who can hear it?" If you find some of the words of Jesus hard to believe, difficult to understand, or demanding to follow, you're in good company! This fall, from now until Advent, we will consider the "hard sayings" of Jesus, and try to come to a better understanding of their meaning.

### 1. GATHERING

- Prelude
- Centering Silence
- Call to Worship
- Congregational Singing
- Welcome & 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: Revelation 21:1-6a
- Service: Annual Service of Remembrance (El Día de los Muertos) and Candlelighting



The death of a loved one is one of the most powerful events in our lives. Death and grief can change the very core of who we are. We will join together in our ritual of remembrance to give expression to our grief, our courage, our memories, our love and our hope.

### 3. RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD



- Communion
- 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](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, Steve would welcome hearing from you: **(970) 412-7510**.

***Birthdays, prayers, announcements, and more quotes on back***

## NOVEMBER PRAYERS FOR FCMF FAMILIES

- Alison and Isaiah Goertz
- Alida and Ben Gowan
- Lorena Hilderbrandt
- Jeff Kearns and Carla Conrardy
- Steph and Geoff Krall & family



## WEEKLY PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayers for Rachel's friend Shar who had a stress-induced heart attack; for Kristen and Mary Beth who were not feeling well; for Mark as he moves his Dad to another living situation; for Rachel's co-teacher, Mr. Delgado as his family deals with their daughter's suicide attempt; and for rain for drought-ridden California.

**Prayers for Peacemakers.** Pray for the people of Palestine and Israel, especially for the truth-tellers, human rights defenders and peacemakers who are under assault by the forces of the Israeli military occupation.



*"Beginning today, treat everyone you meet as if they were going to be dead by midnight. Extend to them all the care, kindness and understanding you can muster, and do it with no thought of any reward. Your life will never be the same again." — Og Mandino*

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- **Week 1:** Estella Price-Foster (11/1), Sanders Aitchedji (11/2)
- **Week 3:** Alicia Berry-Chaney (11/12), Isaiah Goertz (11/15), Cathy Egan (11/16), Miranda Coldren (11/19), Ethan Coldren (11/21)
- **Week 4:** Nathan Freeman (11/25), Steve Ramer (11/26), Edith White (11/29)

## ONGOING EVENTS

- **Potlucks:** Every Wednesday at 6:00 pm. Enter by north door.
- **Mennopints:** Second Friday of each month.
- **Elders Meeting:** To be announced
- **Womynfolk Group:** First Monday of each month. Contact Annie: (970) 294-2646 (c)

## CALENDAR

### Refer to Announcements for details



- Nov. 1: FFH Training
- Nov. 2: Womyn Folk Meeting
- Nov. 8-Nov. 15: Pledges due
- Nov. 15: Steve's Ordination
- Nov. 22: Budget Meeting

*"The life of the dead is placed in the memory of the living."*  
— Marcus Tullius Cicero

*"Our dead are never dead to us, until we have forgotten them."* — George Elliot

*"Memories of our lives, of our works and our deeds will continue in others."* — Rosa Parks

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FFH BASIC TRAINING TODAY!** If you're interested in getting to know a few other community FFH Volunteers, hear informative stories, and learn some great tips on how to better serve our homeless families, consider attending the short "Basis Training" **TODAY**, from 12:30 to 2:30 pm at Foothills Unitarian Church, 1815 Yorktown Ave, from **12:30 - 2:30 pm**.



**WOMYNFOLK MEETING!** Join us for an interesting evening delving into the idea behind "acornology." We meet at Ruth's house on **Monday, Nov. 3 at 6:30 pm**. For directions, contact Ruth at: **(970) 222-8303** (cell)

**STEVE'S ORDINATION.** After more than two long years of waiting, the Ministerial Council of Mountain States finally confirmed our request for Steve Ramer to be ordained – yea! His ordination will be at the Sunday Service on **November 15**.

**PLEDGES DUE!** Kevin says pledges are due by **Sun., Nov. 15**, but if he hasn't heard from you by **Nov. 8**, he'll give you a call. Please fill out your pledge form and drop it in Kevin's mail slot or email it to him at: [jkevin87@comcast.net](mailto:jkevin87@comcast.net).

**KEEP THE FOOD COOP GOING!** Our local Fort Collins Food Coop needs your help. If you're not a member, consider joining so we can keep this community and environmentally-minded, people-run organization in business. And if you're already a member, sign the pledge in the store and do your part to spend some of your food dollars there. And if you want to see the Coop expand to a community marketplace in the historic Trolley Building, visit the Coop website and learn what you can do: <http://www.fcfood.coop/Relocation.php>

**INTERNATIONAL NATIVITIES.** Global Village Museum presents Nativities Around the World. Multiple renditions of over 250 Nativities from countries, such as Nigeria, Peru, France, and Nepal are on display November 6, 2015 through January 23, 2016. The Museum is located in Old Town at 200 West Mountain Avenue and open Tuesday through Saturday 11 am to 5 pm (970-221-4600).

## WORSHIP ROTATIONS

	Nov. 1	Nov. 8	Nov. 15	Nov. 22
<b>Greeter</b>	Lynette	Martha	Eliza	Brad
<b>Worship leader</b>	Liz	Kristen	Steph	Katie
<b>Music</b>	Cathy & Saja	Geoff	Stan	Mary Beth
<b>Story</b>	Dave	Mary	Martha	Rachel
<b>Scripture</b>	Rachel	Ethan	Martha	Annie
<b>Message</b>	Lynette	OPEN	Steve's Ordination	Steve
<b>Communion Bread</b>	Jeff & Carla	NA	NA	NA
<b>Snacks &amp; Coffee</b>	Annie	Liz	Lynette, Eliza, Rachel	West & 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.

