



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.

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: John 2:13-22
- Sermon: "A Violent Jesus?" (Steve)



For pacifists who believe in a non-violent Jesus, the whip in the temple story has always been difficult to accept. Was Jesus inconsistent in what he said vs what he practiced? Was he righteously angry? Was he over-zealous? Let's discuss!

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

Birthdays, prayers, announcements, and more quotes on back

OCTOBER PRAYERS FOR FCMF FAMILIES

- Cathy Egan and Steve Ramer & family
- Susie and Paul Ford
- Dave and Mary Beth Freeman & family
- Ron and Jeanette Friesen
- Dan Gjerstand & family



WEEKLY PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for Keith and Katie as they face family challenges; for Martha's husband David as he repairs their home and property; for Martha's brother-in law Pedro as his eye heals; for Dave and his brothers as they finish cleaning their parent's house; for Eliza's cousin Daisy who is very ill; for Rachel's co-worker whose daughter attempted suicide; and for Sanders, Denise, Sena, and Chenu in their new home in Belgium.



Lord,
 Enlighten what's dark in me,
 Strengthen what's weak in me,
 Mend what's broken in me,
 Bind what's bruised in me,
 Heal what's sick in me,
 And lastly,
 Revive whatever peace and love has died in me.
 Amen.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- **Week 2:** Mark Scott (10/10)
- **Week 3:** Keiko Mitsuko (10/14)
- **Week 4:** Myrna Miller (10/22), Maurice Shenk (10/22)
- **Week 5:** Leslie Price-Foster (10/27), Matt Griffith (10/30), Ray Metzler (10/27)

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

- Oct. 20: Coop Annual Meeting
- Oct. 24: Wes and Angela's Siding Party
- Nov. 2: Womyn Folk Meeting



"We must believe that it is darkest before the dawn of a beautiful new world. We will see it when we believe it." — Saul Alinsky

"We must develop and maintain the capacity to forgive. He is devoid of the power to forgive is devoid of the power to love. There is some good in the worst of us and some evil in the best of us. When we discover this, we are less prone to hate our enemies." — Martin Luther King, Jr.

Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that." — Martin Luther King, Jr.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



SIDING PARTY! Wes and Angela invite everyone to participate in helping them side their house. No previous experience is required – you can help with food, kids, or hands-on labor. Door prizes include: organic broilers, eggs, and winter squash. The house-siding event takes place on **Sat., Oct. 24 from 8 am until it's done**. If the weather does not cooperate, the alternate date is Oct. 25 starting at noon. Send your RSVP to Wes at: Wesley.White@colostate.edu.

COOP NEEDS YOUR HELP! Did you know the Fort Collins Food Coop is desperately trying to move to the old Trolley Building to start their Cooperative Community Market? They need your help. Please write to the City Council and urge them to lease the trolley building to the Coop — not to a Denver-based brewery. For more details attend the Annual Member-Owner Meeting on **Tues., Oct. 20 from 6-8** at the Downtown Artery (252 Linden). RSVP to: RSVP@FCCOOP.COOP. For a sample letter for the City Council, contact Martha at: martharoden@gmail.com

FOCO CAFÉ ROCKS! Did you know that as of the end of September, FoCo Café and its wonderful volunteers served 18,558 meals! Make sure to visit the Café and try a terrific lunch at 225 Maple Street.

NIGHT OF FEAR AND GIVING. Come together for a night of Halloween fun as Homeless Gear gathers gear for those who need it most. Eat, drink, and be scary on **Thurs., Oct. 29 from 6-9 pm** at BJ's Restaurant at 2670 E. Harmony Rd. Dress up and bring one article to donate to Homeless Gear: socks, hats, coats, blankets, tarps, hand wipers, backpacks, gloves, or blankets.

WORSHIP ROTATIONS

	Oct. 18	Oct. 25	Nov. 1	Nov. 8
Greeter	Isaiah	Liz	Lynette	Isaiah
Worship leader	Steve	Annie	Liz	Kristen
Music	Stan	Mary Beth	Cathy & Saja	Geoff
Story	Martha	Steve	Dave	Mary
Scripture	Allison	Kristen	Rachel	Ethan
Message	Steve	Steve	Lynette	OPEN
Communion Bread	NA	NA	Jeff & Carla	NA
Snacks & Coffee	Brad & Johanna	Carla & Jeff	Annie	Liz

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.

