



# FORT COLLINS MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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Worship 10:00 AM

*We are all ministers in this fellowship*



**OCTOBER 25, 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: Joel 2
- Sermon "Because I Love You, I Will Pour Out My Spirit" (Steve)



Joel's poetry powerfully swings between the seasonal extremes of want and prosperity that was common of rural existence in his time. Joel's words seem appropriate for church budget cycles – do our budgets encourage us to dream? Are our visions expansive in hopefulness or constrained by fear?

Joel said it quite clearly – God's Spirit is poured out upon all of us, washing away anything that seeks to keep our gifts hidden within us.

### 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](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***

## 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

Pray for safe travels for Eliza and a good time with family; for Eliza's cousin Daisy; for Angela's friend Michelle; for Stacey in the Crossroads Shelter; for Dan as a single dad of seven; for overcoming inertia to build a society of justice and peace; and for desperately needed rain in 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.



*"Not what we have, but what we enjoy, constitutes our abundance."*  
— Epicurus

*"Abundance is not something we acquire ... it is something we tune into."* — Dr. Wayne Dyer

*"You pray in your distress and in your need; would that you might also pray in the fullness of your joy and in your days of abundance."* — Khalil Gibran

## 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

- Nov. 2: Womyn Folk Meeting



*"Abundance is a process of letting go; that which is empty can receive."* — Bryant H. McGill

*"Whatever we are waiting for - peace of mind, contentment, grace, the inner awareness of simple abundance - it will surely come to us, but only when we are ready to receive it with an open and grateful heart."* — Sarah Ban Breathnach

*"Many a man curses the rain that falls upon his head, and knows not that it brings abundance to drive away the hunger."*  
— Saint Basil

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**YES WE DID ... YES WE CAN!** More than 156,000 signatures from supportive Colorado voters were delivered by ambulance to the Colorado Secretary of State (only 98,492 valid signatures were required to qualify for the ballot in 2016). Boxes of petitions were rolled into the office on a gurney with Dr. Aguilar and Nurse Nicholson attending. More and more boxes of petitions were carried by ordinary Coloradans eager to see ColoradoCare on the ballot. Thanks to all who helped collect signatures and all who signed! Will we have health care for every Coloradan? Will we save billions of dollars every year? **Let's take it to the voters!**

**NEW MAILBOXES AND MORE.** All church mail slots have been updated – existing one may be in different spots to make room for new ones. So check out your very mail slot for two very important documents: pledge letters and the proposed budget for 2016!

**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.** Back by popular demand, 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 – 5 (970-221-4600).

## WORSHIP ROTATIONS

	Oct. 25	Nov. 1	Nov. 8	Nov. 15
<b>Greeter</b>	Liz	Lynette	Isaiah	Eliza
<b>Worship leader</b>	Kristen	Liz	OPEN	Brad
<b>Music</b>	OPEN	Cathy & Saja	Geoff	Stan
<b>Story</b>	Steve	Dave	Mary	Martha
<b>Scripture</b>	Kristen	Rachel	Ethan	Martha
<b>Message</b>	Steve	Lynette	OPEN	Steve
<b>Communion Bread</b>	NA	Jeff & Carla	NA	NA
<b>Snacks &amp; Coffee</b>	Carla & Jeff	Annie	Liz	Lynette, Eliza, Rachel

### 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.

