



FORT COLLINS MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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Worship 10:00 AM

We are all ministers in this fellowship

OCTOBER 4, 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: Leviticus 19:33-34 and Mark 12:30-31
- World Communion:



Join Allison and Isaiah as they focus our attention on Paraguay where they lived for two years before moving to Ft. Collins.

Learn of love for God and love for "foreigners."

"Love your neighbor as yourself."
— Mark 12:31

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 David Bryant, a guest, as he and his wife struggle to find a home and deal with health issues; pray Keith and Katie as they face family challenges; for Martha's husband David as he repairs their home and property; for families without homes; for Maurice and his family as they grieve the loss of his brother; for Sanders and Chenu as they move to Washington, D.C. and then move to Belgium with Denise and Sena.

"O Holy Spirit, descend plentifully into my heart. Enlighten the dark corners of this neglected dwelling and scatter there Thy cheerful beams." — Saint Augustine

"I truly believe that everything that we do and everyone that we meet is put in our path for a purpose. There are no accidents; we're all teachers - if we're willing to pay attention to the lessons we learn, trust our positive instincts and not be afraid to take risks or wait for some miracle to come knocking at our door." — Marla Gibbs

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. 9-11: Annual Retreat
- Oct. 16-17: Annual MCC Sale

"We must become bigger than we have been: more courageous, greater in spirit, larger in outlook.

We must become members of a new race, overcoming petty prejudice, owing our ultimate allegiance not to nations but to our fellow men within the human community." — Haile Selassie

"Let's not be afraid to receive each day's surprise, whether it comes to us as sorrow or as joy. It will open a new place in our hearts, a place where we can welcome new friends and celebrate more fully our shared humanity." — Henri Nouwen

ANNOUNCEMENTS



OH MY GOSH! This time next week, we'll be at our Annual Retreat — relaxing, enjoying one another's company, and learning and worshipping together! Make sure to bring some art supplies of your own to dive into "acornology" and express yourself creatively. Whether you come for one evening, one day, or all weekend, we're glad to have you. The Retreat takes place on **October 9 (evening), 10, and 11 (morning)** at Sky Ranch, up in the mountains near Pingree Park. Fill out the registration form to indicate the days you want to attend and the meals you'll need — go online for forms and details: <http://www.fcmennonite.org/special-events.html>. Don't let cost stop you — *we have plenty of scholarships!* Turn in your registration forms and checks to Steve's box (or email the forms).

DOG & CAT SITTER NEEDED! Is there anyone NOT going on the Retreat who could take care of Wes and Angela's dog and cats? You just need to let their dog out on Saturday night and Sunday morning, and feed the dog and cats. It shouldn't take much time at all. Please contact Angela at: **481-0835 (cell)**

WOMYFOLK GATHERING. Women, come join our gathering as we continue our tradition of inspired, wise-womyn sharing, and storytelling. We'll stir the pot with thoughts and tales of surrender, our Retreat theme. We meet at Ruth's house at **6:30 pm on Monday, Oct. 5.** For directions, call Ruth at: **(970)222-8303 (cell)**

MCC SALE IS AROUND THE CORNER. The 39th Annual Colorado Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Sale in Rocky Ford, CO is taking place on **Oct 16-17 (Fri/Sat).** Johanna and Brad are heading down, and would love to provide/coordinate carpooling if other folks are interested. The MCC Sale is amazing with fantastic pies, fresh-made apple cider and apple butter on-site, traditional Mennonite goodies from around the globe, dual auctions of goods/crafts and 80+ handmade quilts, school kit assemblies, Christmas booths, and much more!! **Note:** Every dollar spent at the entire event goes toward MCC relief efforts, with a special focus on the Syrian Refugee Crisis and providing educational opportunities for kids in the refugee camps. Please contact Brad at: **(404) 946-9320**

WORSHIP ROTATIONS

	Oct. 4	Oct. 11	Oct. 18	Oct. 25
Greeter	Rachel	Annual Retreat at Sky Ranch!	Keith	Allison
Worship leader	Allison		Annie	Isaiah
Music	Cathy & Saja		Stan	Geoff
Story	Cathy		Martha	Allison
Scripture	Liz		Allison	Dave
Message	World Communion		Steve	Steve
Communion Bread	Allison & Isaiah		NA	NA
Snacks & Coffee	Mary		Greeters	Katie

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.

