



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.

SEASON OF THE CHURCH: LIFE TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY

Since the dawn of time, people have sought out each other to form communities. Truly, it is in community that we become part of something greater than ourselves ... and experience God. Community is indeed the antidote for alienation from one another as well as from the Divine Creator!

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: Mark 14:3-8, Mark 10:17- 20
- Sermon: "Why Do We Care About the Poor?... or things I wish were NOT in the Bible" (Steve)



Jesus said many things in the Gospels that we might wish he had not. One such thing has to do with how we treat those living poverty. Why should we care about them? How we understand Jesus and how we respond to his challenging words is key to our attempts at being faithful to our calling as Christians.

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

SEPTEMBER PRAYERS FOR FCMF FAMILIES

- Annie and Mark Scott & family
- Maurice Shenk
- Kristen Smith
- Ruth Wallick
- Wes and Angela White & family



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- Saja Butler
- Elia and Jim Carney
- Mary and Cade Coldren & family
- Carla Conrardy and Jeff Kearns
- Kevin and Julia Cross



Pray for those trapped in the sex trade; for Dan and the kids as they slowly set up house in their new home; for Denise as she heals, starts work in Washington D.C., and finds out about her next posting; for Sanders and the children while Denise is away; for John Hicks as he continues to search for an affordable room for rent; and for Tom as he struggles with sobriety.

"Let us touch the dying, the poor, the lonely and the unwanted according to the graces we have received and let us not be ashamed or slow to do the humble work."

– Mother Teresa

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- **Week 1:** Denise Bouthillier (09/01)
- **Week 2:** Gabi Ramer (09/08)
- **Week 3:** Beth Helmers (09/19)
- **Week 4:** Dave Freeman (09/21)

ONGOING EVENTS (ONCE A MONTH)

- **Potlucks:** Resumes on Wednesday, Sept. 16!
- **Mennopints:** Resumes on Friday, Sept. 16!
- **Elders Meeting:** To be announced
- **Womynfolk Group:** Resumes on Monday, Oct. 4. Contact Annie: (970) 294-2646 (c)

CALENDAR

Refer to Announcements for details

- Sept. 16: Special Elders meeting
- Sept. 18: Mennopings
- Sept. 19: Listening to Grace
- Sept. 20-27: Host FFH Families
- Oct. 9-11: Annual Retreat



"What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like." – Saint Augustine

ANNOUNCEMENTS

STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS. Thanks to everyone who heeded Allison's call to sign up for our upcoming FFH week (**Sept. 20-27**). Thanks to those who've signed up for multiple days, but we still need people to help prepare dinners and stay overnight. Please sign up for empty slots as the spirit moves you by visiting: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f054faba82ea5fc1-ffhhosting>

LOOKING FOR SOLUTIONS. The Elders invite all to join them for an important meeting following the mid-week potluck on **Wed., Sept. 16 (potluck starts at 6pm)**. The meeting will discuss our current heating and A/C units that are reaching the end of their expected life span. The cost of replacements will likely exhaust our current savings. The Elders want to discuss various options and receive input from you..

LISTENING FOR GRACE. If you liked "I'd Like to Buy an Enemy," you'll love Ted Swartz's newest show, "Listening for Grace." Even better, it's coming to Fort Collins Mennonite Fellowship (300 E. Oak St., Fort Collins, CO 80524) at **7:00 pm on Saturday, September 19, 2015!** Admission is free and open to the public! For details, visit: <http://www.tedandcompany.com/shows/listening-grace/>



ACORNOLOGY: WE ALL HAVE TO CRACK SOME TIME! Our upcoming Annual Retreat is centered around the lowly acorn – how it must let go of the branch, fall to the ground, break open, and die to the old to become a majestic oak tree. We have all experienced events in our lives where we felt like that acorn: holding on for dear life, or letting go, or dying to our old lives and starting over. This retreat gives us an opportunity to share our experiences through art, poetry, music and more! Stay tuned for information from Annie and Lynette, plus registrations forms by email. The Retreat takes place on **October 9 (evening), 10, and 11**. Don't let costs stop you – *we have plenty of scholarships!*

MCC BORDERLANDS LEARNING TOUR 2015. Come participate in a learning tour to bring awareness about the increasing migrant deaths, militarization, and effects on sister communities by the border wall along the Mexico/U.S. Borderlands. You'll increase your understanding of the social, economic, political and theological significance of migration in border communities. The tour is **Oct. 28-Nov. 4**, leaving from Tucson, AZ. For details, contact Saulo Padilla, at: saulopadilla@mcc.org or visit: mcc.org/borderlands-tour

LEAVE OR STAY? Many Syrian families face that question as international humanitarian assistance dwindles and the patchwork of resources they used to rely on wears thin. Your gift of money helps **Mennonite Central Committee** provide food, water, rent assistance and winter supplies so families who decide to stay can survive the cold weather ahead. Please give online at mcc.org/syria-iraq; by phone at 1-888-563-4676; or by check, sent to MCC U.S., P.O. Box 500, Akron, PA 17501. Thank you!

WORSHIP ROTATIONS

	Sept 13	Sept. 20	Sept. 27	Oct. 4
Greeter	Isaiah	Eliza	OPEN	Rachel
Worship leader	Kristen	Katie	OPEN	Allison
Music	Stan	Geoff	Mary Beth	Cathy & Saja
Children's Story	Sanders	Martha	Rachel	Dave
Scripture	Ethan	Mark	Annie	Liz
Message	Steve	Steve	OPEN	World Communion
Communion Bread	NA	NA	NA	Coldrens
Snacks & Coffee	Annie & Lynette	Greeters	Wes & Angela	Mary

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.

