



FORT COLLINS MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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Worship 10:00 AM

We are all ministers in this fellowship

FEBRUARY 7, 2016



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.

*"Faith is the first factor in a life devoted to service. Without it, nothing is possible. With it, nothing is impossible."
— Mary McLeod Bethune*

1. GATHERING

- Prelude
- Centering Silence
- Call to Worship : *Please see insert*
- 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.



2. HEARING GOD'S WORD

- Children's Story
- Scripture: Philippians 1:6-11
- Sermon: *"Reflections on Continuing Beginner Faith"* (Ben)

In our maturing Christian walks, how do we continue to be faithful to Christ in love and service to others? How do our evolving faith and values change how we see classic, "beginner" verses of scripture? Let's struggle with the tensions of evangelical and service gospel narratives as we seek to express genuine faith in meaningful life works.



*"I'm sure about this: the one who started a good work in you will stay with you to complete the job by the day of Christ Jesus."
— Phil 1:6 (CEB)*

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**.

Please read the back for birthdays, prayers, announcements, and more quotes!

FEBRUARY PRAYERS FOR FCMF FAMILIES

- Maurice Shenk
- Kristen Smith
- Ruth Wallick
- Wes and Angela White & family
- Sanders Aitchedji and Denise Bouthillier & family

WEEKLY PRAYER REQUESTS

FCMF: Pray for the Catholic Worker house in Denver—that they find a new home after their building burned down; for Wes and his father; for Angela's friend Michelle who is looking for financial help with health needs (see Angela's recent e-mail); for those around the world who are persecuted for their beliefs; for Allison, Isaiah and Ruby as they grow together as a new family; for lots of people to participate in community meals in February; for those struggling with the snow -- especially those who are homeless; and for our city officials to address the needs of homeless folks more effectively.

Mennoite Mission Network: Pray for a delegation of 13 North Americans worshiping with a congregation in Benin, that the partnership will be strengthened through relationships deepened on this two-week fellowship visit.

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." — Mahatma Gandhi



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- **Week 1:** Cade Coldren (02/03), Kotaro Ito (02/04), Katie Price-Foster (02/04)
- **Week 3:** Geoff Krall (02/16), Elisabeth Miller (02/19), Rachel Boehs (02/20)

ONGOING EVENTS

- **Potlucks:** Every Wednesday at 6:00 pm. Enter by north door.
- **Mennopints:** Second Friday of each month.
- **Elders Meeting:** Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2016.
- **Womynfolk Group:** First Monday of each month. Contact Annie: (970) 294-2646 (c)

CALENDAR

Feb. 8: Womyn Folk gathering

Feb. 9: Elders Meeting

Feb. 10: Ash Wednesday

Feb. 14: Lent begins

Feb. 21: Annual Meeting

Feb. 23: Theologian in Residence speakers

"There is nothing that harvests more of a feeling of empowerment than being of service to someone in need."
— Gillian Anderson

"Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth." — Muhammad Ali

"No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another." — Charles Dickens



ANNOUNCEMENTS



WHAT'S UP? Ash Wednesday arrives on Feb. 10 and the beginning of Lent is next Sunday, Feb. 14 (Valentines Day)! Stay tuned for a great Lenten season.

MEETINGS COMING UP. Mark your calendars for **Elders Meeting on Tues., Feb. 9** and our **FCMF Annual Meeting on Sun., Feb. 21, 2016**. The Annual Meeting will follow a potluck lunch after service. If you have a report to present, please complete it by **Mon., Feb. 15**.

MEAL TRAIN SIGNUP. Allison's sister-in-law created an online meal train to coordinate meals for the new parents, Isaiah and Allison. If you would like to contribute, sign up at: <https://mealtrain.com/en229>

GO FUND ME. Angela thanks everyone for their prayers, love, and support for her friend Michelle as she deals with serious health issues. Michelle is exploring other options besides Mayo Clinic for her health issues, but could use some financial support. Angela provided this link to Michelle's Go Fund me page. Anything helps, even \$20:

<https://www.gofundme.com/tvfnz5g>

COMMUNITY DINNER DATES. Monthly dinner dates start this month! Please attend if you can. For details, contact Annie at: rascot@bellsouth.net, 970-294-2646

SCIENCE MEETS FAITH, RELIGION, AND SPIRITUALITY. The Theologian in Residence Program is hosting a series of stimulating discussions with leading thinkers in the fields of science and faith. Please plan to attend the February events – they cost \$10.00 each. For details, go to: <http://tirprogram.com/>

- **Feb. 23:** *A Mindful Life: From Surviving to Thriving*. Gain an understanding of mindfulness and learn how the inner workings of your brain impact your moods, thoughts, and behaviors (United Methodist Church, 1005 Stover St. / 6:30 pm).

WORSHIP ROTATIONS

	Feb. 7	Feb. 14	Feb. 21	Feb. 28
Greeter	Rachel	Martha	Keith	Liz
Worship leader	Allison	Lynette	Annie	Steve
Music	Cathy & Saja	Geoff	Stan	Mary Beth
Story	Martha	Cathy	Martha	Steve
Scripture	Liz	Miranda	Allison	Kristen
Message	Ben	Steve	Lynette	Steve
Communion Bread	NA	Coldrens	NA	NA
Snacks & Coffee	Mary	Isaiah & Allison	Lynette, Rachel, Eliza	Karla & Jeff

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, worship leaders, and Martha in a timely fashion.

