



# FORT COLLINS MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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Worship 10:00 AM

*We are all ministers in this fellowship*

**FEBRUARY 14, 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.**



## 40-DAY LENTEN PILGRIMAGE: A JOURNEY OF CONTEMPLATION AND ACTION

Lent is a holy season of preparation for the renewed life promised by Easter. Lent is also a journey of renewal. An intentional season of actions that takes us out of the ordinary and shakes things up a bit. A journey that leaves behind destructive desires, behaviors and attitudes, and embraces new pathways that can lead us to renewed lives.

### 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: Luke 4:1-13



#### Sermon: "Grab a '40' and Hit the Road!"

Join us for an intentional Lenten season that encourages us to engage in a physical and spiritual journey. It's a time to participate in activities that renew both our bodies and our souls. Let's challenge ourselves to give up things that hinder our spiritual growth and simultaneously inspire ourselves to do things that deepen our spirit and stir us to action.

*"The only thing that is ultimately real about your journey is the step that you are taking at this moment. That's all there ever is."*  
— Eckhart Tolle

### 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**.

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

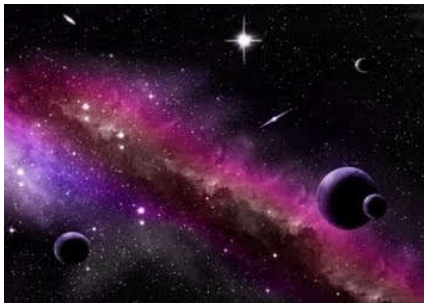
## FEBRUARY PRAYERS FOR FCMF FAMILIES

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

## WEEKLY PRAYER REQUESTS

**FCMF:** Pray for Angela's friend Michelle who has found a specialist to help her with her serious health issues; for Wes and his father as his father looks at treatments; for Russ on his trip to Canada and then residence in Nigeria; for Ashton who is back in jail; for Allison and Ruby's nursing concerns; for David Bryant as he heals from surgery and considers returning to Alabama; for Frank Coombs who is working with his housing advocate to find an opening in a skilled nursing facility.

**Mennoite Mission Network:** Pray for Petrus and Yuliana



Handoyo of Mennonite Mission Network as they mentor young Christian couples and model Christ-centered relationships in Cambodia.

*"A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step."*  
— Lao Tzu

## 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. 14:** Advocating for the Homeless

**Feb. 21:** Annual Meeting

**Feb. 23:** Theologian in Residence presentation

*"Focus on the journey, not the destination. Joy is found not in finishing an activity, but in doing it."*  
— Greg Anderson

*"We don't receive wisdom; we must discover it for ourselves after a journey that no one can take for us or spare us."*  
— Marcel Proust

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ADVOCATING FOR THE HOMELESS.** Please attend the Ft. Collins Homeless Coalition presentation at **11:30 am today (Feb. 14)**. It will be held at the Peak Community Church (corner of Matthews and Mulberry). The group will discuss issues regarding homelessness in Ft. Collins, especially the City Council's upcoming vote on the Camping Ban in Ft. Collins.

**ANNUAL MEETING COMING UP.** Next Sunday, **Feb. 21, 2016**, is our FCMF Annual Meeting . It will follow a potluck lunch after service. If you have a report to present, please turn it in by Monday, Feb. 15!

**PLEASE LOCK UP.** Last week the kitchen door was left unlocked twice. Please double-check any of the doors in the church when you leave to make sure they are locked and latched.

**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 needs financial support to keep up her insurance payments. You can write a check to the church and Everence will match it (write "Benevolent Fund" on the note line) or you can give online via the Go Fund me page. <https://www.gofundme.com/tvfnz5g> Anything helps, even \$20!

**SCIENCE MEETS FAITH, RELIGION, AND SPIRITUALITY.** The Theologian in Residence Program is hosting *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. The event is held at United Methodist Church, 1005 Stover St., on **Feb. 23 at 6:30 pm**. Cost is \$10.00. For details, see: <http://tirprogram.com/>

## WORSHIP ROTATIONS

	Feb. 14	Feb. 21	Feb. 28	March 6
<b>Greeter</b>	Martha	Keith	Liz	Lynette
<b>Worship leader</b>	Lynette	Annie	Steve	Liz
<b>Music</b>	Geoff	Stan	Mary Beth	Cathy & Saja
<b>Story</b>	Cathy	Martha	Steve	OPEN
<b>Scripture</b>	Miranda	Allison	Kristen	Rachel
<b>Message</b>	Steve	Lynette	Steve	Steve
<b>Communion Bread</b>	NA	NA	NA	Jeff & Carla
<b>Snacks &amp; Coffee</b>	Isaiah & Allison	Lynette, Rachel, Eliza	Karla & Jeff	Annie

### 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, worship leaders, and Martha in a timely fashion.

