



FORT COLLINS MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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Worship 10:00 AM

We are all ministers in this fellowship

FEBRUARY 21, 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
- 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: Proverbs 16: 1-3
- Sermon: "The Daily Examen" (Lynette)

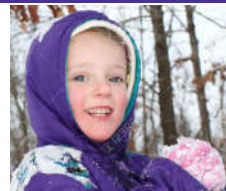


The Examen is an ancient practice described by St. Ignatius of Loyola that can help us see God's hand at work in our daily experience.

It is a 5-step technique of prayerful reflection on the events of the day to help detect God's presence and discern his direction for 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

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 helpful 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 friends and family of Doug who died of exposure last week; for the homeless struggling with cold weather, shelters who turn them away, and a City that fines them for resting in public places; pray for City Council to make more funds available and consider

compassionate instead of punitive laws for the homeless; for Frank as he looks for housing where he can stay after surgery, and for Angela's friend Michelle as she seeks funding at a time of health crisis..

Mennoite Mission Network: Pray for Margot and Stephen Longley's 30 years of ministry with Mennonite Mission Network, and for continued health for Margot who suffers from a degenerative neurological condition as she could retire in Finland.

"Few souls understand what God would accomplish in them if they were to abandon themselves unreservedly to Him and if they were to allow His grace to mold them accordingly."
— St. Ignatius of Loyola.

"Those who carry God in their hearts bear heaven with them wherever they go." — St. Ignatius of Loyola

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. 21: Annual Meeting

Feb. 23: Theologian in Residence presentation



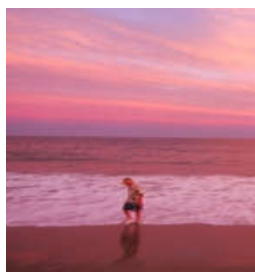
"Difficulty creates the opportunity for self-reflection and compassion." — Suzan-Lori Parks

"Love consists in sharing what one has and what one is with those one loves. Love ought to show itself in deeds more than in words." — St. Ignatius of Loyola

"What is the good of experience if you do not reflect?"
— Frederick the Great

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POTLUCK AND ANNUAL MEETING TODAY! Get ready to eat good food and hear good news at our Annual Meeting after service today!



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/>

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR FFH: Please mark your FFH calendars with our dates for hosting families this year: March 27 - April 3 (starts on Easter), Sept. 25 - Oct. 2, and Dec. 4 - 11. Of course we'll remind you as the time gets closer!

GO FUND ME. Angela's friend Michelle needs financial support to keep up her insurance payments as she deals with serious health issues. 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. Anything helps, even \$20! <https://www.gofundme.com/tvfnnz5g>

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. 21 | Feb. 28 | March 6 | March 13 |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------|
| Greeter | Keith | Liz | Lynette | Isaiah |
| Worship leader | Annie | Steve | Liz | Kristen |
| Music | Stan | Mary Beth | Cathy & Saja | Geoff |
| Story | Martha | Steve | OPEN | Mary |
| Scripture | Allison | Kristen | Rachel | Ethan |
| Message | Lynette | Steve | Steve | OPEN |
| Communion Bread | NA | NA | Jeff & Carla | NA |
| Snacks & Coffee | Brad, Johanna, & All (POTLUCK!) | Karla & Jeff | Annie | Isaiah and Allison |

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.

