



FORT COLLINS MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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Worship 10:00 AM

We are all ministers in this fellowship



JANUARY 17, 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.



HOPE IS BORN IN DARKNESS

This Advent we turn our focus to Old Testament scriptures that anticipate the birth of a Messiah. We examine the longing, anticipation, waiting, fear, pain, hope, and joy that can all lead to new birth. We will explore the feelings that often occur in the darkness before the birth of hope for the world and in each of us.

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: "We March"
- Scripture: Isaiah 57:1-10
- Today we celebrate the life and work of Martin Luther King, Jr. through quotes, poems, and stories.



"Human progress is neither automatic nor inevitable... Every step toward the goal of justice requires sacrifice, suffering, and struggle; the tireless exertions and passionate concern of dedicated individuals."
— Martin Luther King, Jr.

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!

JANUARY PRAYERS FOR FCMF FAMILIES

- Katie and Keith Price-Foster & family
- Steve Ramer and Cathy Egan & family
- Martha Roden and David Braley
- Liz and Steve Ruhl
- Annie and Mark Scot & family

WEEKLY PRAYER REQUESTS

Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for workers in Israel-Palestine looking for a real solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict and the peace of Jerusalem..

FCMF: Prayers for the Somalis in Greeley who were fired from the meat packing plant and desperately need grocery cards; for those in the homeless community who must wait for hours in



line for the shelter lottery and then end up sleeping out in the bitter cold; for John and Cat, a homeless couple who lost their baby; for Russ' friend in Nigeria dealing with HIV; and for FCMF with almost 50 homeless people trying to get warm here on Friday evenings;

"If you do away with the yoke of oppression, with the pointing finger and malicious talk, and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday."—Isaiah 57:9

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- **Week 4:** Taka Ito (1/27), Jonathan Miller (1/27), Wes White (1/28), Chenu Atichedji (1/30)
- **Week 5:** Mary Coldren (1/31)

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

Jan. 18: MLK March

January – Monthly dinner sign-up

February – Monthly dinners begin

" True peace is not merely the absence of tension, but it is the presence of justice and brotherhood."

— Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter."

— Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

"The hottest place in Hell is reserved for those who remain neutral in times of great moral conflict."

— Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



MONTHLY DINNER DATES. We've revived a tradition from a few years ago: monthly dinner dates. We'd like to have 6 groups of adults and their children get together for dinner once a month. Each group would meet at a place of their choosing – someone's home or a restaurant – each month. The first dinner would take place in February. If you are interested in joining a group or hosting a dinner, please sign up at church during January, or via email by contacting Annie at: rascot@bellsouth.net, 970-294-2646

LOCAL SOMALI REFUGEES NEED YOUR HELP! Many Somali refugee families are struggling after more than 100 people were fired from the Cargill meat packing plant in Fort Morgan. Mothers do not have enough money for food and diapers for their children. If you are able to assist, please purchase gift cards in denominations of \$20-\$25 for Safeway and Walmart, or

bring cash to Cathy and she will purchase them.

MLK MARCH. Monday, **Jan. 15**, is the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. Join us at the church no later than **10:45 am** and we will walk to Old Town for the MLK March, starting at 11:00 am. The march goes the Lory Student Center. CSU will host a number of events after the march ends. For more information on what all is planned, see: <http://www.mlk.colostate.edu>

INTERNATIONAL NATIVITIES. Global Village Museum presents Nativities Around the World. Multiple renditions of over 250 Nativities from countries, such as Nigeria, Peru, France, and Nepal are on still on display through January 23, 2016. The Museum is located in Old Town at 200 West Mountain Avenue and open **Tuesday through Saturday 11 am to 5 pm** (970-221-4600).

WORSHIP ROTATIONS

	Jan. 17	Jan. 24	Jan. 31	Feb. 7
Greeter	Eliza	Brad	Allison	Rachel
Worship leader	Brad	Katie	Isaiah	Allison
Music	Stan	Mary Beth	OPEN	Cathy & Saja
Story	Martha	Rachel	Allison	OPEN
Scripture	Mark	Annie	Dave	Liz
Message	Steve – MLK Jr. Day	OPEN	Open	Steve
Communion Bread	NA	NA	NA	Coldrens
Snacks & Coffee	Lynette, Rachel, Eliza	Wes & Angela	Katie	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, worship leaders, and Martha in a timely fashion.

