



## FORT COLLINS MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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Worship 10:00 AM

*We are all ministers in this fellowship*

**MARCH 13, 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: Isaiah 41:10, Job 12:7-19, Job 37:14-16, Psalm 19:1
- Sermon: *My Personal Spiritual Journey* (Mary)



Everyone's journey of faith and spiritual evolution is unique. Today we hear Mary share the story of her own spiritual journey. It's nice to remember, we're all in this together!

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

#### 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 helpful quotes!*** ➔

## MARCH PRAYERS FOR FCMF FAMILIES

- Elizabeth and Norman Bates
- Brad and Johanna Bishop
- Rachel and Jenny Boehs
- Saja Butler
- John Carlson

## WEEKLY PRAYER REQUESTS



**FCMF:** Pray for Kristen as she awaits Renatta's visit; for Angela's friend Michelle who's back in the hospital; for Habitat as they face some difficulties with a neighborhood where they plan to build homes; for the City Council that they open their hearts to the plights of the homeless and how city laws adversely affect them; for international refugees; for the Coldren

family as they travel and for Ethan who'll be home alone; for the repentance of some of our presidential candidates; and for Allison who will be going to Law school in Iowa in June.

*"There lives more faith in honest doubt, believe me, than in half the creeds."* — Alfred, Lord Tennyson

*"You pray in your distress and in your need; would that you might also pray in the fullness of your joy and in your days of abundance."* — Khalil Gibran

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- **Week 1:** Gus Gouvas (03/01)
- **Week 2:** Nathan Gjerstad (03/12)
- **Week 3:** Liz Ruhl (03/19)
- **Week 5:** Cybil Holms (03/28), Allison Goertz (03/31)

## ONGOING EVENTS

- **Potlucks:** Every Wednesday at 6:00 pm. Enter by north door.
- **Mennopints:** First or Second Friday of each month.
- **Elders Meeting:** Possibly Tuesday, March 22, 2016.
- **Womynfolk Group:** First Monday of each month. Contact Annie: (970) 294-2646 (c)

## CALENDAR

**Mar. 24:** Sedar Meal

**Mar. 26:** Holy Saturday Retreat

**Mar. 27:** Easter

**Mar. 27-Apr. 3:** FFH Families



*"Piglet noticed that even though he had a very small heart, it could hold a rather large amount of Gratitude."*

— from Winnie the Pooh by A.A.Milne

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NEW EVERENCE REP WANTED!** Rachel is looking for someone to replace her in this position. She will show you exactly what is involved and says "anyone can do this!"

**TRANSPORTATION NEEDED!** Gus is back and has moved to Loveland where he shares a duplex with an old friend. He wants to remain a part of our worship services, but public transportation is not available on Sundays. Please let Steve know if you CAN take turns picking up Gus and bringing him home some Sundays.

**SEDAR MEAL.** We will hold our Sedar Meal on **Thursday, March 24, at 6:30 pm.** This symbolic meal involves the retelling of the Passover story of the liberation of the Israelites from slavery in ancient Egypt. Please contact Lynette to let her know: (1) if you plan to attend and (2) if you would like to be a reader during the meal:

[lynette\\_mcgowan@yahoo.com](mailto:lynette_mcgowan@yahoo.com)

**FFH HELP NEEDED.** Our FFH Hosting Week is coming up: **March 27-April 3.** Gus needs overnight help on Tues. 3/29, Wed. 3/20, or Fri. 4/1. Angela needs dinner help on Fri. 4/1 and Sat. 4/2. Visit the Signup Genius link and sign up for an activity to assist:

<http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F054FABA82EA5FC1-ffhosting1> Also, on **March 31**, FFH will hold its Annual Appreciation Dinner for those who have volunteered. Let Liz know if you plan to attend.

**HOLY SATURDAY RETREAT.** Mennonite States Conference is guiding a Holy Saturday retreat for children and families on **Saturday, Mar. 26 from 9:00am-11:00am** at Washington Street Community Center (809 S Washington Street, Denver, CO). Holy Saturday is a time between Good Friday and Easter Sunday when we consider how God is inviting us to rest. As families, we will practice some ways to rest together in mind, body, and spirit while we consider the Easter story. All ages are invited and light refreshments will be served. A suggested donation of \$5 per child is recommended to cover the costs of supplies and each adult is asked to bring a bag of ground coffee or tea to donate to the community center. RSVP Annie Lengacher Browning by **March 20** at [annie@mountainstatesmc.org](mailto:annie@mountainstatesmc.org).



## WORSHIP ROTATIONS

	March 13	March 20	March 27	April 3
<b>Greeter</b>	OPEN	Eliza	Brad	Rachel
<b>Worship leader</b>	Kristen	Brad	Katie	Allison
<b>Music</b>	OPEN	Stan	Mary Beth	Cathy & Saja
<b>Story</b>	Mary	Rachel	Martha	OPEN
<b>Scripture</b>	Ethan	Mark	Annie	Liz
<b>Message</b>	Mary	Steve	Easter - Steve	Steve
<b>Communion Bread</b>	NA	NA	NA	Mary & Cade
<b>Snacks &amp; Coffee</b>	Liz	Lynette, Rachel, Eliza	Wes & Angela	Mary

### 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.

