



FMC Weekly - July 20, 2017

The weekly newsletter of First Mennonite Church of Denver

Sunday Morning, July 23

9:30 Worship

Join us for worship this Sunday as Pastor Duncan reflects on "Way of Transformation: Part Lament, Part Hope." Lament and hope are two sides of a coin, the two working together in a transformational process. What are your laments and hopes? for yourself? for First Mennonite? Deb Schaffer will be our worship leader, Nikki KandeLind will lead our music and Elizabeth Holdeman will tell a story to the children.

During worship there will be toys in the foyer. Children of all ages are encouraged to play.

After the Worship Service in the Community Center

- ◆ Join us for refreshments and help support our youth.
- ◆ Purchase grocery cards to help support the FMC Ministry Plan. Pick up your reloadable King Soopers card and still earn points on your personal card.
- ◆ Sign up for peaches at the Open Table.

No Adult Education

10:45 Peace School Cooperative "First Look" at 2017/18

Please join the Peace School Cooperative Ministry Team on Sunday, July 23, at 10:45 (downstairs open area-Commons) for a "First Look" at the program for the 2017/18 school year and to meet the team. There will be a short program, after which folks can collaborate to form teaching teams or to learn more about what will be needed to make this year meaningful and memorable for not just the youth and parents in our congregation but for all who value what our youth have to offer to our community. Contact Ann Leonard, 720-284-7795 or Ivannah Johnson 719-214-7269, with any questions.

Our FMC Community

Welcome to Duncan Smith, our gap pastor

In May the FMC Board decided to seek a pastor to help fill the gap between Theda and Tory's departure at the end of this month, and the arrival of new permanent pastors. We consulted with the Conference Minister, who gave strong recommendations for Duncan Smith. Other individuals also spoke quite emphatically about him. Our consideration of Duncan did not take long.

Duncan and his wife, Charlene Epp, moved to the Denver area in 2014 and are members at Glennon Heights Mennonite Church.

Previously they lived in Portland, Oregon, where Duncan served as Conference Minister for Pacific Northwest Mennonite Conference for 10 years. He has extensive experience in pastoring and social work, mediation, and organizational development.

As a gap pastor here, Duncan will serve for at least 3 months, at $\frac{3}{4}$ time, with options for monthly extensions as needed. Primarily he will fulfill daily needs of church life, including:

- general management of church office;
- ensuring that pastoral care is being provided;
- offering sermons 1 – 2 times per month, plus assisting ministry teams in planning Sunday morning worship and music.

He will also serve as an important bridge between current pastoral staff, and new pastoral staff, to capture institutional knowledge, and to help set a course for the near future. Given his skills in mediation and organizational development, and as his time permits, the Board has also asked Duncan to evaluate the need for process and healing in light of the dramatic changes that have occurred at FMC over the past several years.

We are very excited to welcome Duncan. He brings extensive pastoral and church administration experience and will be quite helpful for us over the next few months. Just to be clear, Duncan is not filling any of the current pastoral vacancies, nor is he interested in long term pastoral work here at FMC. He is graciously sharing his strong skillset with us in this stage of our transition, and helping us move along to the next phase of our congregational life together.

Sunday, July 30 - Pastors Tory and Theda will be leading the worship service on their final Sunday with us as Pastors.

Celebrate Tory and Theda by helping create memory books:

- Please write down a special memory or thought (**on a card/page no bigger than 4 x 6- one sided**) and **include a photo (if you have one)** for a memory book page.
- We will be decorating the pages on **July 30**.
- **If you cannot attend**, please put your memory page in either Ruthie Knowles or Debb Reed's mailbox at church **BY July 30th**. You can also email your memory to: dbreed8@aol.com, ruthieknowles@gmail.com
- Please send ANY digital photos you have of Theda/Tory to Roberta Kandel: rokandel@comcast.net

Farewell Reception for Theda Good and Tory Doerksen on July 30 after the worship service. Please contact Angie Nofziger if you are willing to volunteer to help with prep work (cut veggies, set tables), help with serving and/or clean up. Please bring cookies!! Thank you. 303-478-3740 or ankenof@msn.com

Mountain States Annual Assembly will be held August 4-6 at Ponderosa Retreat and Conference Center. No worship service will be held here at FMC August 6 and you are encouraged to attend the 10:00 am service at Larkspur. **Please register by July 25** even if you are only attending Sunday morning. Annual Assembly opens with a concert by John McCutcheon on Friday evening.

Saturday's events include worship, delegate session, high ropes course and zip line for the adventurous, evening Taize service plus plenty of time for fun and relaxation. Sunday morning worship and lunch will conclude the weekend.

Tom Bishop, Glenda Kauffman, and Pastor Duncan Smith will be our delegates.

Information and registration at <https://www.mountainstatesmc.org/annual-assembly/>

Thank you for your interest and participation in knotting comforters for MCC on Sunday mornings. Five comforters were successfully completed. We will not set up any more comforters for this summer but may resume this fall. Contact Linda Wyse, 303-399-1428, if you have any questions.

Support our youth with a one time gift? We need \$500 to pay for convention and the 8 youth and 4 sponsors that traveled to Orlando July 2-9. Checks should be made payable to "First Mennonite Church" with "MYF Convention" in the memo line. Andrew L, Becca B., Ryan U. and Pastor Tory led the group that included Jake, Erik, Isaac, Tyler, Trevor, Ellie, Eli and Will along with two youth from Pueblo and one from Pagosa Springs. The trip

included one day at Universal Studios, a morning volunteering at a public garden, 7 worship services, attending 6 seminars. You can listen to the worship service online from July 9 (Active Participants section) where the youth recap the trip and share memorable and meaningful moments.

Consider becoming involved in a Ministry Team.

If you have interest, please contact these folks:

Peace School Cooperative: Ann Leonard and Ivannah Johnson

Outreach Efforts: Debbie Reed, Deb Schaffer, Kyle Pegon or Stephanie Phibbs

Facilities Projects: Darcey Van Wagner (Architectural Review Committee), Matt Baron (Building), or Dave Harguth (Grounds)

Worship Leading and Planning: Pastor Theda, Ardell Swartzendruber, Mary Alderfer, Margaret Williams, or Elizabeth Holdeman

Musicians and Song Leading: Aimee Voth Siebert, Ardell Swartzendruber, Arlen Hershberger, Charlie Ferguson, Emily Martin, Nikki KandeLind, or Sonia Graber

Ushers - Ralph Nafziger and Brad Shelly

Adult Ed - Darren Knowles

Visitation - Marylou Shelly and Ivannah Johnson

Fellowship - Ivannah Johnson

Library: Mary Olson

Nursery Volunteers - Andi Gingerich

Direct Assistance: Craig Sommers or Debbie Reed

Staff Time Away: Caretakers Alyssa & Joshua will be away July 27 - August 6.

Attendance, July 16: Adults - 98; Children - 9; Total - 107

Child and Youth Faith Formation

Building Community, Learning about the Bible, Strengthening our Relationship with God

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Sept. 10 - Tentative Peace School Start Date

Caring for Each Other

Thank you to the FMC community for your meals, gifts and notes welcoming Benjamin into the world! Your support has been so helpful in these early months and it is much appreciated! A special thanks to Carrie Baron for setting up a meal train for us.

~ **Katie, Robin and Benjamin Hegedus**

Happy Birthday July 21-27

21 - Randal Friesen

21 - Mark Longacher

23 - Andrew Wahl

25 - Sarah Newcomer

26 - Santiago Fiz

26 - Eric Lantz

27 - Lynn Wenger

27 - Dan Wessner

Happy Anniversary July 21-27

21 - Erin Wentorf & Eric Lantz

22 - Susan & Thomas Falk

24 - Bev & Sam Snyder

In the Building this Week

Sunday-Friday - DOOR overnight Friday night 7/21; Starting Sunday afternoon at 1:00 pm, DOOR group from North Dakota, Iowa, and Kansas (overnight Friday night)

Tuesday, 2-7 pm - VORP youth meetings in B21

Tuesday, 6:30-8 pm - Safonia Women's Choir Rehearsal in Sanctuary

Wednesday, 9-12 - Quilting

VORP Program

Market Square

If you want to sell, buy, trade, get a ride, find a roommate, find an employee, find a job, find sponsors, or advertise an event requiring purchase of tickets, this section is for you. (Note: Official functions of Mountain States Mennonite Conference or its congregations excepted.) E-mail your announcement to the church with "Market Square" in the subject line. It will run one time but may be resubmitted. Deadline is midnight Wednesday.

Our Urban Community

PEACHES FUNDRAISER

Peace Mennonite Community Church is selling Western Slope peaches as a fundraiser. An 18 lb box sells for \$35.00. To order peaches, sign up on the order form on the Open Table **by August 13**. The peaches can be picked up and paid for at PMCC on August 26.

Around Mountain States Mennonite Conference

Deadline for registering for Annual Assembly is next Tuesday, July 25. It would be great to see YOU at the beautiful Ponderosa Retreat and Conference Center August 4-6. Registration is needed for all or part of the weekend. Please note the time change for the John McCutcheon concert on Friday night - the opening set by Fireweed starts at 6:30 PM with McCutcheon coming on at 7:00. Information and registration at www.mountainstatesmc.org/annualassembly



For more information about our conference and latest issue of ZING!, go to mountainstatesmc.org

Mennonite Church USA and Beyond

Do you like ice cream or coffee? Do you care about the work of MCC? Do you know what Summer Service is? If you said "YES!" to any of the questions above you are the right person to connect with one of our current Summer Service workers. Summer Service is a young adult program that allows young adults of color to become leaders/mentors in their home communities. We would love for you to give the gift of your time and get to know what one of our Summer Service workers has been accomplishing this Summer over ice cream or coffee.

Any questions? Please be in touch with Sharon F. Nelson - MCC Central States - Young Adult Coordinator sharonnelson@mcc.org to find out more!

For more information about our denomination, go to mennoniteusa.org

Other Information

Sermon Notes. Sermons are posted on the [FMC web site](#) when available. You may also listen to sermons on the FMC website.

FMC Emergency Closure: When weather or any other emergency event necessitates last minute cancellation of worship or other events here at FMC, the following procedure will be followed: 1) The cancellation will be posted on the FMC website. 2) A recorded message will be left on the FMC main line at 303-892-1038. 3) The cancellation is posted on Channel 9. 4) The cancellation will be posted on Facebook. You can view closing information online anytime at <http://www.9news.com/closings> or by visiting mobile apps for smartphones.

Web site: fmcdenver.org

Phone: 303-892-1038

Deadline for announcements is Wednesday midnight. Please send announcements to Linda Welty at linda.fmcdenver@gmail.com. Announcements run one time. Please rewrite and submit a fresh announcement if you want your announcement to run a second time.

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