



## **FMC Weekly - July 28, 2017**

*The weekly newsletter of First Mennonite Church of Denver*

### ***Sunday Morning, July 30***

#### **9:30 Worship**

Sunday morning worship will include final reflections from Pastors Theda and Tory as they lead worship and preach on the theme of "Honesty and Hope." Scripture for Sunday will include Jeremiah 29:11-15 and Matthew 18:1-15, as we consider the Kingdom of God in our church today. Nikki Kandelind will lead singing, Pastor Duncan will lead a Litany of Farewell, and the Board has organized a few folks to share memories.

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

***After the worship service, join us for a light luncheon reception for Tory and Theda, in the Community Center***

#### ***Also in the Community Center:***

- ◆ 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.

### ***Our FMC Community***

**Planning Ahead** - Keep in mind that on Thursday, August 10, no *FMC Weekly* will be published for that week. Linda will be out of the office on vacation August 7-11. Please have your announcements for **two weeks to Linda by next Thursday, August 3.**

Thank you.

**Notice is hereby given of a special congregational meeting on Sunday, August 13,**

during Adult Ed, to discuss and conduct a vote on the proposed revised Constitution of FMC-Denver (dated 7-24-17) as posted on the active participants section of the [FMC website](#).

The Board has reviewed and recommends approval of this revised Constitution as presented by the Governance Committee (Craig Sommers, Angie Birky and Tom Bishop) at the Board's July meeting. The Committee has made every effort to retain the features, controls and limitations of the congregational membership over the Board as detailed in the current Constitution except for the extraction of Bylaws that provide an operational guide for the Board.

A draft of the Board's Bylaws are also posted on [FMC's website](#) for congregational review although the Board will take future action to approve these newly proposed Bylaws.

Please take the time to review these documents and feel free to contact any of us on the Governance Committee with questions in advance.

All members are invited to attend this congregational meeting on August 13 to receive an overview of the content of these documents, discuss their implications and vote on the revised Constitution with a raise of hands which requires at least a 2/3 majority of members present to vote in favor.

**Additional items posted on FMC website:** Minutes of June & July Board meetings, in the active participants section.

### **MCC School Kits:**

Please remember to buy supplies for MCC school kits when you are buying school supplies this summer. Plastic bins will be available in the church foyer for collecting the items. We will be collecting supplies for the next several weeks and we will assemble the kits this fall so that they can be delivered to the MCC relief sale on October 20.

Contents (NEW items only)

4 spiral or perforated notebooks (8 1/2 x 10 1/2 in and 70 sheets)

8 unsharpened pencils

1 ruler (flat, flexible plastic; indicating both 30 cm and 12 in)

12 colored pencils (in packaging)

1 large pencil eraser

Thank you for your support.

Magdalena, Elsa, Susan, and Alan Burkholder

## **Let's reach out!**

Small FMC Outreach Grants are back! We hope these funds serve as a catalyst for doing good and for us to connect to our neighbors, community and mission. We hope to see FMC reach out about immigration, white supremacy, Israel and Palestine, connecting with Muslim neighbors, housing and homelessness, youth in the school-to-jail pipeline, peace, and more. Grants are typically \$500-\$2000, but no grant is too small. Have an idea or questions? Reach out to the Outreach Team. Find the criteria and one-page application in this fillable Google form here: <https://goo.gl/forms/tHiNIED5B24pyJfj1>

**Anyone participating in Peace School or youth activities as a volunteer** must have their annual background check completed. Please see Pastor Duncan for the release form.

## **Remember to bring / send your contribution for the memory book for Tory & Theda:**

- 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.
- Bring them **this Sunday, 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](mailto:dbreed8@aol.com), [ruthieknowles@gmail.com](mailto:ruthieknowles@gmail.com)

**If you missed the registration deadline for Mountain States Annual Assembly**, but would still like to attend the Friday evening John McCutcheon concert or the Sunday morning worship at Ponderosa Retreat and Conference Center, you are most welcome to come. Please email Jean Spicher at [mountainstatesconference@gmail.com](mailto:mountainstatesconference@gmail.com) to let her know. Due to Ponderosa's child protection policy, we need to have your name on the list. Please note, you will not be able to stay for meals if you have not registered. Hope to see you there! **Remember no worship service will be held here at FMC August 6** and you are encouraged to attend the 10:00 am service at Larkspur.

**SAVE THE DATE!** Our annual Getaway Weekend will be September 22-24 at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp. Please plan on joining us for all or part of the weekend! It's a beautiful setting to enjoy spending time together! More information will be coming soon. If you have any questions or are interested in helping with planning- please contact Rachel Barnes- [rcbarnes33@msn.com](mailto:rcbarnes33@msn.com)

**Moving is complete** for VORP in B22 and for Denver Children's Choir in B18. We wish them well as they each serve youth in the Denver area.

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

Attendance, July 23: Adults - 100; Children - 11; Total - 111

## ***Child and Youth Faith Formation***

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

**Sept. 10** - Tentative Peace School Start Date

## ***Caring for Each Other***

**Jan Parks** will be undergoing a rather intense throat and tongue surgery on August 15, which will greatly improve her breathing. It is expected to be very painful and include a two month recovery. Prayers and thoughts will be greatly appreciated. **Jim Parks**

**Please pray for Gabriel** who started a new job that he really enjoys, so we hope for the best and pray he continues to grow with the company. **Sierra Brave**

### **Happy Birthday July 28 - August 3**

28 - Lane Miller

28 - Tonya Popp

30 - David Ammar

30 - David Harguth

30 - Merle Snyder

2 - Elizabeth Holdeman

2 - Lindsey Reed

3 - Sarah Winter

### **Happy Anniversary July 28 - August 3**

30 - Sarah Winter & Jonny Rotheram

2 - Ernest & Millie Bennett

3 - David & Karen Ammar

3 - Dawn & Mike Voth

## ***In the Building this Week***

Tuesday, 2-7 pm - VORP youth meetings in Commons & Sun Room

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

Wednesday, 9-12 - Quilting

Wednesday, 7:00 pm - SOAR choir rehearsal in Community Center

Friday - Carpet cleaning on upper level

VORP Program

Denver Children's Choir 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.*

I'm a Mennonite from Kansas and a grad student in Boston. I've worked at RMMC for many summers and know lots of folks in the Mountain States conference. As it happens, I'll be in Denver the weekend of August 5-6, and I understand that the annual retreat is happening that weekend not too far away. I've had a great time at the last two retreats in New Mexico and at RMMC, and I'm wondering if there is a way I could join in this year too. Specifically, I'm wondering if anyone might be driving to the retreat center for the final Sunday worship on August 6? If someone is going anyway and has an extra seat, I might be interested in coming along for the morning. Ben Goossen 785-215-0687.

## ***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***

For more information about our conference and latest issue of ZING!, go to [mountainstatesmc.org](http://mountainstatesmc.org)

## ***Mennonite Church USA and Beyond***

**Pray for next month's MHS board meetings** as that agency prepares for leadership transition and works toward its goals for the health ministries of the church. CEO/President Rick Stiffney has announced his retirement effective in spring 2018.

For more information about our denomination, go to [mennoniteusa.org](http://mennoniteusa.org)

## ***Other Information***

**Sermon Notes.** Sermons are posted on the [FMC web site](http://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](http://fmcdenver.org)

Phone: 303-892-1038

**Deadline for announcements is Wednesday midnight.** Please send announcements to Linda Welty at [linda.fmcdenver@gmail.com](mailto: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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