



## **FMC Weekly - January 19, 2017**

*The weekly newsletter of First Mennonite Church of Denver*

### ***Sunday, January 22***

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

We continue this week with the gospel of Matthew, chapter 4, verses 12-23. Chapter 4 begins with Jesus temptation; he has resisted and passed God's test only to find out that John the baptist has been arrested. With that news of John, scripture tells us Jesus withdrew to Galilee or did he flee to the hinterlands to save his own neck? Jesus bypasses his hometown of Nazareth to settle instead in Capernaum, which Isaiah refers to as a forgotten land of darkness.

Is this another exodus experience? Is Jesus once again retreating to the wilderness to seek direction from God? And what is the significance of Zebulun and Naphtali, on the road, across the sea in the forsaken land of the Gentiles. Is this a banishment or a time to reconsider divine action?

Have a great weekend, hope to see you Sunday. ~Rob

Emily Martin will be leading music and Theda Good will be our Worship Leader.

#### ***After the Worship Service***

- Join others for coffee, donuts, fruit and fellowship and help support our youth
- Purchase grocery cards to help support the FMC Ministry Plan
- Open Table - Welcome Signs for purchase

***10:45 AM Adult Education*** - This Sunday in our Adult Ed. Forum we'll talk about Ministry Teams. I plan to have a brief presentation, but mostly let's dream about people who will gather as their time allows to engage in an issue that they are passionate about. Are you troubled about immigration issues in the City of Denver? Start a team with a couple interested people to explore the issues and then offer action plans where people can act and see results. Disturbed by our recent interactions with our neighbors? Do you have some ideas that might help? Start a team, again to explore the issues and find ways together with interested neighbors to build bonds of friendship. Ministry teams are agile, quick, action-oriented, limited to specific passions and their duration is totally dependent on the participants. Come to this discussion and let's get started! ~Rob B

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For information about future worship services, please click on the link to go to the [FMC web site](#).

## ***Our FMC Community***

**To the saints of FMC-D:** We gauge time in two ways, chronologically according to logic and sequence and also through kairos, meaning a favorable time for action. I believe we have completed our work together as a congregation and while I had intended to stay through March, kairos calls me to return home to care for my wife. After consulting with my colleagues, I have decided to terminate my pastoral assignment February 15, 2017. Thank you for your support and understanding through these past months. ~**Rob Burdette**

**Now is the time to submit your nominations for the five-member church board**, which was formed by congregational vote. You may nominate yourself, or you may nominate someone else, provided that person has consented to serve if chosen. **Nominations are open until noon on January 29** and may be emailed to Arlen Hershberger ([arlenhersh@yahoo.com](mailto:arlenhersh@yahoo.com)) or by paper note left with the church office. More details will follow.

**Junior High Fellowship is looking for one additional teacher for January through May.** If you are interested please contact Pastor Tory or Anita for details.

### **Hosting Gabriel and Sierra**

The Leadership Council wanted to be sure everyone was in the loop related to our hospitality of Sierra and Gabriel. The Leadership Council decided in December, that regardless of the fate of the homeless hospitality proposal, we would continue to offer hospitality to Gabriel and Sierra. Thanks to Donna Swartzendruber for gathering a core support group including Gabriel, Sierra, Sarah Winter, Marcus Hyde, Rob Burdette and Alyssa and Josh (Caretakers) that met on Monday. There were several take-aways including working together on neighbor communications (neighbors agreed we would let them in), support for longer-term housing, debt restructuring, food support, coordination with DOOR, and laundry. Others who had interest in the hospitality mission are welcome to come to another support meeting February 13, 4:30 PM until 6:30-7, at FMC in Joshua and Alyssa's apartment. Let me know if you will be coming so we can make plans in case it is a larger group and we want to discuss other homeless mission options. Thanks, Stephanie

**During Epiphany we are collecting donations with the K-2nd grade class for Casa de Paz.** Donations can be brought to the church office anytime through February. They need gift cards for King Soopers, Target, and Bed, Bath and Beyond. They can also use most any form of laundry detergent.



**"Welcome your neighbor" yard signs** (as designed by Immanuel Mennonite Church in Harrisonburg, VA) will be available here this Sunday at the Open Table. The signs are 18"x24" with the message "No matter where you are from, we're glad you're our neighbor" printed on both sides in Spanish, English, and Arabic. Signs cost \$9.00. Original costs have been covered. Please make a donation to Casa de Paz.

## Attendance

January 15: Adults - 112; Children - 28; Total - 140

## Child and Youth Faith Formation

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

[www.fmcdenverfaithformation.weebly.com](http://www.fmcdenverfaithformation.weebly.com)

## Peace School January 22

For more details on MYF February 7-19 Snow Camp and Venture Club Family Winter Retreat March 10-12 (open to all FMC adults and friends of all ages), check Story Site periodically.



**Pre K, K-2nd, and Venture Club classes** will each be learning the story of Jesus' temptations in the desert this week.

Glenda Kauffman will be teaching the [Pre K \(3 and 4 year olds\)](#)

A guest will be teaching the [K-2nd grades](#)

Candace will be teaching the [Venture Club \(grades 3-5\)](#)

[JYF \(grades 6-8\)](#) and [MYF \(grades 9-12\)](#) will be at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp for JYF Snow Camp and MYF 30hr Famine.

[Adults](#) can follow along through the Bible with McLaren's Chapter 22, "Jesus the Teacher" in *We Make the Road by Walking*.

## Caring for Each Other

**Le Peters** is back in the hospital. Please keep **him and Jessie** in your thoughts and prayers.

## Happy Birthday January 20-26

20 - Carol Harguth

20 - Steve Popp

21 - Linda Miller

21 - Mike Voth

23 - Matthew Baron  
25 - Lois Dewhurst  
25 - Shelva Leep  
25 - Roberta Stutzman

### **No Anniversaries this week**

### ***Staff Updates***

Earlier this week, Theda attended Pastors Week at Eastern Mennonite Seminary. Rob will be attending Pastors Week at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary January 23-26.

### ***Save the Date!***

*Join us for these events*

**March 1: Ash Wednesday Service**

**March 5: MYF Soup Fundraiser**

**March 10-12: Winter Retreat, open to all FMC members and friends**

**April 15: Good Friday Service**

**April 16: Easter Sunday Worship**

**April 29: MSMC Faith & Life Forum at Beth-El, Colorado Springs**

**April 30: Guest Preacher Drew Hart, author of *Trouble I've Seen***

### ***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***

Dear FMC friends,

Please consider joining me this Sunday at 4pm for this (see below) timely vigil for the care of Creation! Contact me if you have any questions at [jemcanuck@gmail.com](mailto:jemcanuck@gmail.com)

~ Jennifer Miller

**Interfaith Climate Justice Vigil, 4:00 - 5:00 PM, Sunday, January 22**

Held indoors at Washington Park UCC, 400 S Williams St, Denver, CO 80209

Sponsored by Eco-Justice Ministries and Colorado Interfaith Power and Light.

Join us for an interfaith time of catching our breath, a time to ground ourselves in faith and community. Together, let's listen to what the Spirit -- by whatever name -- has to say and give to us. We will enlist the strengths and gifts of faith for the care and protection of the Creation, specifically in relationship to the spectre of rampant climate disruption. Our time together will include prayer, song, readings, and ritual, as well as an opportunity to address your convictions and concerns to public officials. You can find a map to the church, see updates on the event, and RSVP on the national website for faith vigils.

### ***Around Mountain States Mennonite Conference***

Check out the latest newsletter edition of *ZING!* on the website.

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

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

**Today is when World Fellowship Day is celebrated.** It falls annually on the Sunday that is closest to Jan. 21. It marks the date in 1525 when the first Anabaptist baptisms took place in Zurich, Switzerland. Give thanks for all those around the world who boldly seek to follow Jesus Christ.

**This summer's Mennonite Church USA Convention will feature a new way to involve high school youth representatives in the delegate sessions.** Called "Step Up," the goal is to prepare young people who have an interest in being involved with the broader church for future involvement as denominational delegates and leaders. The program will include two interactive seminar sessions and attendance at and participation in delegate sessions. Conferences and constituency groups will be invited to nominate youth who are rising high school sophomores or older. For questions, contact Brook Musselman at [brookm@atlanticcoastconference.net](mailto:brookm@atlanticcoastconference.net).

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](#) 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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