



FMC Weekly - February 23, 2017

The weekly newsletter of First Mennonite Church of Denver

Sunday, February 26

9:30 AM Worship

Welcome to worship this Sunday. Becoming simple is Jesus' invitation to us. Children help us in this process. They are the ones who love without limits, notice the little wonders of God's creation, and accept those who are different. Let's become like them. Conference Ministers Mary Etta and Linford King will bring the meditation, Debb Reed and Kristin K-V will be our worship leaders, Vicky Mierau will provide gathering music, and Arlen Hershberger will lead our singing.

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
- ◆ Sign cards for college students and donate for gift cards/care packages

Paper Ballot voting for FMC Future Pastoral Staff (ballots due March 5 at noon)

10:45 AM Education Hour

◆ **Peace School** for ages 2 years - 18 years. More details below.

◆ **Adult Education**

- **Conference Ministers Mary Etta and Linford King** will be with us in the Sanctuary to share an update on the Mountain States Mennonite Conference Transition. Come and hear an update from them and learn about the proposal to move into the future with a redesign of leadership roles.
- **Cindy Eby and Norm Dewhurst** will be available in the Community Center during the education hour to answer any questions people may have in regards to our open ballot for "FMC future pastoral staffing."

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

Our FMC Community

Join us up at camp for the Winter Retreat! It's a fun weekend of winter sports and time to talk to each other! No big church meetings or roundtable discussions, just a chance to spend time together as a church family. **Registration is due by FEBRUARY 26.** Click this [link](#) to access the registration forms. Please email [Rachel Barnes](mailto:Rachel.Barnes@fmc.org) with any questions or call her at 720-231-6657.

Ballots are available for voting on FMC Future Pastoral Staff

- Paper ballots are available at FMC and are due by **noon, Sunday, March 5.**
- Email ballots are due by **10:00 PM Friday, March 3;** send to office.fmcdenver@gmail.com.

It is that time of year when we reach out to support our college students. Cards will be available for signatures for the next 3 weeks. We will also be collecting money in order to send the students a gift card or care package. Thanks for helping to encourage and support our college students as they are gearing up for the last quarter of the school year. We have 25 college students on the list this year! Thanks in advance for your support.

Board Selection Results. The following nominees have been selected to serve on the new FMC Board: Barb Stutzman, Eric Boschman, Tom Bishop, Jon Moyer and Cindy Eby. The congregation's full support of the Board will be needed and sincerely appreciated.

Address change for Arzella Dirksen: 2020 S. Monroe Street, Unit 709, Denver CO 80210. Home and cell phone numbers remain the same. Contacts and visits welcome.

As staff of Mennonite Church USA's Executive Board, we wish to express our sincere appreciation for your congregation's financial support. Our records show that you are among the top 10 percent of the congregations who gave most generously for our work in the last three years. We express our thanks in the words of the Apostle Paul: "Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else." (II Cor. 9:12-13). May God bless you abundantly. --
Ervin Stutzman, Executive Director

This is the last Sunday we'll be collecting donations for Casa de Paz. They need gift cards for King Soopers, Target, and Bed, Bath and Beyond. They can also use bottled beverages (water, juices and Gatorades) as well as individual sized snacks (crackers, granola bars, trail mix, etc.).

Attendance

February 19: Adults - 116; Children - 13; Total - 129

Child and Youth Faith Formation

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

www.fmcdenverfaithformation.weebly.com

Peace School February 26

Sunday is the last day to sign up with Rachel Barnes for the Venture Club Winter Retreat (open to all FMC adults and friends of all ages).



PreK - JYF classes will be learning about the Sermon on the Mount.

MYF will be hanging out with Jill this week.

Story Site with updated links to schedules and lesson summaries:

[Pre K \(3 and 4 year olds\), K-2nd grades](#)

[Venture Club \(grades 3-5\)](#)

[JYF \(grades 6-8\)](#)

[MYF \(grades 9-12\)](#)

Caring for Each Other

Happy Birthday February 24 - March 2

- 24 - Elias Wentorf-Lantz
- 24 - Barbara Wiens
- 25 - Jacob Christensen
- 28 - Chris Barnes
- 28 - Chris Miller
- 28 - William Stutzman
- 1 - Andi Gingerich
- 1 - Joshua Smith
- 1 - Rod Stutzman
- 2 - Arzella Dirksen
- 2 - Robin Hegedus
- 2 - Cisco Mascarenas-Moore

Happy Anniversary February 24 - March 2

- 25 - Carlene & Gary Hill
- 26 - Bernadette & Darren Wyse
- 1 - Shawn Delp & Shelva Leep

In the Building this Week

- Saturday, 12:30 PM - Young Voices for Peace Choir rehearsal
- Sunday, 4-8 PM - Small Group
- Tuesday, 6:30 PM - Safonia Choir rehearsal
- Wednesday, 9-11:30 AM - Assistance Office
- Wednesday, 9-12 - Quilting
- Wednesday, 5:30 PM - SOAR Choir meal and rehearsal

Save the Date!

Join us for these events

Ash Wednesday Service Cancelled

March 5:

- MYF Soup Fundraiser
- YVP Singing in Worship Service
- Commissioning of our new Board
- Paper ballots due by Noon for Future Pastoral Staff
- Early Morning Prayer (8:30) in the Prayer Room each Sunday of Lent

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

April 14: 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.

A-Basin Ski Tickets for sale - 3 Tickets for sale, \$45 each. Transferable, valid for any 1 day of skiing for the remainder of 2017 season.

Please contact Karyn Gregory at karyn.greg@gmail.com, or call 720-936-3357.

Our Urban Community

Around Mountain States Mennonite Conference

"Laughter is Sacred Space" by Ted Swartz is a one-man performance of Ted's grief and healing transforming into joy and laughter after the death of his long time friend and co-actor, Lee Eschelman, who had suffered for years with depression and bi-polar issues. Performance will be Thursday, March 2, 2017, at Boulder Mennonite Church, 3910 Table Mesa Drive in south Boulder; free parking. Donations accepted. Contact Gretchen Williams with questions, 303-245-0015.

It's not too late to sign up! The annual Mountain States men's retreat is next weekend, March 3-5, 2017 at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp. It is a marvelous time filled with great fellowship and plenty of opportunity for festivities. The theme is "Life as Comedy" and we're fortunate enough to have Ted Swartz from the legendary Ted and Co. in attendance, providing insights from some of his humorous life experiences. Sign up online

(www.rmmc.org, click “register online”) or call RMMC at 719-687-9506. See you soon!

Check out the February edition of *ZING!* on the website.

For more information about our conference, go to mountainstatesmc.org

Mennonite Church USA and Beyond

Pause and prepare your hearts as the season of Lent begins this week. Join with others in the church around the world in creating fertile places for the seed of God’s message to take root.

MCC Material Resource needs: The Workroom at the MCC Material Resource Center in North Newton is a busy place! So busy, that we are running very low on the following items: men's deodorant (minimum size 2.25 oz), men's briefs (white), size L or XL only, men's crew neck undershirts (white), size L or XL only, lotion (max. size 2 oz), bath towels (medium weight, dark colors), fingernail clippers, shampoo (13-24 oz). You are welcome to shop Amazon Smile (https://www.amazon.com/registry/wishlist/17TB7GOT33OVJ/ref=cm_sw_r_cp_ep_ws_70dwybJSDP1DX) for easy shopping and the ability to ship it directly to MCC in North Newton, plus a small portion of your purchase is donated back to MCC by Amazon. Items can be brought to MCC at 121 E. 30th in North Newton, KS 67117 and left in the After Hours Donation Drop Off at anytime. Thank you for your continued generous support!

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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