

Lent

Restore us, O God! We wonder.

FMC Weekly - March 9, 2017

The weekly newsletter of First Mennonite Church of Denver

Sunday, March 12

Reminder: Daylight Saving Time begins at 2 AM this Sunday. Set clocks ahead 1 hour.

8:40 - 9:00 AM Sunday Morning Prayer

Come to the prayer room in the lower level for a moment of quiet meditation, lighting of candles and spoken prayers. During this time of Lent, transition at FMC, and tumult in our world, consider a time of intentional prayer with one another. "For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." Matthew 18:20

9:30 AM Worship

Join us for worship this Sunday as we look at John 3. A familiar story of Nicodemus and his late-night meeting with Jesus. Nikki KandeLind will bring us a message helping us look at what 'born anew of the spirit' means to us as a congregation in this moment of transition. Diane Polizzotto and Theda Good will be the worship leaders. Music will be performed by Ethan and Isabel Mullett as well as Andi Gingerich. Come with an open heart to give and receive in this community.

After the Worship Service

- ◆ Join others for refreshments 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.

10:45 AM Education Hour

- ◆ **No Peace School this Sunday**; see below

◆ **Adult Education**

Adult Ed this Sunday will feature the new Board talking about the recent staffing vote, budget analysis, future staffing, and our need for Ministry Teams.

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

Our FMC Community

Thanks to everyone's generous support the MYF raised \$3700 over cost. That gives us a great boost for Convention. Our next fundraiser is Easter morning, April 16, with a pancake brunch. Again, huge thanks to Ron Schmucker in preparing the food!

How can purchasing grocery cards make a difference at FMC? Here's a sample from several years: 2012 - \$6,050 was added to income; 2014 - \$5,475 was added to income; 2016 - \$3,250 was added to income. How much we can add this year depends on the amount of grocery cards that are sold. Remember to bring your checkbook and stop by Joann's table and purchase grocery store cards, not only for groceries, etc., but prescriptions and gas as well, depending where you shop. Thanks to all who participate in this ongoing fundraiser, it is appreciated.

Watch "13th" at the home of an FMC neighbor

As part of our Women Bridging Borders series on "whiteness", come to one of our homes to view the Netflix documentary titled "13th". *RSVP to the host.* ([Click here](#) for more on this movie.)

- East Denver: **This Friday, March 10**, 6:30pm, *Theda & Dawn*
- Wash Park neighborhood: Next **Wednesday, March 15**, 7pm, *Debbie Reed*
- SW Denver: **Friday, March 17**, 7pm, *Linda Miller*
- Park Hill: Saturday, **Saturday, March 18**, *Donna*
- Aurora (near Peace Mennonite): **TBA**, *Ivanna* ([email](#))

Room or basement for rent?

As most of you know, FMC has been providing shelter for Sierra and Gabriel during the winter months as they re-establish their economic situation. This arrangement ends in April when DOOR will again begin using the space. *Gabriel and Sierra are now searching for low-income housing, something in the range of \$450 - \$600/month.* **If you are interested in renting a small space in your home (could be short term) or if you know of another rental space in this price range**, please inform our team – or speak directly with Gabriel or Sierra. Also, we are excited to report both Sierra and Gabriel now have full-time employment!

The S&G Team (Donna, Sarah W, Alyssa, Steve S, Stephanie, Jan, Marcus, Ardell, Theda)

Welcome Your Neighbor Yard Signs – more signs have been ordered and should be available March 19. We are selling them for \$10/sign to raise funds so that Angell Pérez, Executive Director of VORP, can write curriculum for youth on “White Accomplice.” If you want to reserve a sign or two, contact Theda to add your name to the list. Out of 100 ordered signs, there are only 30 left.



Hair getting unruly? Come see us at **The Sierra Salon!**

Cuts are free – tips welcome.

Talk with Donna, Stephanie or Sierra.

FMC Website:

~ Recordings of recent Adult Ed Presentations are posted under Community Life --> Faith Formation --> Adults --> Adult Ed Recordings.

~ Minutes of Leadership Council, including January and February 2017 meetings, are now posted on the Active Participants page.

Attendance March 5: Adults - 147; Children - 36; Total - 183

Child and Youth Faith Formation

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

www.fmcdenverfaithformation.weebly.com

No Peace School March 12

This Sunday with the Winter Retreat, there is no Peace School, with families attending Winter Snow Camp.



During the Adult Ed. with the new Board, there is no child care; DVDs are available for viewing in the foyer, there will be balls to take outside, and coloring books for any ages interested. Parents will be responsible for deciding what works best for your children if you'd like to stick around.

March 19 Peace School will continue with the story of Jesus healing people, for most ages.

Story Site with updated links to schedules and last week's 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 March 10-16

11 - Susan Falk

11 - Lewis Gregory North

12 - Mim Roth

15 - Carrie Baron

15 - Angie Nofziger

16 - Nikki KandeLind

Happy Anniversary March 10-16

15 - Jennifer Conder & Keith Wood

In the Building this Week

Monday & Wednesday, 9-11:30 AM - Assistance Office

Tuesday, 6:30 PM - Safonia Choir rehearsal

Wednesday, 9-12 - Quilting

Wednesday, 5:30 PM - SOAR Choir meal and rehearsal

VORP Program

Save the Date!

Join us for these events

March 12, 8:30: Early Morning Prayer in the Prayer Room (each Sunday of Lent)

April 14, 6:30 PM: Good Friday Service

April 16, Easter Sunday:

8:30-9:30 MYF Pancake Fundraiser

9:30-10 Gathering Music

10:00 AM Worship, including Communion

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

Our Urban Community

Around Mountain States Mennonite Conference

Make plans to attend the MSMC Faith & Life Forum on Saturday, April 29, 9:00 AM - Noon, Lunch following, at Beth-El Mennonite Church in Colorado Springs. Featured speaker will be Drew G.I. Hart, author of *Trouble I've Seen*.

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

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

Mennonite Church USA and Beyond

This summer's Mennonite Church USA Convention will feature a new way to involve high school youth and young adult 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 interactive seminar sessions and attendance at and participation in delegate sessions. Conferences and constituency groups have been invited to nominate youth who are rising high school sophomores or older. For questions, contact Brook Musselman at brookm@atlanticcoastconference.net.

Please pray for the Constituency Leaders Council meeting, which takes place in Elkhart, Indiana, March 16-18.

Early registration for the Mennonite Church USA Convention 2017 has been extended to March 23! Early Registration includes a T-shirt, I-Ride trolley pass, servant project and a meal card. Come to Orlando July 4-8 to celebrate "Love is a Verb" with fellowship, worship and activities with Mennonites from around the country. Learn more at <http://convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration/>.

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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