

Lent

Restore us, O God! We thirst.

FMC Weekly - March 16, 2017

The weekly newsletter of First Mennonite Church of Denver

Sunday, March 19

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

Worship on Sunday will be led by Pastor Theda, with Doyle and Mary Jo Preheim leading music. Pastor Tory will be reflecting on John 4, and Jesus with the woman at the well. What are the questions we long to be asked, and the people we long to be known by? God is calling us, meeting us, and desires the best for us.

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 our college students.

10:45 AM Education Hour

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

◆ **Adult Education**

Dismantling Whiteness for Racial Justice

Part Two: Understanding Racial Microaggressions and Colorblindness

In this second part of our *Adult Education Series on Whiteness*, Naomi Nishi will lead a discussion on racial microaggressions and colorblindness. What are these concepts and how do they work in our societal systems and people's everyday lives? This series has been developed by our Women Bridging Borders (WBB) team and we hope you will join us! WBB recommends that folks try to watch Ava Duvernay's "13th" film available on Netflix (click [here](#) for more on the documentary). We are having viewing parties especially

for those who don't have Netflix. Please contact Donna Swartzendruber for more information.

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

Our FMC Community

We have made a definite advancement as the new board has taken the leadership in governance of this congregation. The next big step is the implementation of Ministry Teams. These teams will support the mission and vision of this congregation as we work together to build relationships, provide care, engage in acts of service, and care for our resources. Please consider how you will participate. Just to get us started here are a few possible Ministry Team ideas. Please contact one of the pastors as we get these off the ground. There will be forms available on Sunday morning.

- ◆ Worship Planning and Leader
- ◆ Adult Education
- ◆ Children's Education
- ◆ Caring for Others
- ◆ Memorial Receptions
- ◆ Creating Social Engagement
- ◆ Buildings and Grounds

Worship Team Planning for May is meeting next week. If you'd like to participate, please email [Pastor Tory](#) today or tomorrow. This team will prayerfully decide the theme, scripture, special music and litanies, visuals, and be the primary recruiters for roles in May. The team to plan summer worship will likely meet in late May for those interested.

BIRTHDAY SURPRISE: Arlo Sonnenberg will be celebrating his 99th birthday on Saturday, March 25. We are asking interested persons to send him a birthday card, call him, stop for a visit and/or invite him for a meal. If you call, and he doesn't answer, call back because he doesn't retrieve phone messages. His address is: 9335 E. Center Ave., #3A, Denver, CO 80247. His phone number is: 720-859-9644. Thanks for your support. ~Sylvia Kreider

FMC AOL Emails are no longer active! Please delete them from your contacts.

These are the current FMC staff email addresses:

- ◆ office.fmcdenver@gmail.com
- ◆ linda.fmcdenver@gmail.com
- ◆ tory.fmcdenver@gmail.com

Attendance March 12: Adults - 101; Children - 6; Total - 107

Child and Youth Faith Formation

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

www.fmcdenverfaithformation.weebly.com

Peace School March 19

PreK, K-2nd and Venture Club will be learning the story of Jesus healing people.

JYF will continue Jesus stories with Ann Leonard.

MYF will have a conversation led by Jill Schmidt.



Next week all ages will start reflecting on Easter with three weeks of stories about Palm Sunday, foot washing, communion, the crucifixion and the resurrection. The MYF will be focusing on Baptism along with the stories and rituals above.

Story Site with updated links to schedules and recent 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

Please continue to pray for Michael (MJ) Sharp, taken hostage by a militia group along with 5 others in the Democratic Republic of Congo. He has many friends here at FMC along with his sister Erin Sharp. MJ is working to transform decades long conflict into civil and respectful living. Pray for his well-being and safe return. Pray for his family in these agonizing days of waiting, and for friends who also grieve for his safety and life.

Happy Birthday March 17-23

17 - Alijah Hill

20 - Claudia Popp

20 - Sabra Wood

21 - Helen Ammar

22 - Cree Miller Yoder

22 - Carla Stoltzfus

23 - Dylan Adams

23 - Lynn Williams

Happy Anniversary March 17-23

19 - Linda & Richard Wyse

In the Building this Week

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

Tuesday, 6:30 PM - Safonia Choir rehearsal

Tuesday, 7:00 PM - Ten Thousand Villages Board meeting

Wednesday, 9-12 - Quilting

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

VORP Program, including Restore on Saturday, 8:00 AM

Save the Date!

Join us for these events

March 19, 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 resubmitted. Deadline is midnight Wednesday.

Our Urban Community

Ten Thousand Villages store in Cherry Creek is planning to close. It was a hard but necessary decision. All remaining merchandise is now 50% off.

Around Mountain States Mennonite Conference

Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp has begun the next project for the Vision 2020

Capital Campaign - renovating the boys' bathhouse on the Chapel side of camp. Work is already underway to ensure the bathhouse will be ready to go for the summer camping season (June 2017). We need help to meet the completion goal! Please sign up to volunteer and/or donate online at www.rmmc.org or contact RMMC by phone (719-687-9506) or email (info@rmmc.org).

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

According to the United Nations, the world is facing the largest humanitarian crisis since the second world war. More than 20 million people across Yemen, Somalia, South Sudan and northeast Nigeria are facing or are at risk of famine. Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) is working in the area to provide emergency food assistance and increase its response to the crisis. Because of serious conflicts and concerns for safe, unimpeded access for humanitarian assistance, this process is slow and challenging. To donate to MCC's relief fund, which supports MCC's response to this disaster and others, visit mcc.org/learn/what/relief, call 1-888-563-4676 or send a check to MCC, PO Box 500, Akron, PA 17501-0500.

Do you enjoy mentoring young adults and living in community? Service Adventure is looking for unit leaders for our Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Jackson, Mississippi, units. The two-year term begins late July. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Susan Nisly at SusanN@MennoniteMission.net or visit us at www.MennoniteMission.net.

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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