



FMC Weekly - April 13, 2017

The weekly newsletter of First Mennonite Church of Denver

Good Friday Service, April 14

6:15 PM Gathering Music

6:30-7:30 PM Worship Service

[5:15-6:15 PM Choir Practice; anyone is welcome]

Good Friday service will pick up where the Palm Sunday service ended. This year we'll be singing songs out of the Red Hymnal and Purple Songbook as we read, reflect and pray through the journey to the cross and the grave. *Were you there when they crucified my Lord?*

Easter Morning, April 16

8:30-9:30 MYF Pancake Fundraiser

8:40-9:40 Choir Rehearsal

9:50-10 Gathering Music by Vicky Mierau

10:00 Worship Service

Worship on Sunday will include sermons on the Resurrection by Pastors Theda and Tory. Vicky Mierau will provide gathering music, while Arlen Hershberger leads the choir and congregational singing with Mary Jo Preheim. Restore us, oh God, as we live!

You are invited to bring Easter lilies and other spring arrangements to make a beautiful display of new life in the front of the sanctuary on Easter morning. Tape your name to the bottom of your plant, bring it to the front of the sanctuary before the service and it will be added to the display. Then remember to take your plant home with you to enjoy the rest of the week. Thank you!

Our FMC Community

Support the MYF by enjoying pancakes & sausage links, fruit, orange juice, and coffee served 8:30-9:30 before the Easter morning service. We have 12 people going to Orlando Youth Convention first week of July.

Ministry Teams, upcoming meetings:

- Social/Fellowship Team meets Monday, April 17, at 6:00 PM, at FMC
- Care Giving Team meets Monday, April 24, at 6:30 PM, at FMC

Anyone is welcome to attend! If you have questions, contact Pastor Theda.

Living the Questions Small Group - note the change

Evening group will meet on Thursday, **April 20** at 6:30 PM for a POTLUCK at the home of Theda and Dawn. We watch a 20-minute video on progressive Christian thought, followed by discussion. All are welcome.

April 22, FMC Spring Work Day on Earth Day

Please plan to come and help us brush up for Spring! Sign up with Matt Baron on Sunday for areas where you would like to help.

Our “whiteness” series

Last Sunday the book titled "Why are all the black kids sitting together in the cafeteria" was mentioned in the Adult Ed class. You can read this book online — click [here](#). Also please remember that Ann Leonard has developed an easy-to-use webpage with many helpful links. Click [here](#) to access her site. Our series continues with Drew Hart on April 30 and then two final classes with Naomi on May 21 and June 4. Women Bridging Borders (learning, connecting, becoming empowered).

Altar arrangements needed the next several months. Contact Lola if you can help.

303-523-5364 (call or text) or Lola.hershberger@gmail.com to choose a date.

Attendance, April 9: Adults - 150; Children - 12; Total - 162

Child and Youth Faith Formation

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

Peace School classes continue again April 23 with the lesson of the Resurrection, Road to Emmaus and the Ascension.

The JYF will consider why Jesus left, and the MYF will consider how Baptism connects with Holy Week.

This week, April 15, the MYF will be doing their part in Work Day a



week early, by moving couches for the new JYF & MYF rooms at 7pm.

April 29, the MYF and JYF are encouraged to be part of a "White Accomplice Training" pilot program with Angell Perez (Executive Director of VORP) - details will be emailed to all JYF and MYF families.

Caring for Each Other

Steve was recently diagnosed with prostate cancer and will have surgery next Wednesday, April 19. Please keep us in your prayers in the coming weeks.

~Anita Miller & Steve Stutzman

Please pray for us as we transition into our new lives and take the next step into being self-sufficient. Please pray that we do well at our jobs and that we are able to work hard and earn advancements. Please pray for our families as they struggle through life. Pray that they find strength and guidance through the Lord Jesus Christ. We give thanks to those who gave us love and support. May all of you and your families receive many blessings.

~Sierra and Gabriel

Please keep the Pastoral Search committee in your thoughts and prayers as they convene for the first time this coming week. Committee members are: Angie Birky, Arden Slotter, Charlie Ferguson, Eric Boschmann (co-chair), Glenda Kauffman (co-chair), Peter Conrad, and Sonia Graber.

Happy Birthday April 14-20

15 - Sonia Graber

18 - Anne Friesen Birky

18 - Joseph Monzon

18 - Reberta Shirk

19 - Elias Gomez

19 - Harlan Unrau

Happy Anniversary April 14-20

None this week

In the Building this Week

Monday & Wednesday, 9 -11:30 - Assistance Program

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

Thursday, 9:30 AM - DAMM - Denver Area Anabaptist Ministers meeting

VORP Program, including Saturday, April 15

See more below.

Save the Date!

Join us for these events

April 22: Spring Work Day - Please come!

April 23, 10:45 AM, Ministry Plan Conversation, during the Adult Ed hour

April 29: MSMC Faith & Life Forum at Beth-El, Colorado Springs, 9 AM

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

May 7: Vote on the Ministry Plan and interim referendum for the Board to operate under until new by-laws are written

May 14: Child Blessing

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

Around Mountain States Mennonite Conference

Come hear author Drew Hart at MSMC's Faith and Life Forum on Saturday, April 29.

The gathering will be at Beth-El Mennonite Church in Colorado Springs from 9 am to noon with lunch following. Child care will be provided. Following Hart's main presentation, there will be breakout sessions on racism in the church, immigration advocacy within MSMC, conference minister search update and credentialing review conversation. Please RSVP to Karen Martin at administrator@MountainStatesMC.org by April 26.

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

Mennonite Church USA and Beyond

Attending the 2017 Convention in Orlando? The convention planning office has arranged

discounts at Orlando-area attractions. Visit: <http://mennolove.orlandomeetinginfo.com>.

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.

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Web site: fmcdenver.org

Phone: 303-892-1038

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