



FMC Weekly - April 20, 2017

The weekly newsletter of First Mennonite Church of Denver

Sunday Morning, April 23

9:30 Worship

Worship this Sunday will include singing by the SOAR adult/youth choir. SOAR is a group of adults supplying relationship support and mentoring for foster and kinship kids through the magic of choral music. They are currently rehearsing at FMC on Wednesdays and offer this musical performance in partial appreciation for the space-the home-the group experiences here. The theme this spring is The Many Faces of Love. They will be singing about friendship love, parent-child love, and love of our global brothers and sisters. Emily Martin is the music director. Please join us.

After the Worship Service

- ◆ Join others for coffee/donuts/fruit/fellowship and help support our youth
- ◆ Purchase grocery cards to help support the FMC Ministry Plan. Pick up a re-loadable King Soopers card starting this Sunday. See info below.

10:45 Education Hour

- ◆ **Peace School** for ages 2-18 years. More info below.
- ◆ **Adult Education:** Tom Bishop and Jonathan Moyer of the FMC Board will be presenting to the congregation the proposed 2017 Ministry Plan and supporting Narrative that is now posted on the website for Active Participants. Please review both this 2017 Ministry Plan as well as the 2016 Financials and come with your questions during this week's Adult Ed hour. There will be an opportunity for all members to vote on the 2017 Ministry Plan at the congregational meeting scheduled for May 7. *Please allow this to serve as the FMC constitutionally required two week notice for the Congregational meeting of May 7, 2017 in the Church Sanctuary at 10:45 AM.*

Our FMC Community

FMC Spring Work Day on Earth Day



Please come and help us brush up for Spring! There is plenty of cleaning, small repairs, and some outside work to accomplish.

8 am to noon on Saturday, April 22.



The Pastoral Search Committee had their first meeting this week. We are excited to start this process, and ask the congregation for prayers as we undertake this important task. The position has been posted, and we hope to start reviewing applications in May. Please be aware that this process is extremely confidential, and the committee will not be able to share any specifics until we have decided on one candidate to present to the congregation. We are open to listening to the congregation, but we will not be able to share any details from our meetings. If anyone has a candidate in mind for the position, please feel free to encourage that person to apply, however the committee will only consider and contact individuals who fill out an application. We will hope to give another update in May, once we have started reviewing applications. Thanks for your support and prayers. ~Glenda Kauffman, co-chair

Ministry Teams, Upcoming Meetings:

- Worship Team meets this evening, April 20, at 7:00 PM, at FMC. Contact Pastor Tory if you are interested in participating now or sometime in the future.
- 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.

Would you like to join a Library Ministry Team? It would involve attending occasional meetings, planning maintenance of the collection, and discussing new acquisitions to the library. If you are interested, please email Mary Olson at ronandmaryolson@msn.com. Our first meeting will be in May, probably before church one Sunday.

FMC now has the reloadable King Soopers cards! Everyone buys groceries, so why not get a reloadable card to benefit FMC's Ministry Plan? FMC receives 5% on all purchases. You get the benefit of airline miles or dollars on your personal credit card when using it to reload the King Soopers card. Each card has \$2.50 already on them. Pick up your card from the person selling on Sunday after the service in the community center or you may pick one up from the church office.

A book entitled "Why are all the Black kids sitting together in the cafeteria?" by Beverly Tatum is now in the FMC library for anyone to check out and read. Naomi Nishi has mentioned this book in her Adult Education presentation. I have started to read my copy. It's very interesting. You may find it is for you. Let me know what you think.

~Angela Nofziger.

Attendance, April 16: Adults - 254; Children - 20; Total - 274

Child and Youth Faith Formation

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

www.fmcdenverfaithformation.weebly.com

Peace School continues with our lesson on Jesus' resurrection, road to Emmaus and ascension.

JYF will focus on the ascension leading to Pentecost, and ask "why did Jesus leave"?

MYF will meet with Pastor Tory.



Caring for Each Other

Al Martin was released from the hospital on Easter Sunday, and is happy to be home. Please continue to keep **Al and Grace** in your prayers.

Thank you all so much for the gift card. I am finishing my second year at Hesston and plan to go to Goshen College in the fall. I really enjoyed reading the notes and it came at a great time. Thanks for all the love and support. ~Emma Schrock

Happy Birthday April 21-27

- 21 - Wanda Brotherton
- 21 - Darcey VanWagner
- 22 - Morgan Browning
- 22 - Shawn Delp
- 23 - Lola Hershberger
- 24 - Colin Barnhorst
- 24 - Tom Friesen
- 24 - Greta Lindecrantz
- 24 - Alijandro Monzon
- 24 - Nicolas Monzon
- 25 - John Ventura
- 26 - Norm Dewhurst
- 26 - Rian Doerksen
- 27 - Susan Hertzler Burkholder
- 27 - Les Hjelmstad

Happy Anniversary April 21-27

None this week

In the Building this Week

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

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

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* in Worship & Adult Ed

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

DOOR Dwellers will be hosting a fundraiser tomorrow evening. Your attendance and support would be appreciated! Here is the link to the proceeds night we are having for DOOR at Native Foods ...<https://www.groupraise.com/events/25586>. It's at 680 South Colorado Boulevard on April 21 from 4-9 pm. Please share this information and link with friends, and family! A Facebook event has also been created...<https://www.facebook.com/events/187598718401293/>.

The Women's Choir, Impromptu, will present a concert entitled "Still I Rise" at First Mennonite Church this Sunday, April 23, 4:00-5:00, followed by a reception. Admission is free. The music will speak to life and power, love and community, strength and shared dreams. Impromptu was founded in 2008 to bring women together, from all walks of life and of all ages, through choral music.

Are you concerned with the state of racial justice in the current climate?

This spring Research Advocacy in Critical Education (R.A.C.E.) is hosting the inaugural **Research Advocacy in Critical Education (R.A.C.E.) Conference: No Walls, No Bans: Towards Racially-Just Praxis** to bring together activists, researchers, scholars, and other stake holders committed to social justice and critical education research. Participants will have an opportunity to present and explore the latest innovative research in racially just praxis, and to collaborate and connect with other people engaged in processes that enact racial justice.

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R.A.C.E. is sponsoring a conference with workshops, a plenary panel, a fellowship competition, and closing dinner reception. Our amazing plenary panel includes:

- Identity and Undocumented College Student scholar, **Dr. Susana Munoz**
- Critical Whiteness scholar in higher education, **Dr. Ricky Lee Allen** (University of New Mexico)
- Black feminist/anthropologist/scholar, **Dr. Bianca Williams** (University of Colorado Boulder)
- Critical Whiteness/Ethnic Studies/Policy scholar, **Dr. Nolan Cabrera** (University of Arizona)

The R.A.C.E. Conference will take place on **Friday, May 5, 2017, 1:00 – 8:00 pm at the University of Colorado Denver, Downtown Campus. Register at: <https://cudenverrace.eventbrite.com>**

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BzhyPlwEuP0dVlc4Uy1BTWVXTzVWXzkrRDhxekZQR0pyOXNF/view>

Around Mountain States Mennonite Conference

Author Drew Hart will be the featured speaker at the Mountain States Mennonite Conference Faith and Life Forum on Saturday, April 29. Join your friends from across the conference to hear Drew's thought-provoking presentation and then join one of the breakout sessions about racism in the church, immigration advocacy within MSMC, conference minister search update and credentialing review conversations. The gathering will be at Beth-El Mennonite Church, 4625 Ranch Drive in Colorado Springs from 9 am to noon with lunch following. Child care will be provided. Please RSVP to Karen Martin at administrator@MountainStatesMC.org by April 26.

Attention MCC Alumni and Friends! You are invited to a MCC alumni gathering on Sunday, April 30 at 4:00 pm at First Mennonite Church in Denver. Meet with fellow alumni and hear updates from MCC alumni and staff who have recently gone on MCC learning tours to Haiti and New Orleans. RSVP by contacting Sharon Nelson at sharonnelson@mcc.org or 909.519.7797 by April 21. See you there!

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

Mennonite Church USA and Beyond

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and Mennonite Central Committee U.S. is offering four booklets that could help you and your congregation create a community of care for those affected by sexual violence and to find ways to act against it.

- Understanding sexual abuse by a church leader or caregiver
- Abuse: Response and prevention – A guide for church leaders
- Created Equal: Women and Men in the Image of God
- Pornography: Lies, Truth and Hope.

To order these free booklets, email resources@mcc.org or call toll free, 888.563.4676.

As immigration enforcement tightens in the U.S., women, children and teens from Central America who are fleeing domestic and sexual violence in their home countries encounter quick deportation or harsher legal processes and extended detention when they

seek refuge in the U.S. To learn more about this issue, including how to speak with your legislators about acting compassionately, read this Action Alert from the MCC U.S. Washington Office, mcc.org/protect-women-children

Find out how to put your faith into action! Consider serving and learning about how God is working in other parts of the country. Check out our Christian Service opportunities for ages 14 -26. But don't delay because application deadlines are coming up soon! Youth Venture (Detroit) – Application deadline = May 1st; Service Adventure, Journey International, Door (Dwell) and MVS – Application deadline = June 1st:
<https://www.mennonitemission.net/Serve>

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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