



## **FMC Weekly - May 11, 2017**

*The weekly newsletter of First Mennonite Church of Denver*

### ***Sunday Morning, May 14***

#### **9:30 Worship**

Sunday's meditation celebrates the holiday in the spirit of women who are our mothers, mentors, and leaders. This is appropriate given Pastor Theda's discernment process. The meditation, too, draws on a recent biography of Dorothy Day, written by her youngest grand-daughter, Kate Hennessy. And the Worship Service will further develop our understanding of Anabaptism and the Way of Transformation. Dan Wessner will bring the meditation, Elizabeth Holdeman will lead us in worship and the children's time, and Nikki KandeLind and Stephanie Miller will be our musicians.

#### ***After the Worship Service in the Community Center***

- ◆ Join us 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, and still earn points on your credit card.
- ◆ Open Table will include hymnals to sign for our seniors
- ◆ Knot a comforter for an MCC recipient!

#### **10:45 Education Hour**

- ◆ **Peace School** for ages 2-18 years. More info below.
- ◆ **Adult Education:**

In 2009, a group of Christian Palestinians released the Kairos Document: A word of faith, hope and love from the heart of Palestinian suffering. In it, they issued a call. "In order to understand our reality, we say to the Churches: Come and see." Mennonite Church USA responded to this call by committing to send 100 leaders to Palestine on Come and See tours. This Sunday, come and see Susan Burkholder report back from her tour in November, and learn what's next for a Mennonite response.

<http://mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/seeking-peace-israel-palestine/>

<http://www.kairospalestine.ps/index.php/about-us/kairos-palestine-document>

## ***Our FMC Community***

**Time to get geared up for more tying of comforters and quilting.** We will be meeting every Wednesday morning from 9 am to 12 noon in the quilting room (old part of basement). Please join in whether you are a new quilter or an "old hand" at it. MCC (Mennonite Central Committee) is in need of comforters for refugees. They report the need has dramatically increased. **FMC is going to have a comforter top ready to tie every Sunday through this summer.** We will be tying after church. *All are welcome.* We will teach you a very easy, efficient way to tie. Hope to see you. Contact Linda Wyse if you have any questions.

### **Ministry Teams, upcoming meetings:**

Anyone is welcome and encouraged to attend these ministry team meetings!

- **Outreach Ministry Team** is meeting on Wednesday, May 17, 7:00 pm, at FMC. We'll be considering how to structure and facilitate outreach efforts this summer and fall.
- **Small Group Team** is meeting the evening of Wednesday, May 17. If you would like to participate, please email [Pastor Tory](#). We'll be considering what kinds of new small groups/gatherings to encourage this fall and possibly this summer. Is anyone interested in a small group of shared meals in your own neighborhood/locale?
- **Children and Youth (including Peace School) Teams** will be meeting Wednesday, May 17 at 6:00 pm, to plan for the next school year. This includes teaching, mentoring, and chaperones for youth trips and overnights. MYF are invited to join this team if interested! Parents of teenagers are especially invited as we reconsider Sunday mornings after the past few years with a couple of different Sunday morning experiments.

### **June 2 and 3 - FMC's Inaugural Community Rummage Sale and BBQ**

We need people power to help make this sale a success! In addition to donating your gently used clothing and/or household goods for our community rummage sale, please see the Sign Up Genius [link](#) to volunteer a few hours at the sale. We are also looking for financial donations to contribute to the BBQ: hot dogs, hamburgers, buns, condiments, paper goods, etc. If you have larger pieces and need help getting them to the church, we have a volunteer to help pick up items. Proceeds will benefit the nurture committee and community programs to support those in need. We hope that this event will help foster a relationship with our church neighbors, so please plan to attend and meet a few new people! We will start taking donated items for the sale after May 24. If you have questions, please contact Ivannah Johnson [nethingbutordinaryplease@yahoo.com](mailto:nethingbutordinaryplease@yahoo.com) and Anne Gerber [agerber78@gmail.com](mailto:agerber78@gmail.com).

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d44a4ad23a1fd0-fmccommunity>

### **From FMC Board:**

It is with great appreciation but sadness, that we announce Pastor Theda has recently informed us of her decision to resign from First Mennonite Church-Denver. Theda is taking time to discern her next role and we support her in these next steps and decisions. Her final day with us will be July 30, 2017. We will be planning a celebration of Theda and her gifts sometime in mid-summer, so please stayed tuned for more details. Theda has shared herself and her life with us, and for this we are grateful.

### **Remember the SOAR Choir that performed here several weeks ago?**

You are invited to attend a SOAR youth and adult choir concert this weekend! We will be performing our entire program at Historic Grant Avenue, 216 South Grant St. Concerts will be at 8 pm Friday night, May 12, and 3 pm, Saturday, May 13. Please join us.

Emily Martin, director.

Attendance, May 7: Adults - 120; Children - 17; Total - 137

## ***Child and Youth Faith Formation***

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

### **Peace School this Sunday:**

JYF and younger ages will be learning about Paul, and his vision for growing the community of Jesus.

MYF will be with Pastor Tory.



### **Peace School Calendar:**

**May 21** - Peace School Finale and Potluck for all ages.

Celebrating

high school seniors and Mentoring Pairs during Worship.

**July 2-9** - MC USA Convention in Orlando for the 8 youth and 3 sponsors signed up.

**Aug. 4-6** - MYF Camping Trip at the Sand Dunes with Beth-El Mennonite Youth.

This includes incoming Freshmen and outgoing Seniors.

**Aug. 20** - Tentative Peace School Start Date

## ***Caring for Each Other***



**Benjamin Andras Hegedus** was born on May 3 coming out at 8 lbs and 21 inches long. Robin & Katie

### **Happy Birthday May 12-18**

- 12 - Steven Bontrager
- 12 - Lewis Browning
- 12 - Bernadette Wyse
- 13 - Marco Monzon Paz
- 14 - Brett Birky
- 15 - Adam Popp
- 16 - Emmett Browning
- 16 - Marin Delp
- 16 - Tessa Holliday

### **Happy Anniversary May 12-18**

- 14 - Len & Sherri Toews

### ***In the Building this Week***

- Monday & Wednesday, 9 -11:30 - Assistance Program
- Tuesday, 4:30 pm - VORP-Strengthening Families Program
- Wednesday, 9-12 - Quilting
- Thursday, 9:30 am - Denver Area Mennonite Ministers meeting
- VORP Program

### ***Save the Date!***

*Join us for these events*

- May 21:** Peace School Finale and Potluck  
Recognizing our Seniors and Mentoring Pairs
- June 2-3:** FMC's inaugural community rummage sale and BBQ

### ***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***

### **I'm a Good Person, Isn't That Enough?**

Boulder Friend's Meeting, Showing Up for Racial Justice Boulder, Unitarian Universalist Church of Boulder, and Rocky Mountain Peace and Justice Center are co-hosting a presentation with Debby Irving, author of the award-winning book, *Waking Up White, and Finding Myself in the Story of Race*.

When: Friday, June 9, 7-9 pm

Where: Unitarian Universalist Church of Boulder, 5001 Pennsylvania Ave.

Debby will use historical and media images to tell the story of how she unlearned her white-skewed belief system. This workshop is designed to support white people in making the paradigm shift from 'fixing' and 'helping' those believed to be "needy," to focusing on internalized sense of white superiority and its role in perpetuating racism at the individual, interpersonal, institutional, and cultural levels. The two-hour program, which Debby frequently presents at the White Privilege Conference, includes time for reflection, dialog, and Q&A.

Suggested donation \$15 (cash or check).

All donations will go to Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition.

To request translation or childcare, contact Paula Palmer 240-595-5993 by May 30.

Please share the Facebook event.

## ***Around Mountain States Mennonite Conference***

**Summer camps at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp** are just weeks away (first youth camp begins June 11). This summer's theme, "Freedom" is based on Galatians 5:13. Campers will explore their faith in God focusing on a relationship with Jesus that gives us freedom to fully enjoy life. While many of our Wilderness camps are filled, there is still space to register for Resident Camp (3rd grade to Senior High)! Resident camp weeks are filled with hikes, games, great camp songs, worship times, arts and crafts and much more. To learn more, visit our website ([www.rmmc.org](http://www.rmmc.org)) or check out a camp brochure at your church.

For more information about our conference and latest issue of ZING!, go to

[mountainstatesmc.org](http://mountainstatesmc.org)

## ***Mennonite Church USA and Beyond***

**Join a ministry of hospitality and compassion in Germany with Journey International.**

Germany has taken in more than a million refugees from all over the Middle East in the past few years, and local Mennonite congregations have been actively extending welcome and hospitality to them. There are only two spots left – find out more and sign up today at [www.MennoniteMission.net/JourneyInternational](http://www.MennoniteMission.net/JourneyInternational), or contact [SharonN@MennoniteMission.net](mailto:SharonN@MennoniteMission.net).

**On this Mother's Day, Mennonite Mission Network gives thanks for the women** who have modeled God's love and helped to shape the church. Ask God to bless all the mothers in the world with food and homes for their children.

**Be in prayer for all the graduates** of the various Mennonite-related colleges, universities and seminaries who are finishing their academic work this month. Pray that they would be open to God's leading as they follow their call on the next steps of their journeys.

For more information about our denomination, go to [mennoniteusa.org](http://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](http://fmcdenver.org)

Phone: 303-892-1038

**Deadline for announcements is Wednesday midnight.** Please send announcements to Linda Welty at [linda.fmcdenver@gmail.com](mailto: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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