



FMC Weekly - May 25, 2017

The weekly newsletter of First Mennonite Church of Denver

Sunday Morning, May 28

9:30 Worship

Worship will be led by Liz Holdeman as we hear the story of Jesus ascending into heaven alongside our cultural observation of Memorial Day. Why did Jesus leave at the height of his power, and how do memorials determine our future and depict our past? This will connect back to Pastor Tory's sermon Easter morning, as we consider Jesus' transforming the use of power in victory and how we leave a legacy that mobilizes a movement. Music will be led by Tory, Crystal and Ken with strings, guitar and banjo. We'll be singing "If the war goes on," "Holy Spirit, come with power," and "Lord, listen to your children praying."

During worship there will be toys in the foyer and the sanctuary. Children of all ages are encouraged to play. If adults are concerned about noise and distractions, they are encouraged to sit closer to the front of the sanctuary. Otherwise, adults are also encouraged to sit with the children as they color, build and let their imaginations run wild in our sanctuary. What is Godly Play in our daily and weekly life? This experiment will continue through June and be assessed in late June.

Note regarding parking - Yoga in Sunken Gardens Park begins this Sunday, May 28, at 8:00 am. You may end up parking a little further away for our worship service but please come!

After the Worship Service in the Community Center

- ◆ No Coffee, tea and donuts this Sunday unless someone volunteers to host.
Call the church office 303-892-1038 by Friday morning if you would like to volunteer.
- ◆ Purchase grocery cards to help support the FMC Ministry Plan. Pick up your refundable King Soopers card and still earn points on your personal card.
- ◆ Open Table - Sign up to order egg rolls, a fundraiser for the Hmong Mennonite Church.
- ◆ No comforter to knot this Sunday.

No Education Hour this Sunday

Our FMC Community

Rummage Sale & BBQ at FMC on Saturday, June 3, 8 am-4 pm

- Sign up to volunteer a few hours at the sale on the Sign Up Genius link:
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d44a4ad23a1fd0-fmccommunity>
- Donate your gently used household goods and/or clothing. Bring your items to the church on Tuesday evening, 6-8 pm, or Wednesday afternoon, 2-4 pm, next week.
- If you have larger pieces and need help getting them to the church, contact Angie Nofziger at 303-478-3740.
- 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!

If you have questions, please contact:

Angie Nofziger at 303-478-3740 or ankenof@msn.com

Anne Gerber at agerber78@gmail.com

Ivannah Johnson at nethingbutordinaryplease@yahoo.com

Congratulations, Graduates! We'd like to recognize all our graduates, including those from August and December 2016 and Spring 2017. Please send your information for the *Weekly* to linda.fmcdenver@gmail.com, **by May 31**. Please include:

High school graduates - your date of graduation, school and plans for next year.

College graduates - your date of graduation, school, degree and future plans.

Post graduates - your date of graduation, school, degree and future plans.

Help Needed! – Direct Assistance Ministry Team

Given the recent FMC staff reductions, the FMC Direct Assistance Ministry Team is in need of 4 more volunteers or we will need to close the program and redirect the funds and volunteers to other Outreach efforts.

For nearly 40 years, the last 20 of which have been staffed primarily by volunteers, this program has helped hundreds of families and individuals each year with rent or utility assistance during personal emergencies. Volunteers meet with people from our neighboring communities from 9-11:30 am on Mondays and Wednesdays to evaluate the

need for assistance and provide funds where appropriate. Funding comes from the FMC budget, "Joseph Storehouse" Christmas contributions, and grants from Energy Outreach Colorado.

If you need additional information or definitely want to volunteer, please contact Craig Sommers at 303-829-1427, csommers@erresources.com; or Debbie Reed at 303-744-0948, dbreed8@aol.com.

Ministry Teams - If you have interest, please contact these folks:

Direct Assistance: Craig Sommers or Debbie Reed

Outreach efforts: Debbie Reed, Deb Schaffer, Kyle Pegon or Stephanie Phibbs

Small Group efforts: Pastor Tory or Cindy Kauffman

Facilities projects: Linda Welty, Darcey Van Wagner, Roberta Kandel or Matt Baron

Worship Leading and Planning: Dan Wessner, Elizabeth Holdeman, Ardell

Swartzendruber, Margaret Williams or Mary Alderfer

Musicians and Song Leading: Aimee Voth Siebert, Andi Gingerich, Ardell

Swartzendruber, Arlen Hershberger, Charlie Ferguson, Emily Martin, Nikki Kandel, Lind,

Sarah Winter, Sonia Graber, Stephanie Miller, Vicky Mireau, or Pastor Tory

Ushers - Ralph Nafziger and Brad Shelly

Children and Youth starting again in August: Pastor Tory or one of the following:

MYF - Jill Schmidt, Anita Miller, Ivannah Johnson

Mentoring - Kris Long

JYF - Pastor Tory or Debbie Reed

Venture Club - Pastor Tory or Candace Fleming

K-2nd Grade - Pastor Tory

PreK - Amy Conrad

2 year olds - Roberta Kandel

Adult Ed - Darren Knowles

Visitation - Marylou Shelly and Ivannah Johnson

Fellowship - Ivannah Johnson

Nursery Volunteers - Andi Gingerich

Want to help a sister congregation and enjoy egg rolls? The Hmong Mennonite Church is selling egg rolls as a fundraiser to help raise funds to purchase their own church building. Order egg rolls at the Open Table the next 2 Sundays; delivery on June 11. 1/2 dozen - \$6; Dozen - \$10. Pork or veggie.

FMC Office will be closed on Monday, May 29, Memorial Day.

Attendance, May 21: Adults - 123; Children - 21; Total - 144

Child and Youth Faith Formation

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

No Peace School classes this summer.

Peace School Calendar:

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

Aug. 20 - Tentative Peace School Start Date



Caring for Each Other

Happy Birthday May 26-June 1

26 - Trevor Meeks

27 - Nicholas VanWagner

31 - Arlen Hershberger

31 - Carys McCombs

1 - Charlotte Derstine

Happy Anniversary May 26-June 1

27 - Brad Miller & Jessica Yoder

28 - Carrie & Matthew Baron

29 - Alyssa B & Joshua Smith

31 - Leon & Roberta Stutzman

In the Building this Week

Tuesday-Friday - DOOR Summer Staff Orientation

Tuesday, 4:30 pm - VORP-Strengthening Families Program

Wednesday, 9 -11:30 - Assistance Program

Wednesday, 9-12 - Quilting

VORP Program

Save the Date!

Join us for these events

June 3, Saturday Only: 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 resubmitted. Deadline is midnight Wednesday.

Our Urban Community

The MSMH singers would like to invite ALL of you to our summer hymn sing on Sunday, June 4, at 5 pm. We'll be singing at Glennon Heights and have a meal at 6:15 when it's over. A focus of ours is to be intergenerational, so please bring kids, grandkids, and their friends. We look forward to seeing you there!

Around Mountain States Mennonite Conference

The spruce beetles are at it again! Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp is working with Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) to remove dead and dying trees this season. The current count is 17 trees this year that need to be cut, but more may be identified. This continues the ongoing effort to minimize the spread of the spruce beetle AND ensure the safety of campers and facilities. May 25-June 3, 2017, MDS will be on site to fell, cut up, and use the chipper to turn slash (branches) into mulch. If you can help for some or all of those days, please call camp at 719-687-9506 and we'll be sure to feed you well and offer a comfortable place to sleep.

We can hardly believe it, but it is time to begin thinking about the 2017 MCC Relief Sale in Rocky Ford the third weekend of October (20 and 21). Certainly as we hear the news around the world, we find that needs have not diminished. There is some relief from this stress when we listen to the stories from MCC recipients and hear about the work being done.

We hope you are beginning to think about how you can be involved locally so that you can be involved globally. There is always need for items in all of the booths and auctions, volunteers over the weekend, and brainstorming about something you have found missing at the sale and would like to start.

It is about 6 months from the Rocky Mountain Relief Sale. To many this seems like a long way but also to many it is a short time to complete their ideas.

We encourage you to contact us if you have a new idea and want to see if it might be possible this year. It is always exciting to see what you all have done to be a part of the sale.

Looking forward to working with all who have previously been a part of the sale and to all of you who may find this to be your first year.

Richard and Linda Wyse
Rocky Mountain Relief Sale Coordinators

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

Mennonite Church USA and Beyond

The Future Church Summit will add a new dimension to this summer's Mennonite Church USA Convention, inviting participants to envision an Anabaptist future for the church. You can learn more at convention.mennoniteusa.org/future-church-summit/.

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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