



FMC Weekly - June 8, 2017

The weekly newsletter of First Mennonite Church of Denver

Sunday Morning, June 11

9:30 Worship

This Sunday continues our theme of the Way of Transformation by focusing on the practices of patience and presence. When we are patient and present to each moment in the life of First Mennonite Church of Denver, we open the possibility for transformative living. We will explore these two principles as it relates to how our moment by moment informs our future path. Join us as Annie Lengacher Browning and Herm Weaver bring us the meditation and host us at our communion table. Bob Carlston will lead us into worship, Charlie Ferguson and Vicky Mierau will lead and provide music for our morning together. Come worship with us!

During worship there will be toys in the foyer and the sanctuary. Children of all ages are encouraged to play. This experiment will continue through June and be assessed in late June.

After the Worship Service in the Community Center

- ◆ Join us for refreshments and help support our youth.
- ◆ Purchase grocery cards to help support the FMC Ministry Plan. Pick up your reloadable King Soopers card and still earn points on your personal card.
- ◆ Open Table - If you ordered egg rolls, please pick up your order on Sunday. If you haven't already paid, make your check payable to Hmong Mennonite Church.
- ◆ Knot a comforter for an MCC recipient! Each Sunday through summer.

No Adult Ed this Sunday

Our FMC Community

Pastor Search Committee Update:

The search committee has been meeting weekly since the beginning of May. Despite all the staffing changes that have happened since then, our committee is looking for one pastor. The plan is to start with one pastor, and once that person has settled in, the board will re-evaluate the needs of the church, and additional staff can be searched for at a later time.

In the meantime, the search committee is moving ahead deliberately, to find the best fit to lead our church forward from here. We are in the process of scheduling initial phone interviews with candidates for later this month. We will continue to keep the congregation informed as we are making progress. Thanks for your support!

Committee co-chairs: Eric Boschmann and Glenda Kauffman

Congratulations, Graduate!

I graduated from Goshen College this May with a major in Communication with a film emphasis, and a minor in Sustainability. During my time as a Goshen College Student, I studied in Kenya, India, Peru, Los Angeles, the Florida Keys, Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center, and occasionally I was on campus in Goshen as well. I greatly enjoyed my time as a student, and I am looking forward to my post collegiate life. This summer I am working for the Aquatic Biology Department in neighboring Elkhart, Indiana. I help with fish sampling in the rivers and create videos for the team. I'm not sure what the future holds beyond the summer, but I am excited for what adventures might come my way.

~ David Leaman-Miller

Please send any other grad's information to linda.fmcdenver@gmail.com and it will be included in future issues of *FMC Weekly*.

Delegates needed to represent First Mennonite Church at the Mountain States

Mennonite Conference Annual Assembly. This year the event is being held at Ponderosa Retreat Center, Larkspur. The Delegate Assembly will be held on Saturday, August 5. Delegates are appointed for a one year term, which means in the coming year you will be asked to vote for the next Conference Minister. Please consider this opportunity and let Linda Welty know if you are available. Linda.fmcdenver@gmail.com

We are looking to revive the Library Team. If interested please contact Mary Olson, ronandmaryolson@msn.com.

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

Library: Mary Olson

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, Matt Baron, or Dave Harguth

Worship Leading and Planning: Pastor Theda, Ardell Swartzendruber, Mary Alderfer, Margaret Williams, or Elizabeth Holdeman

Musicians and Song Leading: Aimee Voth Siebert, Andi Gingerich, Ardell Swartzendruber, Arlen Hershberger, Charlie Ferguson, Emily Martin, Nikki Kandel, Sarah Winter, Sonia Graber, Stephanie Miller, Vicky Mireau

Ushers - Ralph Nafziger and Brad Shelly

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

MYF - Jill Schmidt and Ivannah Johnson

Mentoring - Kris Long

JYF - Pastor Tory

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

Summer wedding time – Are you tying the knot this summer? One way to get off to a good start is by joining together your financial future. Talk about how you want to spend, save and share your money. And you can bring your faith values into those conversations about

money. Visit everence.com/marriage.

Students give back without money – When you're young, you often want to share with others but don't have an overflowing bank account. College student Elise Romero shared ways that students can still contribute to their community at everence.com/Give-back-without-spending-money.

Learn about charitable choices – Many of us think about writing a check to support our church or favorite charity or cause. Yet there are many resources that can help you give more than you can imagine. Visit everence.com for charitable choices that you may not have considered.

Staff Time Away: Tory will be out of the office through June 20.

Attendance, June 4: Adults - 98; Children - 7; Total - 105

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

Please pray for Ivannah & Kendrick as he continues to look for work in marketing and/or advertising. He was laid off from work in January. Interview requests have slowed significantly. He has a BA from CU Denver in International Relations and Communications.

Happy Birthday June 8-15

8 - Glenda Kauffman

8 - Diane Polizzotto

9 - Crystal Doerksen

9 - Nancy Gregory

9 - Brian Nishi

9 - Dave Sidwell

10 - Dana Williams Hosman

12 - Cindy Kraybill
13 - Alma Groff
14 - Ernie Kandel
14 - Clint Schmit
15 - Reuben Browning
15 - Henry Dumbleton

Happy Anniversary June 9-15

9 - Greta Lindecrantz & Dave Sidwell
10 - Elizabeth Holdeman & Dan Wessner
12 - Chris & Rachel Barnes
12 - Ruth & Tom Friesen
13 - Brett Birky & Anne Friesen Birky
15 - Ray & Charlotte Derstine
15 - Judi & Ralph Nafziger
15 - Lynn & Margaret Williams

In the Building this Week

Sunday-Friday - DOOR groups from First Congregational UCC, Downers Grove, IL;
Wesley United Methodist, Sulphur Springs, TX; Real Life LA, Glendora, CA
Monday & Wednesday, 9 -11:30 - Assistance Program
Monday evening - 6 pm - Rummage Sale Wrapup; 7 pm - MSMH meeting
Wednesday, 9-12 - Quilting
Thursday, 9:30 am - Denver Area Anabaptist Ministers
VORP Program

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.

2008 Hyundai Entourage Minivan For Sale:

Available after July 9; Approx. 133,000 miles. Being used for a vacation in the American Southwest this summer, concluding trip in Denver, and hoping to sell the van here before they fly back to Europe. Carmax would buy it for about \$2200 but they are willing to sell it privately. Similar makes/models/mileage are listed online for around \$6,000 to \$7,000 If interested, contact John Franz 303-995-3573.

Desperately trying to re-home a cat! It's very laid back and easy going. It's a white and orange male cat that would love to lounge on your couch and sleep the entire day. Contact

Sari Bontrager at 540-246-8326 or sjvilen@gmail.com.

Our Urban Community

Denver Mennonite hiking meet-up group

Are you interested in spending time in the mountains with fellow Mennonite folks from the Denver area? Want to explore some new (or old) trails and have good conversations? Then you should join the hiking meet-up group! Marie Voth is organizing the group. Every 3-4 weeks Marie will send out trail and meet-up information to those on the email list. Come, enjoy time on the trails! Join the email list by completing this form:

<https://goo.gl/forms/tLag4z2NHS2XTqTZ2>

Would you like to learn more about bipolar disorder? You are invited to an informational session at Glennon Heights Mennonite Church on Tuesday, June 20, at 7pm. The guest speaker will be Dr. Layla Kassem, who is currently working on a research project at the National Institute of Mental Health exploring the genetic factors connected with bipolar disorder. Glennon Heights Mennonite Church is located at 11480 W. Virginia Avenue, Lakewood, CO 80226. 303-985-3606

Around Mountain States Mennonite Conference

MEDA COLORADO CHAPTER is planning a dinner meeting for **THURSDAY, JUNE 22, at the home of Preston and Marjorie Hofer**. The address is 5739 Green Oaks Drive, Greenwood, Village 80121. A social hour will start at 6:00 pm with dinner to follow. A catered meal will be available for the cost of \$15 per person. Drinks will be provided. For dinner and meeting reservations, contact Tim Kauffman at tk@kauffmans.biz or phone: 303-912-6046. **Please make your reservation by June 19.**

Preston has arranged for **Katie Phan** to be our guest speaker. She was born in Myanmar and works for Peace Mennonite Church. She was recently in Myanmar. She will present information regarding the culture and social aspects of living and traveling in Myanmar. Myanmar was chosen by the Colorado Chapter as our project for this year. Donations to MEDA should be earmarked for Colorado– Myanmar.

MEDA has organized a trip to see the project in Myanmar November 8-16, 2017. For more information, contact Tom and Trinda Bishop EMAIL: tbishop@earthlink.net.

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

Mennonite Church USA and Beyond

Mennonite Mission Network's partner, DOOR, is in a busy season of hosting youth groups through the Discover program. Ask God to give energy, patience and wisdom to summer staff. Pray also for participants as they experience God in U.S. cities and as they share new ideas with their home congregations.

Curious about MCC's work around the world? It's not too late to sign up for a MCC Learning Tour! Join us as we travel to Haiti, Oct 21-28 and Palestine/Israel, Nov 3-14, 2017. For more information contact Anna Yoder at annayoder@mcc.org or 316.283.2720.

Attending the 2017 Convention in Orlando? The convention planning office has arranged discounts at Orlando-area attractions. Visit: 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.

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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