



FMC Weekly - June 15, 2017

The weekly newsletter of First Mennonite Church of Denver

Sunday Morning, June 18

9:30 Worship

Join us for worship this Sunday as we celebrate again the work of God's Spirit in all humanity. Aimee Voth Siebert will help us explore the topic of justification by faith or works in Genesis 18 and Romans 5. How do our works contain meaning-making, and how is our faith demonstrated? Can either be used as reasons to include or exclude others, and why would God want faith or works (or both)? The way of transformation can be complicated. Bob Carlsten will be our worship leader, Arlen Hershberger will tell a story to our children, provide singing and music. See you at 9:30 am.

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.
- ◆ Knot a comforter for an MCC recipient! Each Sunday through summer.

10:45 Adult Ed

In preparation for the Resolution at the upcoming Mennonite Convention in Orlando, "Seeking Peace in Israel and Palestine: A Resolution for Mennonite Church USA," Stephanie Phibbs and Ardell Swartzendruber will host a presentation and conversation from Kairos Palestine, a moment of truth, from Palestinian Christians.

Our FMC Community

Thank You! – New Direct Assistance Volunteers

In response to our recent requests for help, six people have stepped forward with interest in helping out with the Direct Assistance program – Lynn Amstutz, Robert George, Vicky Mierau, Doug Reed, Marylou Shelly, and Barb Wiens ... thanks to each of you! This means that we will be able to continue this program that has helped hundreds of families and individuals each year for decades with rent or utility assistance during personal emergencies.

And this is a good occasion to once again thank the current set of dedicated volunteers: Bob Carlsten, Norm Dewhurst, Don Finks, Stephanie Miller, Debb Reed, Carol Rempel, Craig Sommers, Carla Stoltzfus, and Wanda and Martin Brotherton. Thanks also goes to Linda Welty in the church office who provides great support. Many others in the congregation, too many to name, have volunteered over the years or we would not have been able to continue this program for so long ... many thanks go to each of you as well!

If you are still interested in volunteering or have questions, please feel free to contact Craig Sommers at 303-829-1427, csommers@erresources.com; or Debb Reed at 303-744-0948, dbreed8@aol.com.

Dear FMC Congregation,

Thank you so much for the generous mentorship award. I gained so much from my mentorship with Debb Reed, as well as growing up in the FMC community. The award will help me immensely in preparing to attend California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, to study mechanical engineering. Once again, thank you for your continued support. Sincerely, Kristen Kraybill-Voth

Please consider this opportunity to be involved in Mountain States Conference work:

It is time for congregations in our conference to name delegates to represent them at Annual Assembly August 4-6, 2017 at Ponderosa Conference Center near Larkspur. Ponderosa is 650-acres of retreat and relaxation, situated just off I-25 between Denver and Colorado Springs. The delegate session will be Saturday, August 5, at 10:15 am.

Delegates serve for the entire year and may be asked to participate in electronic votes at other times during the year. Please contact Linda Welty if you are willing to serve as an FMC delegate. Linda.fmcdenver@gmail.com

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

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, Ardell Swartzendruber, Arlen Hershberger, Charlie Ferguson, Emily Martin, Nikki Kandel, or Sonia Graber

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

Direct Assistance: Craig Sommers or Debbie Reed

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

Attendance, June 11: Adults - 131; Children - 8; Total - 139

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 June 16-22

16 - James Banman

17 - Mel Birky

17 - Jonathan Moyer
18 - Mervin Dick
19 - Gabriel Baron
19 - Ben Gerig
19 - Elena Stutzman
20 - Emma Schrock
22 - Anne Gerber



Happy Anniversary June 16-22

17 - Glenda & Jeff Kauffman
17 - Lois Keener & Jerry Winter
20 - Anne Penner & Jesse Smith
21 - Sarah Gasior
21 - Camille Nygaard & Greg Stauffer

In the Building this Week

Friday & Saturday, 6-9 pm - Showers used by DOOR group
Saturday, 8am-1pm - VORP Restore Program
Saturday, 10am - 5pm - Hjelmstad Family Reunion
Sunday-Friday - DOOR groups from Grace Presbytery, Denton, TX; Broadmoor
Community Church, Colorado Springs, CO
Monday & Wednesday, 9 -11:30 - Assistance Program
Wednesday, 9-12 - Quilting
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.

LOOKING FOR ROOM TO RENT: 40 year old single female with tiny, trained and well-behaved dog is looking to rent a private room with bath in the Denver area. Contact Arlen Hershberger at: arlenhersh@yahoo.com or 303-359-9339.

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 she 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



John McCutcheon to open MSMC assembly Friday, August 4

Come, enjoy an evening with John McCutcheon, folk music's renaissance man — master instrumentalist, powerful singer-songwriter, storyteller, activist, and author. McCutcheon brings a mix of ballads, folk hymns, social justice songs and numerous other genres that reflect the peoples' music. Concert begins at 7:30 pm. Opening set by Fireweed at 7:00 pm. Annual Assembly is at Ponderosa Retreat and Conference Center off of I-25 between Denver and Colorado Springs.

Outreach opportunity this week: Mennonite Disaster Services is seeking skilled construction workers and lunch providers to help finish off the Beloved Community Tiny Home Village for people experiencing homelessness next Monday-Thursday. If you are interested/able to do construction or bring lunch for the work crew, please contact Cole Chandler at coledchandler@icloud.com.

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

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/.

Pray for the “Crossing the Line: Women of Anabaptist Traditions Encounter Borders and Boundaries” conference taking place June 22-25 at Eastern Mennonite University in Harrisonburg, Virginia.

On this Father's Day, thank God for all the men who have cared for you and shared God's love with you. Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for all the fathers in the world so they can provide food and homes for their children.

MCC Central States is hiring a Donor Relations Associate. The Donor Relations Associate is responsible for assisting in implementation of the donor relations strategy for MCC Central States by stewarding major donors involving face-to face contact in order to meet the budgeted income goals and generate the necessary resources to accomplish the mission of MCC. This position is open within the 16-state MCC CS region. To see a full job description and to apply, please visit <https://mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings>.

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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