



FMC Weekly - June 22, 2017

The weekly newsletter of First Mennonite Church of Denver

Sunday Morning, June 25

9:30 Worship

Join us for worship this Sunday as we celebrate again the work of God's Spirit in all humanity. Pastor Theda will be preaching on the transformation needed in an oppressed corner of the world, Palestine. The story in Genesis of Abraham sending Hagar and Ishmael into the wilderness will help us look at our own racist tendencies as well as the promises and blessings God gave to Ishmael and his descendants. How have we learned our own prejudices? Is it similar to how Sarah did not want her son Isaac to play with Ishmael any longer? What role does Zionism still play? Bob Carlsten will be our worship leader, Cynthia Holdeman will tell a story to our children, Sonia Graber and Stephanie Miller provide singing and music, and Donna Swartzendruber will provide our pre-service 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. The worship team is considering whether or not to continue this through the rest of this summer.

After the Worship Service in the Community Center

- ◆ Join us for refreshments and help support our youth going to Youth Convention.
- ◆ 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 Education

Join us for a conversation around the [Resolution](#), "Seeking Peace in Israel, and Palestine: A Resolution for Mennonite Church USA." This document will be voted on by the delegates going to Convention in Orlando Florida, July 4-8. Facilitated by Stephanie

Phibbs, Deb Schaffer, and Pastor Theda.

Note regarding parking this Sunday - there is Yoga in Sunken Gardens Park; you may end up parking a little further away for our worship service but please come!

Our FMC Community

We Did It!!

The first FMC Rummage Sale on June 3 was a big success. Total was \$2,323. The Social/Fellowship Committee would like to thank FMC members for all your hard work. And we mean hard work! Monies will go to the Nurture Fund. Our other objective was to build good relationships with our neighbors. "A good time was had by all." Thank You!
Angie Nofziger, Arlen Hershberger, Ivannah Johnson, Anne Gerber, Michael Voth Siebert

Youth Convention is coming up soon! Eight youth and four sponsors will be leaving for Orlando, FL next Sunday, July 2. After their fundraisers and parent contributions, funds are still needed to cover their costs and contributions are welcome. Make checks payable to FMC and include MYF on the memo line. Thank you!

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 KandeLind, or Sonia Graber

Ushers - Ralph Nafziger and Brad Shelly

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

MYF - Jill Schmidt and Ivannah Johnson

Mentoring - Kris Long

JYF - Pastor Tory or Duncan

Venture Club - Pastor Tory or Candace Fleming

K-2nd Grade - Pastor Tory or Duncan

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

Attendance, June 18: Adults - 84; Children - 6; Total - 90

Child and Youth Faith Formation

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

Parent and volunteer meeting with Pastor Tory and Pastor Duncan after worship on **July 23** to help organize and prepare for Peace School.



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 23-29

24 - Karen Ammar

26 - Ray Derstine

26 - Osvaldo Gomez

28 - Debbie Reed

29 - Stephanie Friesen

29 - Coen Gregory North

Happy Anniversary June 23-29

25 - John & Ruth Hooley

26 - Cindy Eby & Randy Mast

27 - Tom & Trinda Bishop

In the Building this Week

Sunday-Friday - DOOR groups from Westport, CT; Manchaca, TX; Waterloo, IL; and North Newton, KS

Monday & Wednesday - Assistance Program closed; out of funds for July

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.

Our Urban Community

Comforters needed: In the last issue of Zing!, the article "Unlikely Partnerships to Address Disaster on the Street" was featured. A collaborative effort to build 11 tiny homes for persons experiencing homelessness is almost complete. The 12 residents are waiting eagerly for the tiny homes to finally be finished so they can sleep in their own beds! Comforters made by Mennonites would be such a wonderful addition for each of the residents. What is needed are 9 single bed comforters and 2 full size comforters. Please contact Rhoda Blough at 970-219-0900 or Rhoda.blough@everence.com if you are interested in providing comforters for the tiny home residents.

Around Mountain States Mennonite Conference

Hello Crafters! Hopefully you are busy working on items for the Craft Booth at the MCC Relief Sale in October. Do you sew, knit, crochet, bead, glue, or make items by hand? Are you able to donate a few items that will be sold to benefit Mennonite Central Committee? Please price your items and bring them to the sale on Friday evening or early Saturday morning. Contact Jeni Hiatt Umble (jeni.umble@gmail.com) with any questions or for more information. Thanks!

Mountain States Conference Annual Assembly is August 4-6 at Ponderosa Retreat and Conference Center. Nestled in the pine-covered foothills of the Rockies, Ponderosa is 650-acres of retreat and relaxation just east of I-25 between Denver and Colorado Springs. Come spend the weekend and learn about what is happening in Mountain States. The camp offers many fun activities that can be enjoyed alongside our worship, ministry modules, music and delegate assembly. Registration opens next week. Don't miss out!



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

Mennonite Church USA and Beyond

Towels & Cloth Diapers Needed! The MCC Material Resources Center in North Newton, Kansas is currently running very low on towels for MCC relief kits and hygiene kits. Dark colored bath towels, dark colored hand towels and cloth diapers for infant care kits (flat fold preferred) are needed at this time. Donations can be brought to 121 E. 30th in North Newton, or you can purchase items from Amazon Smile or elsewhere online and have them shipped directly to MCC. Please contact Kate Mast with questions, katemast@mcc.org, 316.283.2720.

Surround the Mennonite Church USA 2017 Convention in prayer as it begins July 4 in Orlando, Florida. More than 3,000 youth, delegates and others are expected to attend.

Eid al Fitr begins at sundown today. This Muslim holiday marks the end of the fasting month of Ramadan, which emphasizes empathy for the poor and focuses on the spiritual life. Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for workers who are building bridges between Christians and Muslims in many countries.

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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