



## **FMC Weekly - August 3, 2017**

*The weekly newsletter of First Mennonite Church of Denver*

***Sunday Morning, August 6***

***No worship service here at FMC***

***due to Mountain States Conference Annual Assembly***

***10:00 Worship Service at Larkspur***

***- Then on Sunday Morning, August 13 -***

### ***9:30 Worship - August 13***

The theme for August 13 is Risk and Transformation. Trying to walk on water, like Peter, is taking a risk into the unknown, certainly beyond ourselves and our understanding of norms. We will examine the power of love/faith in even considering walking on water. What dreams or visions have we as individuals, or as a congregation, placed in the category of walking on water, or the category of the impossible?" [Matthew 14: 22-33]  
There will be communion.

Note regarding parking August 13 - there is Yoga in Sunken Gardens Park; you may end up parking a little further away for our worship service but please come!

### ***August 13 in the Community Center:***

- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Last Sunday to sign up for peaches at the Open Table.

### ***10:45 Special Congregational Meeting - August 13***

***See note below regarding discussion and vote.***

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**No FMC Weekly will be published next Thursday, August 10.** Linda will be out of the office on vacation August 7-11. Next *FMC Weekly* will be published Thursday, August 17.

**Notice is hereby given of a special congregational meeting on Sunday, August 13, during Adult Ed, to discuss and conduct a vote on the proposed revised Constitution of FMC-Denver (dated 7-24-17) as posted on the active participants section of the [FMC website](#).**

The Board has reviewed and recommends approval of this revised Constitution as presented by the Governance Committee (Craig Sommers, Angie Birky and Tom Bishop) at the Board's July meeting. The Committee has made every effort to retain the features, controls and limitations of the congregational membership over the Board as detailed in the current Constitution except for the extraction of Bylaws that provide an operational guide for the Board.

A draft of the Board's Bylaws are also posted on [FMC's website](#) for congregational review although the Board will take future action to approve these newly proposed Bylaws. *Please take the time to review these documents and feel free to contact any of us on the Governance Committee with questions in advance.*

All members are invited to attend this congregational meeting on August 13 to receive an overview of the content of these documents, **discuss their implications** and **vote on the revised Constitution** with a raise of hands which requires at least a 2/3 majority of members present to vote in favor.

### **MCC School Kits:**

Please remember to buy supplies for MCC school kits when you are buying school supplies this summer. Plastic bins will be available in the church foyer for collecting the items. We will be collecting supplies for the next several weeks and we will assemble the kits this fall so that they can be delivered to the MCC relief sale on October 20.

Contents (NEW items only)

4 spiral or perforated notebooks (8 1/2 x 10 1/2 in and 70 sheets)

8 unsharpened pencils

1 ruler (flat, flexible plastic; indicating both 30 cm and 12 in)

12 colored pencils (in packaging)

1 large pencil eraser

Thank you for your support.

Magdalena, Elsa, Susan, and Alan Burkholder

### **Let's reach out!**

Small FMC Outreach Grants are back! We hope these funds serve as a catalyst for doing

good and for us to connect to our neighbors, community and mission. We hope to see FMC reach out about immigration, white supremacy, Israel and Palestine, connecting with Muslim neighbors, housing and homelessness, youth in the school-to-jail pipeline, peace, and more. Grants are typically \$500-\$2000, but no grant is too small. Have an idea or questions? Reach out to the Outreach Team. Find the criteria and one-page application in this fillable Google form here: <https://goo.gl/forms/tHiNIED5B24pyJfj1>

**Anyone participating in Peace School or youth activities as a volunteer** must have their annual background check completed. Please see Pastor Duncan for the release form.

**Staff Time Away:** Linda Welty will be away August 7-11.

Attendance, July 30: Adults - 191; Children - 14; Total - 205

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

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

**Sept. 10** - Tentative Peace School Start Date

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

~ **Please pray for safe travels as Don, Treva, and son Stephen Finks** travel to Omaha, NE for the August 4 memorial service for Don's sister, Jeanne Clark, who died on July 27.

~ **Please pray also for Mahlon Amstutz and family** as they travel to Indianapolis for the memorial service for Mahlon's sister who died recently from complications from chemotherapy. Mahlon is leaving Saturday and the service is on Monday, Aug. 7.

### **Happy Birthday August 4 - 17**

4 - Marie Jenkins

4 - Keith Nofziger

6 - Nicholas Falk

7 - Gina KandeLind

7 - Rita Sommers

11 - Alejandro Gomez

12 - Derek Miller

13 - Isabel Mullett

13 - Dawson Voth

14 - Sam Martin

15 - Emily Gingerich

15 - Joann Roupp  
17 - Ligia Gibson  
17 - Isaac Longacher  
17 - Alex Wessner

### **Happy Anniversary August 4 - 17**

4 - Mary Helen & Randal Friesen  
4 - Arlen & Lola Hershberger  
6 - Jane & Mel Birky  
6 - Joseph H. Fretz & Ann Froese-Fretz  
7 - Angela & Keith Nofziger  
8 - Lisa & Mark Longacher  
9 - Lane & Linda Miller  
12 - Brad & Marylou Shelly  
15 - James Dunn & Yvonne Yousey  
15 - Allen & Grace Martin

### ***In the Building next 2 Weeks***

Saturday, Aug. 5, 4:30 pm - Babysitting Co-op  
Monday & Wednesday, 9-11:30 am - Assistance Program  
Tuesday, 2-7 pm - VORP youth meetings in Commons & Sun Room  
Tuesday, 6:30-8 pm - Safonia Women's Choir Rehearsal in Sanctuary

### ***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.*

**Short-term guest housing needed** for couple moving to Denver metro area. Original housing was delayed until September. Need is immediate for up to two weeks. Referral came to Pastor Duncan from Hyun Hur, Mennonite pastor in Los Angeles area. Contact Duncan at 503-707-4012.

### ***Our Urban Community***

#### **PEACHES FUNDRAISER**

Peace Mennonite Community Church is selling Western Slope peaches as a fundraiser. An 18 lb box sells for \$35.00. To order peaches, sign up on the order form on the Open Table **by August 13**. The peaches can be picked up and paid for at PMCC on **August 26**.

## ***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 Hielt Umble ([jeni.umble@gmail.com](mailto:jeni.umble@gmail.com)) with any questions or for more information. Thanks!

For more information about our conference and latest issue of ZING!, go to [mountainstatesmc.org](http://mountainstatesmc.org)

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

**Host Family Needed:** Would you be interested in learning from and sharing a cultural experience with a young person from another part of the world? Mennonite Central Committee has an International Volunteer Exchange Program participant who will be working at The Conflict Center in Denver. Jacob is a young man from Burkina Faso who is committed to peace and justice. He will be assisting with communications and outreach for The Conflict Center's Series Programs from August 8, 2017 through July 30, 2018. A host family is needed to provide a private bedroom, within their home, and serve as a bridge to church, community, activities and places of interest. The host home should be easily accessible to public transportation. A monthly stipend of \$250 is available for the host family to assist with the basics of food, toiletries and household expenses. If you are interested and would like more information about being a host for Jacob please contact Ronnie Weiss at 303-865-5634 or [ronnie.weiss@conflictcenter.org](mailto:ronnie.weiss@conflictcenter.org).

**Searching for an exciting way to serve?** MCC is urgently searching for a Canner Operator, with CDL truck driving experience, to travel with the mobile cannery before the season begins in October. Canner Operators travel to 30 different locations in the United States and Canada, canning meat, which is then sent around the world to hungry people. Come serve in this exciting way! Meet new people, and take advantage of experiences you'll never forget. For more information please contact John Hillegass at [johnhillegass@mcc.org](mailto:johnhillegass@mcc.org) or (717) 859-1151.

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](http://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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