



FMC Weekly - September 7, 2017

The weekly newsletter of First Mennonite Church of Denver

Sunday Morning, September 10

9:30 Worship

Sunday worship will include a commissioning for the year-long DOOR Denver volunteers who started their work this month. The Scripture passage is from Jeremiah 29:1-7 where the listeners are encouraged to seek the peace/welfare of the city, that is the place where they live. The Hebrew word sometimes translated peace, sometimes welfare, has a deep connotation of well-being. This Sunday will provide several opportunities, including during the MYF Fundraiser meal, to hear from people seeking the welfare of Denver and to ask the question of ourselves. Duncan and Heather Gordon will be preaching, Phil and Gail Ebersole will lead worship, Emily Martin will lead music, and Rachel Barnes will tell the children's story. Join us!

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!

11:00 Peace School Kick-off Day Pizza Luncheon to raise funds for MYF in the Community Center. Come hungry!

After the worship service 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.
- ◆ OpEn Table - Sign up for the Great Getaway Weekend (Sept. 22-24), and for the Hmong Mennonite Church September 23 Fundraising Dinner.

No Education Hour this Sunday

Our FMC Community

Voting this Sunday, September 10

Remember to participate in the pastoral candidate vote this Sunday after the worship service at FMC. If you are not able to be present, you may vote by absentee ballot via email to office.fmcdenver@gmail.com, due by Friday noon, Sept. 8.

Improved Wi-Fi in Building

The basement now has wi-fi coverage, and the community center will soon get coverage as well! The network name has stayed the same: "FMC-guest" (there is also a 5ghz connection named "FMC-guest-5g" that you are welcome to use, but the regular "FMC-guest" should be best for most devices). The password has also stayed the same, but there's one important note: if your device automatically connected to the guest network in the past, you may need to re-enter the password. The password is now entered when you connect to the network. Fee free to email me at jessesrsmith2@gmail.com if you have any questions or experience technical challenges. I'm happy to help! Jesse Smith

Thank You very much to those who helped make the upgraded wi-fi possible: Jesse Smith for his technical skills, Ardell Swartzendruber for his building knowledge and help in getting the wire where it needed to be, and to Rod & Barb Hernley (from Electronic Devices, Inc.) for the donated routers and cable. We are grateful to this team who made this wi-fi upgrade possible!

Support the Peace School Program

The youth Peace School and MYF season kicks off on Sunday, September 10, and your support is welcome and needed.

Here is the most current list of those that have committed to Peace School and continued needs:

2 year olds (Susan Falk, Roberta Kandel)

3 - 5 year olds (Amy Conrad, Doug Reed, Stephanie Friesen with Stephanie Phibbs, coordinating helper)

Kindergarten - 2nd grade (Isabelle King, +1 needed)

Venture Club (3rd - 5th) (Candace Fleming, Sarah Winter)

JYF (6th - 8th) (+2 p/t needed, female and male; Debb Reed (p/t) David North (start November)

MYF (9th thru 12th) (Jill Schmidt, Glenda Kauffman assist with organizing, Dawn Voth assist with curriculum, need 1 male and at least another female to work with Jill on a weekly basis)

Floating Teachers (Needed- Adults who will remain on call list as subs when needed)

FAQs of serving with our youth:

Will I have to work every weekend?

Nope! Share the calendar or create a co-op with a group of folks. Any church member welcome.

Do I have to be a Bible expert?

Not likely! I've taught and the kids liked me! But seriously, we have two curricula that we have used: one for the very young called Godly Play - it is lovely and easy to work with; and one created by Anita Miller and Tory Doerkson - it is comprehensive and historically accurate. We will also have community service and books of current issues to work off of. All told, you should have plenty to guide you. We will work together to find what works for you.

Can I just wing it in the classroom?

Yes, of course. There will be a loose framework of ideas based on service projects being planned so a calendar will be published soon. But there will not be any strict expectations. If you volunteer, you can tell stories of your youth at FMC, or share your struggles in High School, or ...

What if not enough people sign up?

Well, I guess that any weeks not covered may not happen for that particular group.

I have heard about service projects. If I sign up to help will I have to spend all Sunday on a trip?

Nope, we expect things will just shake out as the weeks progress. There is no guarantee of anything at this point - so if you are ok with a bit of last minute, *we want you!*

Please email Ann Leonard directly at lynnannleonard@gmail.com to register your interest, ask questions, etc. Email is the best form of communication.

Thank you for considering.

Peace School Cold Weather Clothing Drive

Please bring your gently used coats, jackets, boots, gloves, mittens, sweaters, scarves, hand warmers, socks and lightweight blankets. These will be donated to a homeless shelter. The box will be located in the Community Center.

The last day to sign up for the Getaway Weekend will be September 10th!! Rachel will be in the community center to take registrations. You can access registration materials [here](#). You can also email Rachel to register at rcbarnes33@msn.com. We hope you will join us!

Open House - Please come and learn about the Denver Children's Choir, FMC's new tenant in the office downstairs, on Monday, September 11. You can visit the DCC office space and hear the Monday evening advanced choirs practicing from 5:00-7:00. The DCC is also having a fundraiser that same evening at El Noa Noa (722 Santa Fe Drive, just a few

blocks from FMC) from 5:00-10:00. Present a flier about the event that evening (available in the Community Center and at the open house) and the choir will receive 10% of the bill. For more information contact Cindy Kraybill (cindy@denverchildrenschoir.org) or 303.722.5980.

Staff Time Away: Duncan will be out of the office Wednesday - Sunday, Sept. 13-17.

Attendance, September 3: Adults - 83; Child - 1; Total - 84

Child and Youth Faith Formation

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

Sept. 10 - Peace School Kickoff Sunday, MYF pizza fundraiser

Sept. 10, after worship service in the Commons downstairs:

Lori Oswald and Katrina Schrock will meet with Peace School volunteers to review the Child Protection Guidelines and to assist in completion of a background check form. All volunteers are obligated to complete this step before volunteering in the classroom. Forms are also available from Duncan.

Sept. 17 - First day of Peace School

Caring for Each Other

~ Pray for all affected by Hurricanes Irma and Harvey through loss of family members, injury, or loss of property.

Happy Birthday September 8-14

8 - Ron Schmucker

8 - Brian Toews

8 - Eloise Wentorf-Lantz

9 - Caden Robinson

11 - Kristine Friesen

11 - Kim Kauffman

12 - Linda Bontrager

12 - Jerry Winter

13 - Jane Dick

14 - Serena Monzon

Happy Anniversary September 8-14

9 - Dana Williams Hosman & Timothy Hosman

12 - Les & Lois Hjelmstad

12 - Jan & Jim Parks

14 - Ann Leonard & Gary Wahl

In the Building this Week

Saturday - Food Prep for pizza luncheon; 4:30 - Babysitting co-op

Monday, 5-7 pm - Denver Children's Choir Open House at FMC

Monday, 5:30-8:30 - Denver Children's Choir Rehearsals

Monday, 7 pm - MSMH Board meeting

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

Wednesday, 6 pm - SOAR Choir rehearsal in Community Center

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.

For Sale RV: 2005 26' Fleetwood Jamboree Class C. Clean through out. Well maintained. E-450 Ford uses regular gas. A/C, radio, CD player. Self contained. Good air flow ventilation. Has comfortable amenities for Campground hookups or for dry camping along forest roads and streams. Sleeps 6. Separate bedroom with queen bed. Bathroom with shower and stool, uses fresh water and waste water holding tanks. Kitchen has double sink, 4 burner gas stove with oven, microwave, refrigerator. Propane hot water heater. Kitchen table with bench seats. Generator. Includes dual (double) systems for - electricity, water, propane gas or electric refrigerator. A/C and gas furnace. Lots of storage cabinets inside, mirrored closet space and has underneath 'basement bunker' storage to support your activities and outdoor living. * * * Exercise your mind and give way to curiosity. Live life on the fly, as each day should unfold to be anything but what you expected. Create new memories, now is your time.

Your last chance before the Spring price. Contact: Clint Schmidt, 303-795-5918

Our Urban Community

Sign up at the Open Table for the Hmong Mennonite Church fundraiser dinner to be held on Saturday, September 23, at 5:00 pm, at the Hmong Mennonite Church, located at 3585 W 76th Avenue, Westminster 80030-4854. The goal is to raise funds for the Hmong Mennonite Church Building Project. This meal includes our silent auction, Hmong cultural show by our youth, and other activities.

Around Mountain States Mennonite Conference

Coming Up Oct. 20-21: Rocky Mountain Mennonite Relief Sale at Rocky Ford, CO

KITCHEN HELP NEEDED AT ROCKY MOUNTAIN MENNONITE CAMP

We are serving a lot of guests this fall at RMMC and need your help to make it happen. In early August, our head cook, Mary Yoder, broke her wrist. It is more crucial now, without use of one of her hands, that we have kitchen volunteers to make sure that meals are prepared well and on time. If you can help in any way, please sign up! You can do so by going online to rmmc.org or calling/emailing RMMC (719-687-9506, info@rmmc.org).

Here's where you are needed:

September 15-17 (Beth-El Mennonite Church Retreat) - 6 volunteers

September 22-24 (First Menno Denver Church Retreat) - 6 volunteers

September 29-Oct 1 (Greeley Mennonite Church Retreat) - 4 volunteers

October 4-8 (Unfinished Objects Quilters Retreat) - 4 volunteers

October 13-15 (Church in Denver Youth Group Retreat) - 5 volunteers

October 22-26 (MVS National Retreat) - 5 volunteers

November 2-5 (Fall Mennonite Quilters Retreat) - 4 volunteers

November 10-12 (Pastors Retreat) - 5 volunteers

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

Mennonite Church USA and Beyond

MCC is providing relief assistance in Nepal, India and Bangladesh after two weeks of severe monsoon rains displaced more than 1.7 million people and killed 1,246 in the region. We are working with partners to provide emergency food, water, tarps, mosquito nets and hygiene kits to those affected. MCC welcomes your support for our relief work in the area. www.mcc.org/south-asia-flood-relief.

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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