



## **FMC Weekly - November 2, 2017**

*The weekly newsletter of First Mennonite Church of Denver*

*Daylight Saving Time ends; turn clocks back one hour on Saturday night.*

### **Sunday Morning, November 5**

#### **9:30 Worship**

Join us this Sunday for Glenn Balzer's Installation, and welcome both Rita and Glenn to our congregation. The service will include reflections from significant persons in Glenn's life, Carey Miller and Pastor Phil Abeyta. Charlene Epp, the new conference minister from Mountain States Mennonite Conference, will lead in Glenn's installation. Ardell Swartzendruber is worship leader, Charlie Ferguson is leading music, and Elizabeth Holdeman will lead the children's story time. Following the service there will be a light lunch reception for Glenn and Rita.

#### **After the worship service in the Community Center**

- ◆ Coffee & donuts will be available immediately following the service; 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.

#### **Education Hour**

**10:45 Peace School for ages 2 - 18 years**

**11:00 Adult Education** - There will be a brief congregational meeting in the Sanctuary to review and approve a draft of the 2018 Ministry Plan and begin the call for pledges. Pledge forms will be available at the congregational meeting to be returned to the church office by Sunday, November 26, followed by the final Ministry Plan vote on Sunday, December 10.

#### **Our FMC Community**

**Join us at the Fall Workday this Saturday, November 4, from 8 am to noonish.**

Tasks include dusting and cleaning, replacing light bulbs, some handy-manny things, and

yard work around the church and duplex. Bring your cleaning supplies, gloves and rakes, or whatever you need to help spruce up FMC for the winter.

**First Mennonite Church-Denver has a 1/2 time administrative position available.**

Qualifications include communication, organizational and computer skills and experience. To apply, please email letter of interest and resume to [office.fmcdenver@gmail.com](mailto:office.fmcdenver@gmail.com).

**Needs for FMC Facility**

If you can help with any of the listed needs below please contact Roberta Kandel for more details or to volunteer. phone: 303.320.3475, email: [rokandel@comcast.net](mailto:rokandel@comcast.net).

Needs:

- A dehumidifier for the basement storage room located behind room B19.
- A freestanding, under counter height, refrigerator that is in good shape for the Sun Room, B02.
- Someone to move a sofa, broken desk, and several file cabinets from the church basement to the front of the duplex on the next large item pick up day by the city.
- Someone to haul the nonfunctional refrigerator in the 'Sun Room', #B02, to a location for disposal. Fee will be paid by FMC for this disposal.

**Living the Questions Group, on progressive theology**, will meet next Thursday, Nov. 9, 10:00 am, here at the church. If you would like to join this group you are welcome. Meets monthly on the second Thursday morning.

**Please wear your nametag on Sunday mornings!** It will be so helpful to Glenn and Rita as they become acquainted with you.

**Write a note of welcome for Glenn and Rita!** Note cards will be available in the Community Center for you to write a note for Glenn and Rita. You are also welcome to bring your own card to be added to the basket on November 5.

**This Sunday, at 11:00 am, there will be a Congregational Meeting** held in the Sanctuary to review and approve a draft 2018 Ministry Plan and begin the call for pledges. The draft Ministry Plan is posted on the Church website for your early review and preparation. Pledge forms will be available at the congregational meeting and then emailed to all households for your consideration, to be returned to the church office by Sunday, November 26.

Attendance, October 29: Adults - 126; Children - 17; Total - 143

***Mark your Calendars for these Upcoming Events***

**Nov. 4** - Fall Work Day (in case of inclement weather: Nov. 11)

**Nov. 5**, 9:30 am – Installation Service and Reception for new Pastor Glenn Balzer

**Nov. 5**, 11:00 am – Congregational Meeting to review and approve a draft 2018 Ministry Plan and begin call for pledges

**Nov. 9**, 10:00 am - Living the Questions group meeting

**Dec. 10**, 11:00 am – Congregational Meeting to vote on the final 2018 Ministry Plan

**Dec. 17** – Children’s Christmas Program

**Dec. 17** - Holiday Bazaar in the Community Center

### ***Adult Education***

**November 5:** Congregational Meeting to review and approve a draft 2018 Ministry Plan and begin the call for pledges

**November 12:** The Making of Three Violins: Arlo Tells His Story

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

#### **Happy Birthday November 3-9**

3 - Hilina Meeks

3 - Emma Schmucker

4 - Lani Rupp

5 - Mahlon Amstutz

7 - Lynn Amstutz

7 - Elena Long

#### **Happy Anniversary November 3-9**

None this week

### ***In the Building this Week***

Saturday, 4:30 pm - FMC Babysitting Group

Monday & Wednesday, 9-11:30 am - Assistance Program

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

Tuesday, 2-7 pm - CCRC (former VORP) youth meetings in Commons & Sun Room

Tuesday, 6:30 pm - Safonia 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.*

We shipped this cedar trunk back to Iowa City when we finished our MCC assignment in Haiti (1979). It was damaged when it was taken out of the shipping crate and it has developed cracks from spending the last 25+ years in the dry climate of Colorado. We no longer have room for it and would like to pass it on to someone who could use it. It is 38" wide, 25" deep and 23" high. If you are interested, please call us at 303.320.3475 for more information.



Roberta & Ernie Kandel

## ***Our Urban Community***

## ***Around Mountain States Mennonite Conference***

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

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

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](#) 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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