



FMC Weekly - November 9, 2017

The weekly newsletter of First Mennonite Church of Denver

Sunday Morning, November 12

9:30 Worship

Join us this Sunday! Come hear Glenn Balzer's message "Making FMC Great Again?" Scripture - Isaiah 43:16-21. Debb Reed will be worship leader, Aimee Voth Siebert will lead singing, pre-service music and offertory will be shared by Sarah Winter and Arlen Hershberger, and Deb Schaffer will lead the children's time.

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.

Education Hour

10:45 Peace School for ages 2 - 18 years

11:00 Adult Education - "The Making of Three Violins: Arlo Tells His Story"

Arlo has many stories he could tell about his 99 years on this earth. But this Sunday, he will tell us (and show us) about the violins he has made. Two will be played during Adult Ed by Stephanie Miller and Nikki KandleLind. Children welcome!

Our FMC Community

Thank you to the faithful volunteers who showed up for Fall Work Day last Saturday. We understand lots was accomplished. Your efforts are very much appreciated.

It's official! Glenn Balzer was installed as Pastor of First Mennonite Church-Denver last Sunday, November 5. There was hope and joy in the midst of the full sanctuary. Please pray for Glenn and our congregation in the coming weeks and months as we learn, serve and discern together. [Photo (above) credit: Rod Stutzman]

Hey Kids! We need your help with the Christmas program! The show will be on

December 17. We will be practicing during the service starting in a couple of weeks. We need people willing to have speaking parts, non-speaking parts and be willing to sign with the group. Thanks! Please contact Rachel Barnes 303-573-7282 (home phone) or rcbarnes33@msn.com.

CHILDREN'S TIME (A message from the Worship Ministry team)

Children's story has become an integral and meaningful part of our worship service for many years. We think this is important enough to ask your attention to the following three points that will help ensure that it continues.

1. Children's story should include children through at least third grade. It is extremely difficult for the person preparing Children's story to prepare something for children who are too young to understand the content or the presentation. While we certainly want to include the little ones, they will grow into the experience. However, the presentations are geared to kids who can read and write and grasp the concepts more readily.
2. Children's Story should be kept to three to five minutes. Engaging and valuable lessons can be taught with only a few words and pictures.
3. We need people to step up and offer to do Children's Story. If ten people volunteer, there will only be a need for one person to do it a few times a year.

We will be happy to offer ideas for your consideration if you want to do it but aren't sure what to do. * * * Contact Ardell S, Mary A, Elizabeth H, or Margaret W to volunteer!

Our Worship Team (including Music) is hosting an event Tuesday, Nov. 28, 6-9 pm, to plan worship and music for the coming year from January to Easter.

Pastor Glenn and our Teams extend a warm welcome to all persons interested in helping shape our worship and music focus as we start a new year at FMC.

Please RSVP to the church office or any of the Team members so we know how much pizza to order!

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

Qualifications include communication, organizational and computer skills and experience. Needed computer skills include MS Word, Excel, database and website experience. To apply, please email letter of interest and resume to office.fmcdenver@gmail.com.

Consider submitting your pledge form before the busy Thanksgiving weekend.

Pledge forms are available on the oak table in the foyer or email your pledge to linda.fmcdenver@gmail.com. Please return by Sunday, November 26.

Staff Time Update: Duncan Smith will be working half-time in November and December. Generally, he plans to be in the office Mondays and Wednesdays.

Lost a Toyota key fob? Check with Linda in the church office.

Attendance, October 29: Adults - 206; Children - 16; Total - 222

Mark your Calendars for these Upcoming Events

Dec. 3 - Anton Flores-Maisonet from LaGrange, Georgia, will be our guest speaker

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

Dec. 24 - Sunday Morning and Christmas Eve Service

Peace School Notes

1. Venture Club will be decorating the Christmas Tree in the Community Room on Sunday, December 3, during the Peace School hour.

2. **To all** - Are you interested in joining a group to learn about and volunteer at The GrowHaus, an organization working toward solutions to Feed Scarcity in the Denver Elyria/Swanzea neighborhoods? This Saturday, Nov. 11, from 2 - 4 pm.
www.thegrowhaus.org. Please email Ann Leonard at lynnannleonard@gmail.com to inquire or sign up. (Time will be spent volunteering in gardens inside and outdoors.)

3. Peace School Schedule - Peace School will not be held on these days due to holidays. Nov 26 (Thanksgiving weekend), Dec. 24 and 31 (Christmas and New Year), April 1 (Easter), May 13 (Mother's Day). * * Final Day of Peace School - Sunday May 20.

Caring for Each Other

Tom Bishop's 96 year old father, J Russell Bishop, passed away peacefully Sunday evening with Rhoda, his wife of 72 years, and also with his daughter by his side. Plans are to have a memorial service in early December. Thoughts and prayers for Tom and Trinda's travels and Tom's extended family will be appreciated.

Happy Birthday November 10-16

11 - Barb Stutzman
12 - Tristan Sommers
13 - Eric Boschmann
13 - Micah Hofer
13 - Mel Stjernholm
14 - Aimee Voth Siebert

Happy Anniversary November 10-16

13 - Ernie & Roberta Kandel
15 - Lois & Norm Dewhurst

In the Building this Week

Sunday, 12:30-6 pm - Denver Children's Choir Rehearsals
Monday & Wednesday, 9-11:30 am - Assistance Program
Monday, 5:30-8:30 pm - Denver Children's Choir Rehearsals
Monday, 7 pm - MSMH meeting
Tuesday, 2-7 pm - CCRC (former VORP) youth meetings in Commons & Sun Room
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 have a 2004 Camry for sale. We are asking \$4000. It was Casey's car, but he will be away for 2 years in the Peace Corps and we have no use for it. It really runs great, has some cosmetic body damage on it that does not impede with anything. It would be a great car for a high school or college driver. We drove it back from Casey's college in California and had no problems. If you are interested call or text me at 720-251-6201.



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Our Urban Community

One Woman's Story - Recently I had the opportunity to meet a wonderful woman who was one of the youngest children to survive the concentration camp where she was placed. Her story is unbelievable, and one you won't want to miss. She is writing a book and is also an amazing artist. She goes to many places in Denver, such as various high schools and

colleges to share her story. Her name: Sara Moses. Sara has agreed to speak at First Mennonite Church on Thursday, November 16 at 7:00 p.m. She will speak for 30 to 45 minutes, and then will open it up for questions. There is no charge but we will "pass the hat".

Please feel free to invite friends, but I ask that you email me, letting me know how many people are coming, as I plan to have cider and cookies after the program. My email is desertlady73@gmail.com ~Dianne Stuckey

Around Mountain States Mennonite Conference

Sadly, the season and time has come to close the doors of Rocky Ford Mennonite Church. As you have been a part of our life, we invite you to join us in celebrating our 50+ years of service in the Arkansas Valley.

Sunday, November 19, 2017, Program at 2 pm, Fellowship time to follow

Please come and share your memories, pictures, stories and songs. We look forward to sharing this time with you! If you are unable to attend, but wish to share with us, please e-mail your contribution to Jeremy Yoder, jwyoder@gmail.com or mail it to Rocky Ford Mennonite Church, Box 66, Rocky Ford, CO 81067
Located at: 20480 CR EE.25 at Road 20.5

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

Mennonite Church USA and Beyond

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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