



## **FMC Weekly - November 22, 2017**

*The weekly newsletter of First Mennonite Church of Denver*

### ***Sunday Morning, November 26***

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

Join us this Sunday! The question we will be exploring this week is, how do you (we) want to be remembered? The sermon will come from Acts 7:55-60. Glenn Balzer will give the meditation, Jordan Penner will be worship leader, Emily Martin will lead singing, Emily & Sam Martin will provide pre-service music, Ethan & Isabel Mullett will provide the offertory, and Roberta Kandel 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.

#### ***No Education Hour this Sunday***

### ***Our FMC Community***

#### **A Note to Inform the Congregation**

The Facilities, Grounds and Architectural Review committees approved the building of a fence around the Memorial Garden. This was in part the result of the people sleeping and using the Memorial Garden as a bathroom. As many of you may remember, a fence was planned when the Memorial Garden was built, but money was not available at the time. Funds for the fence were obtained from a grant from the Stewardship Fund. This should

happen in one to two weeks. If you have any questions or concerns, you may talk to Richard Wyse or Dave Harguth

### **Christmas Program Practices**

There will be practices on the next three Sundays (November 26, December 3 & 10) during the worship service. After the children's story, those kids who are participating will leave the service and meet in the Community Center. The Christmas Program will take place Sunday morning, December 17.

**Give the gift that keeps on giving!!!** Save your Christmas shopping for the annual Holiday Bazaar on December 17 here at FMC!!! Women's Bean Project, Earthlinks, MCC Christmas Booth, Bead for Life, and more. Put it on your calendars!!

**Lost & Found items** will be on a table in the Community Center one more Sunday in case you left something behind that you want to reclaim.

**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!

**2018 Ministry Plan Pledge Forms are needed by *this* Sunday, November 26.** Pledge forms are available on the oak table in the foyer and can be placed in the offering plate or in the drop box by the north office door. Pledges can also be emailed to [Linda](#) in the office. Thank you! And thank you to all who have already submitted pledges.

**December 10, 2017, at 11:00 am,** there will be a Congregational Meeting in the Sanctuary to review and approve the final 2018 Ministry Plan (budget).

### **MEDA-Colorado Annual Meeting**

Come hear reports from those who attended the Myanmar trip and also from the MEDA national convention. A short business meeting will be held.

Thursday, November 30, at First Mennonite Church

6:00 pm Dinner

7:00 pm Program

RSVP by November 25 to Tim Kauffman

[mail@kauffmans.biz](mailto:mail@kauffmans.biz)

303-912-6046

**Staff Time Away:** Duncan is out of the office until December 1. Linda will be out of the office Monday & Tuesday, November 27-28. Glenn will be out of the office November 29-December 1.

**Office Hours in the next week:** The FMC office will be closed for Thanksgiving on Thursday & Friday, November 23 & 24. On Monday, November 27, there will be limited office hours; please call before stopping by to make sure Joann is here mid-day.

Attendance, November 19: Adults - 162; Children - 18; Total - 180

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

**Dec. 3** - Anton Flores-Maisonet from LaGrange, Georgia, will be our guest speaker for both the worship service and the adult education hour

**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** - Christmas Eve Service

### ***Peace School Notes***

**No Peace School this Sunday**, November 26.

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

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

**Clayton Paul Yake** died peacefully at St. Paul Medical Center on Friday, November 17, 2017 where he had lived for 3 years. He was almost 85 years old. He was the FMC Janitor in the early 90's. He enjoyed reading and writing poetry, art, jazz and his family. Because of his embrace of Alcoholics Anonymous he celebrated 41 years of sobriety on March 11, 2017. He felt a part of FMC and especially held dear the peace stance and singing of the Mennonite Church.

### **Happy Birthday November 24-30**

24 - Ash Hill

25 - Miriam Roth

26 - Kendrick McMurry

29 - Lynette Stoltzfus

29 - Jack Wahl  
30 - Ella Barnes  
30 - Elsa Burkholder  
30 - Jennifer Conder  
30 - Cindy Eby

### **Happy Anniversary November 24-30**

26 - Nikki & Steve KandeLind  
27 - Bekkey Wiebe & Kevin Yoder

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

Saturday, 8-10:30 am - SOAR choir rehearsal in Community Center  
Monday & Wednesday - Assistance Program is closed  
Monday, 5:30-8:30 pm - Denver Children's Choir Rehearsals  
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.*

**Pottery Studio Show and Sale** at our home at 1960 Old Squaw Pass Rd, Evergreen, Co, on Friday, December 1, 5-9 pm, and Saturday, December 2, 10 am – 5 pm. All are invited. Refreshments served. Come and see what I have been making the past 2 years. ~Judi Nafziger

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

**The Denver Children's Choir**, which currently has offices in the church basement and rehearses at FMC, is having two "Songs of the Season" performances in December. On December 2, the performing choirs will be singing at 4:00 at Bethany Lutheran Church, 4500 E. Hampden Ave. On December 3, the neighborhood choirs will be singing at 4:00 at Central Presbyterian Church (17th and Sherman). As a thank you to First Mennonite, we will be offering complimentary tickets. Please contact Cindy Kraybill [cindy@denverchildrenschoir.org](mailto:cindy@denverchildrenschoir.org) or 303.722.5980 to arrange for your tickets.

**Hanging of the Greens:** Join us at Glennon Heights Mennonite Church, 11480 W. Virginia Ave., Lakewood, for our annual service of music and readings to begin the Christmas season, on Sunday, December 3, at 6:30 p.m. A wassail reception will follow. If you'd like

to sing in the choir, contact Brenda Bartel at [brendalynbartel@gmail.com](mailto:brendalynbartel@gmail.com) or 720-315-4174. The choir will rehearse at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 2. All singers are welcome.

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

**OFFICE ADMIN NEEDED:** Boulder Mennonite Church is looking to hire a 12 hour/week office administrator, who is adept at using the computer including Open Office, Google Drive, and a fundraising database. Inquire at [info@bouldermennonite.org](mailto:info@bouldermennonite.org).



*Advent in Alamosa*

You're invited to an Advent Retreat hosted by the  
Anabaptist Fellowship of Alamosa

*"Listening for the Coming..."*  
3-6 p.m. on Saturday, December 9,  
330 San Juan Ave. (Alamosa Presbyterian Church)  
followed by a meal and singing.  
Then join us for Sunday worship at 10:30 a.m.  
at the meetinghouse

*Enjoy the weekend!*  
Find your own accommodations or contact Alice Price at  
[aliceprice1950@gmail.com](mailto:aliceprice1950@gmail.com) for details about lodging,  
restaurants, hot springs and brew houses.

Come early and take in a Messiah performance Friday evening at Adams State University's Richardson Hall or stay for a performance on Sunday afternoon at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. (Local Menno's perform in the Friday performance.)

\$10 suggested donation for food

### **About the retreat:**

We are living in accelerated times. Reflection is at a premium and we are not encouraged in our culture to be mindful of our fast-paced lives and the havoc our lifestyles are wreaking on others and the planet. Come and sit awhile in sacred community to hear what the Heart of Love is calling you to in this season of Advent and beyond.

To invite our inner guidance and re-ignite those deeper places of listening, we will explore storytelling, silence, art, music, journaling and lectio divina (Divine Reading).

As we listen in community, not so different from our Anabaptist ancestors, may we prepare our hearts for Advent!

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: [fmcdenvver.org](http://fmcdenvver.org)

Phone: 303-892-1038

**Deadline for announcements is Wednesday midnight.** Please send announcements to Linda Welty at [linda.fmcdenvver@gmail.com](mailto:linda.fmcdenvver@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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