



## **FMC Weekly - January 5, 2018**

*The weekly newsletter of First Mennonite Church of Denver*

### ***Sunday Morning, January 7***

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

Join us this Sunday morning. Jordan Penner will use contrasting lessons from a recent family gathering to discuss MCC (Mennonite Central Committee) and working at seemingly unsolvable problems. Phil Ebersole will lead worship, Sonia Graber will lead singing, pre-service music will be provided by Jessey Hershberger-Kirk and Elsa Burkholder and Linda Wyse will lead children's time.

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

- ◆ Join us for coffee/donuts/fruit/fellowship 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.

#### ***10:45 am Education Hour***

Sharon F. Nelson of MCC Central States will share about MCC's wide range of young adult programs including familiar programs like the International Volunteer Exchange Program (IVEP) and Serving And Learning Together (SALT).

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

**The Kindergarten-2nd Grade Class is in desperate need of teachers ASAP!!** We currently only have teachers who have committed to one Sunday per month. Do not fear. Teaching materials will be provided and the reward of building relationships with these little ones will be great!! Please contact Dawn Voth at [mdvoth@comcast.net](mailto:mdvoth@comcast.net) or on her cell 303-949-8376 for more info and to sign up to teach! Thanks for considering serving our youth in this important role!

**If you have new or gently used Christmas decorations that need a new home,** the FMC Christmas Booth can help you out! Please contact me ([vickymierau@hotmail.com](mailto:vickymierau@hotmail.com))

with any questions. Thanks!

**Living the Questions Group, on progressive theology**, will meet next Thursday, January 11, 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.

**The Children's Christmas Program** has been added to the Active Participants section of the [FMC website](#). It is located below the Directory info.

Attendance, December 31: Adults - 101; Children - 9; Total - 110

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

**MYF - RMMC Snow Camp is arriving soon, Feb. 16-18.** If you are interested in going please let Jill Schmidt know by January 15 at [jillrays@gmail.com](mailto:jillrays@gmail.com) or 316-772-6207.

**The Peace School Calendar through the end of the school year is as follows:**

Jan 19 - 21 - JYF Snow Camp at RMMC (Class held for those not attending)

Feb 2 - No Peace School - President's Day Long Weekend

Jan 31 - Feb 2 - MYF Snow Camp (Class held for those not attending)

March 1 - 3 Venture Club Snow Camp (Class held for those not attending)

April 4 - No Class - Teachers celebrating Easter Sunday with Families

May 20 - Last Day of Peace School - Celebration

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

**Gary Hill fell and hit his head this past Thursday**, it was severe enough that he ended up at the ER for stiches. Please keep Gary, Charlene and the rest of the Hill family in your prayers.

**Please keep Pastor Glenn, Ardell Swartzendruber and Arlen Hershberger in your prayers** as they attend the Music and Worship Leaders Retreat in Laurelville, PA this weekend.

**Happy Birthday January 6-11**

7 - Ann Froese-Fretz

7 - Jessica Yoder

8 - Russ Gregory

9 - Elizabeth Jane Friesen Birky

9 - Tom Bishop

9 - Annika Stutzman

11 - Joan Slotter

11 - Bekkey Wiebe

## Happy Anniversary January 6-11

None this week

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

Saturday, 10 am - Noon - Moms Demand Action meeting in Community Center  
Saturday, 4:30 pm - FMC Babysitting Group in B2 Nursery  
Monday & Wednesday, 9-11:30 am - FMC Assistance Program  
Monday, 5:30-9 pm - Denver Children's Choir Rehearsals, upstairs & downstairs  
Monday, 7 pm - MSMH meeting in office  
Monday, 7:30 pm - Women Bridging Borders meeting in B21  
Tuesday, 6:30 pm - Safonia Women's Choir rehearsal  
Thursday, 10-11:30 am - Living the Questions group meets in the Sun Room B2

### ***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.*

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

**Prince of Peace Church of the Brethren, 7000 S Windermere/Littleton, CO, is hosting the Stand-Up for Nigeria Comedy Fundraiser** for the victims of Boko Haram in Nigeria on Saturday, January 13, 2018 at 6:30 pm. Nigerian Church of the Brethren leaders, Rev. Dr. Samuel and Rev. Dr. Rebecca Dali, will also share updates about the efforts to provide help for widows and victims, and congregations destroyed by the violence. Rebecca Dali received the United Nations Humanitarian Award in October 2017. All proceeds will go to Dr. Dali's non-profit, CCEPI (Center for Caring, Empowerment, and Peace Initiative).

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

**Mountain States Mennonite Conference is seeking applicants for the Conference Administrator position.** It is a .25 FTE hourly position that can be managed from home with some travel in Colorado and New Mexico for meetings and events. Key responsibilities include providing administrative support for the Conference Minister Team, assisting

Leadership Board with schedule, minutes, events; editing and managing the conference monthly newsletter and other communications; communicating with congregations; and managing conference social media and website. Basic requirements: good editing and management skills, capacity to manage web, on-line communication, ZOOM video schedules, and creative and flexible attitude. Support for the mission and vision of Mountain States Mennonite Conference and involvement in a MSMC congregation is desirable. Contact Ken Gingerich at [KenG@MountainStatesMC.org](mailto:KenG@MountainStatesMC.org) if you are interested. Inquiries accepted through January 10, 2018.

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

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

### **Prayer for the new year**

As Mennonite Church USA, we're embarking on our Journey Forward in this new year. We invite prayers that we may seek the beauty and hope of God's spirit drawing us into this community of faith. Let us continue joining our voices in song, in prayer, in fellowship—that even the mountains and the hills may join.

**Mennonite Mission Network partners Juanita and Lawrence Coetzee** lead Grace Community Church in Cradock, Eastern Cape, South Africa. Pray for them as they also work in a local prison for juveniles and help the young men there find new meaning in their lives.

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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