



## **FMC Weekly - January 11, 2018**

*The weekly newsletter of First Mennonite Church of Denver*

### ***Sunday Morning, January 14***

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

Join us this Sunday morning as Pastor Glenn will be in the pulpit. This week's sermon will focus on waiting with anticipation when God seems to be silent. Angie Birky will lead worship, Emily Martin will lead singing, and Lynn Amstutz will lead 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.

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

##### **Peace School for ages 2-18 years**

##### **Adult Ed - Questions for Pastor Glenn**

Pastor Glenn has been around for a little more than 2 months. This is your opportunity to ask him some questions! Do you want to know about his hobbies or books he is currently reading? Maybe you are wondering about something he said in a sermon; how he is thinking about homelessness and FMC; the role he imagines Duncan taking on in February or possibly you just want to nail him down for a coffee conversation. Come with your questions and be prepared for a wide ranging conversation!

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

**Are you passionate about Children and Youth programming here at FMC?** On Sunday January 28, 11:30 – 1 pm, Candace Fleming, Dawn Voth, Rachel Barnes, Ivannah Johnson and Pastor Glenn will be hosting a meeting to plan for the future and dream about what we want Peace School to be. We are looking for people willing to serve on a Peace School Leadership Team who are committed to providing support to the various areas of our youth programs (2 year olds, Pre-K, K-2, Venture Club, JYF, MYF, and Mentoring

Program) as well as those who wish to bring new ideas and energy in ways we can build a meaningful faith-based community.

**Paying down Christmas debt?** LSS Financial Counseling can help you work through your bills and decide how to address them. LSS offers free services thanks to a partnership with faith-based Everence Financial. Visit [everence.com/lss](http://everence.com/lss).

**Retirement account gifts.** You can use your retirement savings to make year-end donations. If you withdraw money from your account for retirement income (known as a distribution), you can give these dollars tax-free to our church or a charity. Learn more about gift options at [everence.com/charitable-giving](http://everence.com/charitable-giving).

**Apply now for a scholarship.** Everence wants to help people nurture their talents. If you or your parents are Everence members and you will attend an undergraduate or trade program next fall, apply for an Everence College Scholarship. Deadline is Feb. 28. Visit [everence.com/college-scholarships](http://everence.com/college-scholarships).

**The FMC office will be closed** on Monday for the Martin Luther King holiday. Glenn will be out of the office on Tuesday.

Attendance, January 7: Adults - 127; Children - 20; Total - 147

### ***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.

#### ***Updated 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 18 - No Peace School - President's Day Long Weekend

Feb. 16 - 18 - MYF Snow Camp (Class held for those not attending)

March 9 - 11 Venture Club at Camp (Class held for those not attending)

April 1 - No Peace School - Teachers celebrating Easter Sunday with Families

May 20 - Last Day of Peace School - Celebration

### ***Adult Education Hour***

**January 14** – Questions for Pastor Glenn

**January 21** – Naomi Nishi will lead a conversation on Recognizing Oppression: Acknowledging Intersectionality.

## **January 28 – First Look – FMC’s Welcoming Statement**

Come learn the history of the term Welcome Statement and why it is considered a “notice of nondiscrimination” by many. During this class you will learn the “whys” behind our proposed welcome statement.

The Welcome Statement team - Angie, Anne, Robert, Donna and the Leadership board

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

**Joyce George is at home now with hospice care.** Her condition is rapidly deteriorating. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers. Also remember Joyce’s son, Robert, as he has taken on the responsibility of caring for her at home during this season. A Meal Train has been set up - [www.Mealtrain.com/2lmzrq](http://www.Mealtrain.com/2lmzrq), please consider signing up.

**Please keep Hope Ventura in your prayers** as she continues to recuperate from a bout of pneumonia.

**Pray for Rose Casey**, a long-time friend and work associate of David Yost. She has terminal lung cancer. Pray for Rose, her friends and family that they find strength and guidance during this difficult time.

**Diane Wittwer, a lifelong member of Living Light of Peace** (formerly Arvada Mennonite), died on January 6, 2018. Her memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 20, at Glennon Heights Mennonite Church. The service will begin at 10:30 am and be followed by a light lunch and time to share stories.

### **Happy Birthday January 12-18**

- 12 - Don Finks
- 12 - Jeff Kauffman
- 12 - Lois Keener
- 12 - Sherri Toews
- 13 - Imanii Adams
- 13 - Betty Schmidt
- 14 - Reuben Gingerich

### **Happy Anniversary January 12-18**

None this week

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

Monday (closed) & Wednesday, 9-11:30 am - FMC Assistance Program in CC

Tuesday, 4 pm - CCFC (VORP) groups in B21 and Commons

Tuesday, 6:30 pm - Safonia Women's Choir rehearsal in Sanctuary

Wednesday, 5:30 pm - SOAR Choir in CC

## **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**

## **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**

### **Journey Forward Writing Team**

The five-person Journey Forward writing team met for the first time on Dec. 11-13 to begin their work with Journey Forward, a churchwide process for following God's calling for MC USA. The team invites prayers for their second Face-to-Face in Philadelphia on Jan. 25-27. Read about their first meeting here: <http://mennoniteusa.org/news/writers-gather-plan-journey-forward-draft/>

**Kristin and Mike Sharp of Mennonite Mission Network serve** as community hosts for Round Chapel in the East End of London. Pray for them and their two daughters as they engage the congregational vision of "living out God's warm embrace" in an area with many homeless people.

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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