



## **FMC Weekly - January 18, 2018**

*The weekly newsletter of First Mennonite Church of Denver*

### ***Sunday Morning, January 21***

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

Join us this Sunday morning! Our theme will be "From comfort and stability to the glorious unknown" and scripture will be Mark 1:14-20. Pastor Glenn will give the meditation, Stephanie Phibbs will lead worship, Charlie Ferguson will lead singing, and Katrina Schrock 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 - Defining Intersectionality and Preparing for Liberating Conversations (week one of a 4-week series lead by Naomi Nishi)**

Oppression works through many different and connected systems, including white supremacy, patriarchy, heterosexism, classism, etc. These systems and our participation in them have a compounding effect and consequences for those who hold multiple marginalized identities (e.g., Black Lesbians) within them. They also hyperprivilege those who hold the dominant, powered positions (e.g., straight white men). We will begin this series by defining intersectionality and exploring related concepts such as race, gender, and sexuality. We hope you'll join us and be willing to be uncomfortable as we work to resist the violence in these intersecting oppressions toward a true social justice.

~Women Bridging Borders

## ***Our FMC Community***

**The K-2 Class still needs teachers.** Spending time with this age will bring you lots of laughter and a chance to share God's love with our little ones! If you're willing to teach a Sunday or several Sundays, please contact Dawn Voth at 303-949-8376 or [mdvoth@comcast.net](mailto:mdvoth@comcast.net). She can help you locate already prepared lessons and other resources. You can also view and sign up to teach Sundays that aren't yet covered online at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044aafad2fab9-k2peace>. Any support is greatly appreciated!

**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.

**Woman Bridging Borders is now on facebook!** Take a look. Keep track of our Adult Ed series starting this Sunday and see recommended readings/videos.

**Today FMC 2017 contribution statements will be sent by email.** If you do not have email, you will find a printed statement in your FMC mailbox this Sunday, January 21. If you did not receive your statement either way, please contact [Linda](#).

### **A NOTE FROM ST. FRANCIS APARTMENTS AT CATHEDRAL SQUARE FOR ALL OF YOU THAT DONATED ITEMS, VOLUNTEERED OR SENT MONEY:**

Friends,

Things are proceeding well, and we are excited to welcome the new residents starting next Tuesday, some coming everyday for the two weeks (T-F, and then T-Th). We will have everyone in by the end of January. It will be a special moment as we show each resident their new permanent home, after a long time without one. Thanks for your important part in making this happen. We appreciate you more than we can say, and hope to see you at the open house.

With respect, peace - Kathy Carfrae, Director of SFACS Housing  
St. Francis Apartments at Cathedral Square Open House!!  
February 18, 11:30AM-1PM; 1450 N Washington St.

Attendance, January 14: Adults - 112; Children - 22; Total - 134

## ***Peace School Notes***

### **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

## ***Upcoming Worship and Adult Education***

### **January 21**

**Worship** - Pastor Glenn will be speaking from Mark 1:14-20. Join us as we consider what it means to journey from a life of comfort and stability into the glorious unknown.

**Adult Ed** - Naomi Nishi will lead a conversation on Defining Intersectionality and Preparing for Liberating Conversations (week one of a 4-week series). For details, see page 1.

### **January 28**

**Worship** - This week Pastor Glenn will share from Galatians 3.

**Adult Ed** - 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

### **February 4**

**Worship** - Pastor Glenn will be speaking from Isaiah 40:21-31.

**Adult Ed** - Naomi Nishi will lead a conversation on Recognizing Oppression: White Supremacy and Intersectionality. In part two of our discussion on oppression and intersectionality, we'll look at white supremacy and whiteness. In particular, we'll look at how race intersects with gender, class, sexuality and other systems of oppression to render people of color, especially those with other marginalized identities invisible even as they are subjected to great violence. We'll also examine the "White Hegemonic Alliance," (Allen, 2008) and how groups like poor whites and white women participate in it while still being oppressed by capitalism and patriarchy, respectively. We will discuss our roles in these intersecting systems related to race and brainstorm how we resist oppressive systems in ourselves and with others.

### **February 11**

**Worship** - Join with us as Darren Knowles shares from the pulpit.

**Adult Ed** - Darren Knowles will lead this session.

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

**Joyce George** passed away Tuesday morning at 2:40 am. Please keep Robert and the Family in your prayers as they mourn the loss of their mother.

### **From Ivanna Johnson:**

~ Son Julian's eye surgery was a success, in that his eyes (particularly the one that they did surgery on/the right one) no longer wanders when spotting things in the distance; though up close, periodically it does. He definitely doesn't need glasses. We will go back in six months, and they will re-evaluate and see what, if anything (possibly another surgery) needs to be done.

~ Please pray for my favorite uncle, Johnny Johnson, of Los Angeles CA. He was diagnosed with stage 3 cancer, and given a year to live.

### **Happy Birthday January 19-25**

19 - Jan Brenneman

20 - Carol Harguth

20 - Steve Popp

21 - Linda Miller

21 - Mike Voth

23 - Matt Baron

25 - Lois Dewhurst

25 - Shelva Leep

25 - Roberta Stutzman

### **Happy Anniversary January 19-25**

None this week

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

Saturday, 8 am-1 pm - CCRC (VORP) Restore in Commons

Sunday, 12-4 pm - FMC Board meeting in office

Monday and Wednesday, 9-11:30 am - Assistance Program in Community Center

Monday, 5:30 pm - Denver Children's Choir Rehearsals upstairs and downstairs

Tuesday, 6:30 pm - Safonia Choir Rehearsal in Sanctuary

Wednesday, 5:30 pm - SOAR Choir meal and rehearsal in Community Center

Thursday, 6 pm - Worship Team meeting in office

---Contact [Linda](#) to list your team meeting in this section.

## **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**

**Pastor Randy Spaulding has joined Boulder Mennonite Church!** We are pleased to announce the official Pastoral Installation Service on Sunday, February 4, during morning worship (9:30 am). All are invited to join this blessed occasion. The installation message will be delivered by Charlene Epp, Mountain States Conference Minister. The service will be followed by a lunch reception.

## **Around Mountain States Mennonite Conference**

**Come join the fun at Young Adult Snow Camp February 23-25, 2018** at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp. Mike Martin, Executive Director of RAWtools, will share during the worship times on the topic "Under the vine and fig." There will be group games, broomball, human curling, singing, and many opportunities to be outside enjoying the beauty of creation. The cost is only \$80. Anyone ages 18-30+ is welcome to come! Online registration available at [www.rmmc.org](http://www.rmmc.org) or call 719-687-9506.

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

## **Mennonite Church USA and Beyond**

**Thank you so much for your continued support in making and donating comforters for MCC.** This past year, MCC sent 49,223 blankets and comforters to people experiencing war, displacement, and natural disasters in Bosnia, Iraq, Jordan, North Korea, Somalia, and Ukraine. 1,958 of those came from the Central States region! MCC continues to receive more requests for comforters from our partners around the world. Save the date for the upcoming Comforter Blitz in Yoder, Kansas, taking place on March 5th-7th, 2018, as we work together to bring comfort to our brothers and sisters around the world, [mcc.org/comforter-blitz!](http://mcc.org/comforter-blitz)

### **MDS Prayer Concerns:**

Please pray for volunteers who will be arriving in Puerto Rico this weekend. Remember

them as they serve in Ponce and Guavate. MDS is also working with engineers to draw up designs to be used for the repairs and rebuilds happening on the island.

This February, MDS will hold the All Unit Meeting in Winkler Manitoba. We ask that you pray for binational staff planning this event.

During this winter season, please lift up the homeowners we work with as they continue to adjust to life after experiencing a natural disaster.

Also during the winter months, please pray for good health for our leadership volunteers and their families as they serve at MDS projects.

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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