



FMC Weekly - February 1, 2018

The weekly newsletter of First Mennonite Church of Denver

Sunday Morning, February 4, 2018

9:30 am Worship

Join us on Sunday morning! Pastor Glenn will be speaking from Isaiah 40:21-31. This Sunday we are going to explore what is possible after we have walked through the valley of the shadow of death. Lisa Longacher will lead worship, Nikki Kandel will lead singing, and Roberta Kandel 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 led 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

February 14 – Ash Wednesday Prayer Service at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary.

Come join us as we mark the start of Lent. Pastor Jane Dick, of the Bethany Group, along with Pastor Glenn will lead in a service of Scripture readings, music, reflection, and ashes will be imposed.

Singers who read/speak Spanish, Arlen Hershberger is looking for help to prepare some of the Spanish songs in our song books for Sunday morning services. Contact [Arlen](#) to let him know you are available.

Upcoming Events:

- * **MYF Snow Camp** - Feb. 16-18
- * **Venture Club Families Weekend at Camp** - March 9-11
- * **Easter Sunday** - April 1, more details to come

Attendance, January 28: Adults - 140; Children -26; Total - 166

Upcoming Worship and Adult Education

February 11

Worship - Join with us as Darren Knowles shares thoughts from Mark 9--and the story of the Transfiguration: Grime, Glory and Grace.

Adult Ed - Join us in the Sanctuary to reflect on Adult Education sessions that have been meaningful and use that info to generate some ideas for Adult Education in the future. Darren Knowles will lead this session.

February 18

Worship - Pastor Glenn will be speaking from Genesis 9:8-17.

Adult Ed - Westside Stories - Come and join us as we hear stories from our own living legends! Merv Dick, Jane Dick, John Ventura and Tom Friesen will share stories from their days as Urban Ministers right here on the Westside of Denver. This is the first of a 4-part series designed to help us as a congregation dream of ways to engage and re-engage the La Alma, Lincoln and Baker neighborhoods.

February 25

Worship – Pastor Glenn will be speaking from Mark 8:31-38. Communion Sunday.

Adult Education – Naomi Nishi will lead a conversation on Recognizing Oppression: White Supremacy and Intersectionality – this is week two of a 4-week series. 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.

Caring for Each Other

Happy Birthday February 2-8

- 2 - Aaron Eby
- 4 - Brad Schrock
- 4 - Vernon Stoltzfus
- 7 - Kris Long
- 8 - Rhoda Polizzotto

Happy Anniversary February 2-8

- 6 - Elizabeth Grace and Keith Mullett
- 8 - Don & Treva Finks

In the Building this Week

Saturday, 4:30 pm - FMC Babysitting Group in B2

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, 4:00 pm - CCFC groups in B21, Commons, and B2

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

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

---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

Living Light of Peace invites any interested persons to join us on the fourth Thursday of every month to make comforters for MCC. We will meet at our church (5927 Miller St., Arvada, 80004) from 10am-2pm. Bring a sack lunch. If you don't sew, we can teach you. Or you can help by cutting fabric, ironing, coordinating materials, and knotting comforters. The first sewing session will be February 22nd. RSVPs are appreciated

(jeni.umble@gmail.com).

Around Mountain States Mennonite Conference

Jen Dudenhefer of Erie, CO has been appointed the new Conference Administrator, following Karen Martin's resignation this past month. Jen attends Boulder Mennonite Church and has been part of the BMC community since moving to Colorado as an MVS volunteer. She will be responsible for managing MSMC communication (ZING!, website, ZOOM video conference reservations, etc.) and providing support for the Conference Minister Team and the Leadership Board as needed. We look forward to working with Jen in the next months and years. – Ken Gingerich, MSMC Moderator, and Barry Bartel, Conference Minister Team Coordinator

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

Mennonite Church USA and Beyond

Mennonite Disaster Service

Please pray for communities in Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico as they work to organize and establish their long term recovery programs. Also pray for MDS as we support these communities through this process.

We ask for prayer for safe travels for those attending the All Unit Meeting in Winkler, Manitoba on February 9-10, 2018.

Schedule time for Journey Forward

Journey Forward is the next step in a churchwide process to renew our shared commitments as a denomination. Congregations, Sunday Schools and small groups are encouraged to join the conversation by making plans to use the Pathways study guide with your congregation in summer or fall of 2018.

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Juliet Kilpin of the Anabaptist Network in the United Kingdom. Pray for her as she serves among refugees in Calais, France, through advocacy, presence, and training in nonviolence.

Looking for that next great adventure? MCC SALT positions now available!

Take chances. Make mistakes. Get messy. Be challenged. Learn some things. Teach some things. Spend a year living somewhere that you never dreamed you'd go...

Serving and Learning Together (SALT) is a year-long, cross-cultural service experience. Through SALT, Christian young adults from Canada and the U.S. serve internationally in a

[wide variety of positions](#) in fields like education, agriculture, health care, information technology, peace and more! Start now at salt.mcc.org, to find answers to frequently asked questions, assignment options and to apply, don't delay the deadline to sign up is Feb. 15!

For more information about our denomination, go to mennoniteusa.org

Other Information

Sermons. Sermons are posted on the [FMC web site](#) when available.

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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