

Discovering Hope in Chaos

FMC Weekly - February 15, 2018

The weekly newsletter of First Mennonite Church of Denver

Sunday Morning, February 18, 2018

9:30 am Worship

This first Sunday of Lent, come and be encouraged as Pastor Glenn speaks from Genesis 9:8-17, exploring what it means to move from a life of grief to grace filled wonder. Lisa Longacher will lead worship, musicians will be Doyle and Mary Jo Preheim, 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** - Come and join us as we hear stories from our own living legends! Merv Dick, Jane Dick, John Ventura, Tom Friesen and Al Zook 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.

Our FMC Community

Calling all 3rd-12th grade singers. We are going to try something new this year with Young Voices for Peace, and we hope you can participate!

We will be hosting a weekend YVP intensive April 6-8 at First Mennonite Church on Friday (6-8pm), Saturday (9am-2pm), and concluding with 2 performances on Sunday. We hope that one of the performances will be a "service project" where they perform at a nursing

home (or somewhere for people who are not able to get out and would enjoy the gift of music).

Please let us know if you are interested in having your child participate. We would love to have them join!

If you have any questions please feel free to contact either one of us.

Darcey VanWagner and Lori Oswald

Please join us March 9-11 at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp for the Venture Club Snow Camp. This event is open to all of FMC and friends!

It's a wonderful opportunity to get to know each other better and enjoy time in the mountains. Come for the whole weekend or just a day. We'd love to have you join us. Please see Rachel Barnes for more information or email rbarnes33@msn.com Paper registration forms are available in the Barnes family's box. Feel free to take a blank one! You can also access the form electronically [here](#).

Do you have trouble hearing during the worship services and adult education?

Do you prefer not wearing the FMC headphones? You can bring your own headphones or earbuds, then stop by the sound booth and pick up a battery pack to use during the worship service and adult ed. Give it a try, it will enhance your worship experience. FMC has four battery packs for use each Sunday.

Upcoming Events:

- * **Venture Club Families Weekend at Camp** - March 9-11
- * **Easter Sunday** - April 1, more details to come

Saint Francis Apartments at Cathedral Square:

In need of clock radios for newly housed homeless clients. Having a home after many years living on the street is a blessing but also lonely. A clock radio will help alleviate the silence of an apartment (most do not have televisions yet). Place your radios in the labeled box in the community center.

There will be more opportunities in the future to help with creating community at SFACS that FMC will be able to support.

SFAC Open House: February 18 from 11:30-1 pm. 729 East 14th St. (Washington and 14th). Please RSVP if you plan to attend: sfcdenver.org

FMC Office will be closed on Monday, President's Day.

Attendance February 11: Adults - 97; Children - 9; Total - 106

Upcoming Worship and Adult Education

February 25

Worship – John 13:1-17 is one of Pastor Glenn's favorite biblical passages. In many ways it is the biblical version of Robert Fulghum's book *All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*. Join with us as we explore this text and celebrate communion.

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.

March 4

Worship - Pastor Glenn will be speaking from John 2:13-22

Adult Education - Family Promise

March 11

Worship - Pastor Glenn will be speaking from John 3:1-21. Our text this Sunday includes what is arguably the most famous passage in all of Scripture, "For God so loved the world...so that everyone who believes in him..." What exactly does it mean to believe in Jesus?

Adult Education - Naomi Nishi will lead a conversation on Recognizing Oppression: Patriarchy and Intersectionality - this is week three of a 4-week series. We will examine patriarchy and intersecting systems of oppression. The women's marches and the #metoo movement have been focused overwhelmingly on white women and their issues, although often masked as being for all women. In this session, we'll look at examples of patriarchy and intersectionality and discuss again how we resist these intersecting oppressions within ourselves and with others.

March 18

Worship – Pastor Glenn will be speaking

Adult Education – Naomi Nishi leading a conversation on Recognizing Oppression: Heterosexism and Intersectionality – this is week four of a 4-week series

You may have noticed folks identifying their pronouns, e.g., I'm Naomi and my pronouns are she, her, hers or I'm Z and my pronouns are they, them, their. We will discuss the different facets of LGBTQ identities, and look specifically at gender non-conformity. What do trans

and gender non-conforming individuals face and how do other oppressive systems like patriarchy and capitalism work with homophobia and transphobia and pile oppression on the heads of some individuals?

Caring for Each Other

Theda and Dawn have moved into their new home and Theda was officially installed as Pastor of Connections at Bluffton First Mennonite on Sunday, February 11. If you would like to send your congratulations and greetings, their new address is:

140 Richland Drive, Bluffton OH 45817.

E mails: dawn.kreider@gmail.com

thedagood@gmail.com

Happy Birthday February 16-22

16 - Nate Voth

16 - Richard Wyse

17 - Carol Swartzendruber

18 - Symeon Delp

18 - Cassie Voth

19 - David North

20 - Lisa Longacher

21 - Myrna Schmidt

22 - Ella Holliday

Happy Anniversary February 16-22

20 - Ardith & Colin Barnhorst

20 - Aggie & Paul Polak

In the Building this Week

Saturday, 8 am-1 pm - CCRC Restore Program in Commons

Saturday, 4-7 pm - CCRC in Commons

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

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

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

Tuesday, 7 pm - WBB meeting in office

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

Thursday, 4:30 pm - CCFC Calpuli (Mentoring) meeting in B2

---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

Thomas Jefferson High School will be putting on the musical "Grease" February 15th, 16th and 17th at 7:00 pm. Nick VanWagner is Roger, one of the "greasers," in the production. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students. We would love to have you join us. If you are interested in tickets or have any questions please contact the VanWagners at mdvw@comcast.net or at church on Sunday, February 11th. Tickets will also be sold at the door each night of the performance.

Upcoming Denver Children's Choir events:

FEB 27 10:00 AM Fourteeners sing "Remember Me" from the award winning animated film, "Coco" on Channel 2 and 31 (KDVR) "Everyday" program.

MAR 1 7:30 at Gates Hall (Newman Center) and **MAR 4** 7:30 at the King Center (Metro Campus) the Mountain Aires will sing with the University of Denver Men's Choir and Metropolitan State Men's Choir.

MAR 16 at 7:30 and **MAR 17** at 2:30 and 7:30 at the Ellie Caukins Opera House the Mountain Aires will perform with the Denver Gay Men's Chorus.

MAR 18 2:30-2:55 at St. John's Cathedral the Fourteeners will sing prelude music for the Evensong Choral Service.

MAR 18 5:00 at Temple Emanuel the Fourteeners will join four other Denver area women's choirs in "Sing Out for Safehouse" a concert to benefit SafeHouse, a safe place for survivors of domestic violence.

Ticket and detailed information is available on our website: www.denverchildrenschoir.org

Around Mountain States Mennonite Conference

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

Mennonite Church USA and Beyond

Thank you, First Mennonite Church of Denver, for giving \$18,687.45 to Mennonite Mission Network in 2017! Your donations, prayers, and enthusiastic participation play a vital role in our global church. Together, we were able to share a message of hope in a broken world.

MDS Prayer Concerns

~ MDS has workers in more than 18 locations in Canada and the U.S. Please pray for MDS volunteers as they travel to and from locations, handle tools, repair, and build homes and bring hope to disaster survivors.

~ Please pray for the families of the two Christian Aid Ministries (CAM) volunteers killed in a vehicle accident in North Carolina last week. MDS mourns their loss and expresses condolences to the families and staff of CAM.

***I've Got the Power!* book available**

The latest book from the Women in Leadership Project is now available! Visit <http://mennoniteusa.org/wlp> to get a copy of *I've got the power!* Naming and reclaiming power as a force for good by downloading it at no cost or purchasing a print copy.

Mark and Mary Hurst of Mennonite Mission Network serve as resource people and pastors with the Anabaptist Association of Australia and New Zealand. Pray for them as they build relationships with people seeking God and a way of living that centers on Jesus' justice and shalom.

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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