



FMC Weekly - February 22, 2018

The weekly newsletter of First Mennonite Church of Denver

Sunday Morning, February 25, 2018

9:30 am Worship

Second Sunday of Lent. 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. Arden Slotter will lead worship, musicians will be Emily and Sam Martin, and Rachel Barnes 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** - 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.

Our FMC Community

TED - Ideas worth spreading

If you haven't watched this TED talk by Kimberle Crenshaw, it is powerful. Please watch it before Naomi's class this Sunday. You can find it at

https://www.ted.com/talks/kimberle_crenshaw_the_urgency_of_intersectionality.

~ Women Bridging Borders

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 rcbarnes33@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](#). This Sunday, February 25, is the last Sunday to sign up.

Upcoming Events:

- * **Memorial Service for Vionetta Schmidt** - Saturday, March 3, 10:30 am, at FMC
- * **Venture Club Families Weekend at Camp** - March 9-11
- * **Easter Sunday** - April 1, more details to come

The Mennonite Society of Musical Heritage presents:

The 12th Weekend Choral Festival

Transformation

June 22-24, 2018

First Mennonite Church

For more info and registration, go to

<https://www.mennomusic.org/events/2018-weekend-choral-festival-kickoff/>

Recently added to FMC Active Participants section of website: FMC 2017 Financials

Attendance February 18: Adults - 143; Children - 15; Total - 158

Upcoming Worship and Adult Education

March 4

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

Adult Education - Join us in adult education on March 4 to hear a presentation regarding Family Promise (FP), formerly known as Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN). Family Promise is a non-profit that supports families experiencing homelessness by providing

emergency shelter, meals and other support services on the path to self-sufficiency. Courtney Jensen and Allie Card from Family Promise will speak and a group of FMC members involved with the FP west rotation will also be on hand to talk about their experiences while volunteering for this agency.

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

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Caring for Each Other

Dear Group 87, thank you for the delicious Valentine bag you made for me, and for those that did the deliveries! This is indeed a very much appreciated mission at FMC!

~ Lynn Williams

Happy Birthday February 23-March 1

24 - Elias Wentorf-Lantz

24 - Barbara Wiens

25 - Jacob Christensen

28 - Chris Barnes

28 - Chris Miller

28 - William Stutzman

1 - Andi Gingerich

1 - Joshua Smith

1 - Rod Stutzman

Happy Anniversary February 23-March 1

25 - Carlene & Gary Hill

26 - Bernadette & Darren Wyse

1 - Shawn & Shelva Leep

In the Building this Week

Sunday, 11:30 am - Family Promise meeting, B2 Sun Room

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

Monday, 7:00 pm - WBB meeting in office

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

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

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

Wednesday, 5:30 pm - CCFC Healing Circle in B2 Sun Room

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

---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

Tristan Sommers plays the role of Officer Barrel, complete with a song and dance routine, in Rangeview High School's production of "Urinetown The Musical" this weekend, February 22, 23 and 24 at 7:00 p.m. This political farce won the 2002 Tony award for best book and best original score. Tickets are available at the door or can be reserved by calling 303-695-6848. \$8 for adults, \$7 for students/senior citizens. Box office opens at 6:30 p.m. Address: 17599 E. Iliff Avenue, Aurora, 80013. For questions or more information contact Rita Sommers, masommers@msn.com or 720-301-3461.

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. RSVPs are appreciated (jeni.umble@gmail.com).

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

Snapshots into Journey Forward

A dynamic group of writers has been called together to draft renewed commitments and guiding theological foundations for MC USA's Journey Forward. Learn more about them in MC USA's new blog feature Snapshots into Journey Forward.

Linda Oyer of Mennonite Mission Network is bringing closure to her 30-year ministry in France. Pray that the seeds she planted through teaching and mentoring will continue to bear fruit. Pray also that she will find joy in writing more of the books that have been percolating in her spirit.

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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