



FMC Weekly - March 1, 2018

The weekly newsletter of First Mennonite Church of Denver

Sunday Morning, March 4, 2018

9:30 am Worship

Join us this third Sunday of Lent. Pastor Glenn will be speaking from John 2:13-22. This text tells the story of Jesus interrupting a system of greed and oppression. Arden Slotter will lead worship, Arlen Hershberger will lead singing, and Lola Hershberger 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** - Join us in adult education 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.

Our FMC Community

Update on Greta Lindecrantz (from Interfaith Alliance - written Wednesday evening)

- The hearing today showed no progress. After appearing in court this morning she was returned to jail. She is sick, and there are concerns that her health is at risk. Her lawyer is doing all she can to get her out of jail now.

- The trial for Robert Ray did continue today. The closing arguments were heard from the defense, and the prosecution gave a portion of their closing arguments- I am not sure when it is scheduled to continue.
- There is still a strong call from the judge that Greta's testimony is vital in the case. We don't know where this will end.
- For the time being, we are working to bring people of multiple faiths together to stand in solidarity with Greta as she refuses to have her voice used to support the death penalty.
- **We will gather each day, starting tomorrow, at 1 pm in front of the Arapahoe County District Court, 7325 S Potomac St in Centennial, 80112.** Vern Rempel will have hymns for the group. There was also a request that it would be helpful if people wanted to bring signs to hold to help people know what we are there for. Perhaps some signs could say "Standing with Greta" or something similar.

From Arden Slotter

Last Sunday I announced the formation of a new FMC group called the Gun Violence Group, and collected names of persons who would like to join in the discussion of this issue and then participate in actions that come out of that discussion. If there are others who missed the opportunity but would like to be included in the group, please email me your name, telephone number and email address. My email address is slottera@aol.com.

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

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

Do you love to sing? Check out the The 12th Weekend Choral Festival

planned by The Mennonite Society of Musical Heritage

June 22-24, 2018 here at First Mennonite Church. Theme: *Transformation*

For more info and registration, go to

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

Attendance February 25: Adults - 150; Children - 26; Total - 176

Upcoming Worship and Adult Education

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 will lead 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?

March 25 - Palm Sunday

Worship – Pastor Glenn will be speaking

Celebration: This morning we will be celebrating Arlo Sonnenberg's 100th birthday.

Ron Olsen, Donna Swartzendruber, a family member, Jerry Winter and Sylvia Kreider will be giving brief reflections about experiences with Arlo. This will be followed by open mic time for anyone to share. We will have additional special music.

A potluck lunch will follow.

Caring for Each Other

Happy Birthday March 2-8

2 - Arzella Dirksen
2 - Robin Hegedus
2 - Cisco Mascarenas-Moore
3 - Arden Slotter
4 - Ann Leonard
5 - Ron Olson
5 - Sherman Wenger
8 - Yvonne Yousey

Happy Anniversary March 2-8

4 - Chris & Lola Miller

In the Building this Week

Saturday, 10:30 am - Memorial Service for Vionetta Schmidt, reception afterwards

10:00 am - CCFC group in B21

4:30 pm - FMC Babysitting Group

Sunday, 12:30-6 pm - Denver Children's Choir Sunday afternoon rehearsal, up/downstairs

Sunday eve-Friday morn - DOOR college spring break group (15)

Monday & Wednesday, 9-11:30 am - Assistance Office

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

7:00 pm - Gun Violence Meeting - B21

Tuesday, 4:00 pm - CCFC groups in B21 and B8

6:30 pm - Safonia Choir Rehearsal in Sanctuary

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

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

Thursday, 4:30 pm - CCFC Calpuli (Mentoring) meeting in B21

---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

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

Pastors and their wives who minister in Ukraine's militarized zone look forward to a retreat this month. Mary Raber of Mennonite Mission Network, serving as a resource person, requests prayer for a restful gathering for those who have given their all to congregations for several stress-filled years.

MDS has many urgent volunteer needs and several job opportunities. Please pray for those considering service with MDS and for the volunteers as they travel to and from locations, handle tools, repair and build homes and bring hope to disaster survivors. **Consider being an MDS volunteer or applying for one of the job opportunities below.**

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

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