



FMC Weekly - March 8, 2018

The weekly newsletter of First Mennonite Church of Denver

Sunday Morning, March 11, 2018

[First day of Daylight Saving Time - Set clocks forward one hour]

9:30 am Worship

Join us this fourth Sunday of Lent. 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? Arden Slotter will lead worship, Arlen Hershberger will lead singing, Andi Gingerich will provide gathering music and offertory, 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** - 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.

Homework: <https://everydayfeminism.com/2016/07/intersectionality-anti-black/>

Our FMC Community

Greta Lindecrantz remains in custody at the Arapahoe County Detention Facility located at 7325 S. Potomac St., Centennial. She has been incarcerated for a little more than a

week now, there is no definitive date set for her release, unless she agrees to testify (which she is and has been unwilling to do). She is being held in direct contempt of court, and as such can be remanded into custody for six months. We will continue to hope she is able to be released from jail to return home. And in the meantime, as a show of support and solidarity, **community members will continue to gather outside the jail at 1 pm each afternoon to sing hymns and be together.**

Please join at 1 pm each day, excluding Sundays, in front of the Arapahoe County Jail, at 7325 S. Potomac St, Centennial 80112.

You can also send cards, notes and letters of encouragement to Greta:

Greta Lindecrantz, #2018-2598, PO Box 4918, Centennial, CO 80155. Notes and letters should be written in ink, please do not send correspondence written in crayon, marker, colored pencil, etc., as it is against jail regulations.

From Anita Miller

I have been hired by the Leadership Board as the Peace School Coordinator for the Two-Year Old class through Venture Club (5th grade). I am so pleased to be working again with the younger kids and their families! This position is part-time and short-term and does not replace the need for ongoing discernment around First Mennonite's staffing needs for children and youth. My main activities will be providing the curriculum and activities for these classes; recruiting, training and scheduling teachers; and communicating between the Peace School Program and the larger congregation. I look forward to drawing attention to our wonderful children and the adults who support and encourage them. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Family Promise - Follow Up:

Last Sunday, there was a presentation from the administrators with Family Promise - a non-profit program that supports homeless families in the metro area. Anyone interested in visiting during the next rotation or to be placed on the "back-up" volunteer list, please contact Amy Conrad or Ernie Kandel.

Glennon Heights has clarified that they are always happy to have new van drivers and overnight hosts. A more recent need is to fill the Monday night dinner host slot (prepare a meal and serve it from 5-7 pm). If you think you might want to try any volunteer slot, please let Amy or Ernie know, and we can pair you with one of the FMC Family Promise team members as a buddy.

For folks who were unable to attend the Family Promise Adult Ed Class last Sunday - please feel free to contact Amy Conrad if you are interested in information regarding the program and how to volunteer.

It was great to see so many of you in attendance during the class.

The Family Promise FMC Team: Amy Conrad, Ernie and Roberta Kandel, Lola Hershberger, Katrina Schrock, and Marian Rohrer

High Schoolers, if you are interested in joining the March for Our Lives at the Civic Center in Denver on Saturday, March 24 at 2:00 pm, please contact Jill at jillrays@gmail.com or 316-772-6207.

Report from the Gun Violence Group

We met March 5 for the purpose of collecting ideas for actions we can take that could make a difference in our gun violence crisis. I mention here only a few of the ideas that may apply more broadly to all of you. Participate in the "March for Our Lives," March 24, 2:00-5:00 pm, at Civic Center Park, in support of the students D.C. national gathering that day. Be prepared to contact state legislators when we learn of legislative action related to gun violence. Consider the petition being prepared by Bob Carlsten to be directed at legislators. Expect additional reports from time to time. ~Arden Slotter

Everence® to present informative webinar

Everence will hold an informative webinar on Social Security and retirement income planning. The presentation will be on Wednesday, March 28, at 2 and 8 p.m. (EDT). Specifics will include the best time to start taking Social Security, how benefits are calculated, spousal benefits, converting your retirement savings into retirement income and strategies to help your income last throughout retirement.

To register, visit everence.com/retirementincome or contact Melissa Short at (800) 222-5054 ext. 3392 or melissa.short@everence.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:

- * **Venture Club Families Weekend at Camp** - March 9-11
- * **FMC Leadership Team Retreat** - Friday evening & Saturday
- * **Easter Sunday** - April 1, see details in next section

Attendance March 4: Adults - 138; Children - 14; Total - 152

Upcoming Worship and Adult Education

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.

April 1 - Easter Sunday

8:30–9:30 am Easter Brunch – youth fundraiser

9:50 am Pre-Service Music

10:00 am Worship and Communion

Pastor Glenn will be speaking from John 20:1-18.

No Peace School and Adult Education Hour

April 8

Worship - Pastor Glenn will be speaking from Luke 8:4-15

Adult Ed - Over the last two months Duncan has been discovering the rich history of First Mennonite in the Lincoln Park/La Alma, Baker and Sun Valley neighborhoods, as well as

what current services are being provided as well as current issues. Duncan's role as Outreach Consultant is to work with the congregation in discovering or re-discovering the congregational vision for the neighborhoods and people around First Mennonite. How can First Mennonite engage in the grace, peace, and justice of the Gospel in a meaningful way?

Caring for Each Other

Updated address for Arzella Dirksen. Arzella moved from Brookdale University Park to Brookdale Highlands Ranch/Crossings, 303 683-2555, in mid-December, following a medical incident and rehab. She would be glad for cards and calls for sure, and visits as well but verify with the facility first that she doesn't have an appointment or activity at the time you want to visit. 9160 S. University Blvd. Apt. 120, Highlands Ranch, CO 80126. Home phone number is still 303-758-2272 - NO voicemail. Arzella's birthday was last Friday, March 2.

On February 28 Marla Graber took a bad fall, which resulted in a broken right tibia and left wrist. She had her surgery at Swedish and on Monday evening was moved to PowerBack Rehab Center, 7395 W. Eastman Place, Lakewood, CO 80227. She is being told that she may be there 7-10 days. She is in Rm. # 261. Cell: 303-518-3302, and email marlagraber2@gmail.com. Cards can be sent to the home address and prayers for patience and healing are requested!

Happy Birthday March 9-15

11 - Susan Falk

11 - Lewis Gregory North

12 - Mim Roth

15 - Carrie Baron

15 - Angela Nofziger

Happy Anniversary March 9-15

15 - Jennifer Conder & Keith Wood

In the Building this Week

Sunday, 11:30 am - Visitation Team meeting in the office

Sunday, 4:00 pm - Friday noon - DOOR group from University of Pikesville

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

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

Monday, 6:30 pm - Adult Ed meeting

Monday, 7:00 pm - MSMH meeting in the office

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

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

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

Wednesday, 7:00 pm - Emergency Preparedness Committee meeting in the office

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

Prayers are requested for Ohio Conference as they gather for their 2018 Annual Conference Assembly at Bluffton University on March 9-10 based around the theme "Gathered and Sent." Ohio Conference will also hold a 2-day missional conference prior to the gathering.

Please pray for those gathering at the Mennonite Health Assembly on March 8-10 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania with a focus on "Celebrating Resilience."

Holding it (,) Together, a new podcast from The Mennonite Inc. and Mennonite Church USA's Women in Leadership, launches March 12. The podcast features stories of authentic people exploring a need to collectively hold, together all that we carry in our journey of becoming ... because most days we're just holding it together. Episodes will be available on The Mennonite website, Apple podcasts and Stitcher.

Last month, Taiwan experienced a powerful earthquake that killed at least nine people. Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the people of Taiwan as they grieve the

loss of loved ones and rebuild their lives.

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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