



FMC Weekly - March 29, 2018

The weekly newsletter of First Mennonite Church of Denver

Good Friday, March 30, 2018

7:00 pm Good Friday Service here at FMC

Easter Sunday Morning, April 1, 2018

All are Welcome

8:30-9:30 am Brunch MYF Pancake Fundraiser, with special thanks to Chef Ron Schmucker for all his help

9:50 am Pre-Service Organ Music Provided by Vicky Mierau

10:00 am Worship and Communion

This week Pastor Glenn will speak from John 20:1-18. In this story the impossible becomes possible - the irreversible just might be reversible. Arden Slotter will lead worship, Charlie Ferguson will lead singing, Dawn Voth will lead children's time, Vicky Mierau will provide organ music and string players will provide music during communion.

No Education Hour Today

Our FMC Community

Any interested kids are invited to participate in a procession with bells during the service on Easter Sunday. They'll be asked to come to the foyer during the hymn "Low in the Grave He Lay" where they'll get bells. They'll proceed up the aisle, ringing their bells and gather on the stage during the last verse of the next hymn, "Christ the Lord is Risen Today." After that we'll collect their bells and return them to their seats. Anita Miller and Roberta Kandel will be organizing the kids that morning.

You are invited to bring your Easter lilies or other flowering plants to the Easter Service on Sunday, April 1, to help cover the entire front of the church as has been our really lovely tradition. Lola will be there to receive and place them. Mark them with your name and then remember to pick them up after the service.

Thanks to all who helped to make the birthday celebration for Arlo Sonnenberg so meaningful. A special thanks to those who helped in the kitchen, contributed stories, arranged flowers and offered beautiful music. All who attended helped to make this a memorable occasion. ~Lois Keener & Roberta Kandel

The memorial service for Anna Holdeman will be Sunday, April 8, 3:00 pm, at FMC. Volunteers are needed to help with the memorial reception setup, serving, and cleanup. Please call or text Lola Hershberger at 303-523-5364 to offer your help.

See the FMC bulletin board for a letter from the Brethren Mennonite Council welcoming our congregation to the Supportive Communities Network.

The FMC Outreach Team is now accepting applications for Grants that meet the following criteria:

First Mennonite Church Outreach Request for Proposals seeks to support congregants and those affiliated with the church in carrying out outreach projects associated with our church mission. Grant money will be awarded based on the following set of criteria:

- The grant is submitted by an organization with a sponsoring FMC member or small group that has a direct connection to the church.
- The amount of money requested is based on need. The average grant level is between \$500-\$2,000.
- Community projects serving the church neighborhood are given high priority.
- Projects consistent with the church's mission, vision and commitments, especially Community, Simplicity, Peace and Justice, are given high priority.
(<https://www.fmcdenver.org/about-us/>)
- Projects involving support or education for FMC members or small groups are given high priority.

To be considered for these grants, please submit the one page application at this Google Docs [link](#). We will accept applications until **April 30**.

~ Debb Reed, Stephanie Phibbs, Deb Schaffer, Kyle Pegon

St. Francis Apartments at Cathedral Square

The residents are all in at the new apartment building, housing 50 clients who have a variety of challenges after being homeless for a number of years. Below is a "wish list". If

any of you would like to donate an item or two, please include YOUR NAME and Email address on the item so St. Francis staff can keep track of their donors. There is a box labeled St. Francis Center in the Community Center.

Questions? Ask Debb Reed at Dbreed8@aol.com

Wish List:

- 1 Area rugs
- 2 Guitar
- 3 End tables, TV stands, small bookshelves
- 4 Coffee makers or coffee
- 5 Televisions (not too large, prefer thin screens due to space limitations)
- 6 Universal TV remotes, need 3 to 5
- 7 TV antennae, digital or rabbit ears, need 3 to 5
- 8 Clock radios
- 9 Art supplies: paints, tablets, canvas, markers, colored pencils, adult coloring books
- 10 Family Pass for Botanic Gardens; would enable taking groups of 8 on an outing
- 11 Jigsaw puzzles – 500 pieces or less
- 12 Yarn, crochet hooks, knitting needles

General Basics: toilet tissue, kitchen trash bags, laundry pods, paper towels, tissues

Attendance March 25: Adults - 144; Children - 16; Total - 160

Caring for Each Other

Please keep Mim Roth in your thoughts and prayers. Tuesday, March 20, while walking to book club Mim slipped and fell on the sidewalk. Later on that afternoon while recovering from her injuries news came that her brother Robert was near death. Mim managed to make it to the hospital and be with him as he passed from this world. Continue to pray for physical and emotional healing.

Please keep Gabriel and Sierra in your thoughts and prayers.

Happy Birthday March 30-April 5

- 31 - Aidan Barnes
- 31 - Tim Kauffman
- 31 - Marti King
- 1 - Marylou Shelly
- 2 - Walker Wood
- 5 - Mary Helen Friesen
- 5 - Carolyn Stjernholm

Happy Anniversary March 30-April 5

2 - Kristine Friesen & Trevor Meeks

3 - Larry and Nina Rupp

Upcoming Events

April 8

Worship – In John 20:19-31 we get a glimpse of life together and discover it is difficult, messy and transformative!

Adult Education – Duncan Smith

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 are the current services and 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?

After Adult Ed: JYF/MYF parent & sponsors meeting

3:00 pm Memorial Service for Anna Holdeman at FMC

April 15

Worship – This week we will turn our attention to stewardship, a careful and responsible approach to managing our time, talents and treasures. Pastor Glenn will draw from Jesus' parable of the seeds in Luke 8:4-15.

Adult Education – Questions for Pastor Glenn and Tom Bishop

Pastor Glenn has been around for a little more than 5 months. This is your opportunity to ask him some questions! Do you want to know about his hobbies or books he is currently reading? Maybe you are wondering about something he said in a sermon...

Tom Bishop, our FMC Treasurer will also be available to answer your budget and giving questions. Come with your questions and be prepared for a wide ranging conversation!

April 22

Worship – Aimee Voth Siebert will be speaking about belief, sometimes it's hard to be a believer...but, oh, when you feel it, it's like nothing's easier. She will draw from 1 John 3:16-24.

April 29

Worship – There are many delicious kinds of fruit. Apples, kiwis, pears, mangoes, pineapples, blueberries, and the list goes on. Fruit trees seem to bear fruit almost effortlessly, unless the branch becomes disconnected from the tree. Join us as we look at John 15:1-8 and explore the need for connectedness.

In the Building this Week

Monday & Wednesday, 9-11 am - Assistance Program in Community Center
Monday, 5:30 pm - Denver Children's Choir Rehearsals upstairs and downstairs
Tuesday, 4 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, 7 pm - Women Bridging Borders meeting in 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

Second Tiny Home Village

A crowd funding campaign is being launched on March 28 to mobilize public support for Denver's second tiny home village, <https://www.coloradovillagecollaborative.org/st-andrews-village/>. This village is specifically designed by women and transgender women for women and transgender women to be an identity affirming space for those experiencing homelessness. After launching the first self governed tiny home village in July 2017, we are working to start construction on the second!

More information on the crowd funding and a news reports on this new venture can be found at the following links.

News Story: <http://www.9news.com/article/news/local/plans-to-bring-more-tiny-homes-to-denver-in-the-works/73-532019659>.

Campaign Main Page/Donation Link:

<https://www.coloradovillagecollaborative.org/womensvillage>

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

On this Easter Sunday, meditate on the words of Clarence Jordan, co-founder of

Koinonia Farm in Georgia (a Mennonite Mission Network SOOP placement): “The good news of the resurrection is not [only] that we shall die and go home to be with [Jesus], but that he has risen and comes home with us, bringing all his hungry, naked, thirsty, sick prisoner brothers [and sisters] with him.”

Sexualized violence and the church

Mennonite Central Committee is offering three free webinars this spring for churches who want to learn more about how to address sexualized violence within their congregation and how to encourage healthy sexuality and healthy masculinity among members. The webinars will be led by church leaders and others with expertise in the topics. All three webinars will start at 2 pm and end at 3 pm CST. The first webinar, Healthy sexuality in our congregations will be on April 11. Kathrine Goerzen and Benjamin Reynolds will lead the discussion focusing on what role the church can play in fostering and supporting healthy views of sexuality. May 9’s webinar will focus on Sexualized violence – how should churches respond? And then on June 13, Healthy masculinity. Learn more and register for the webinars at mcc.org/wwso. Contact karinkaufmanwall@mcc.org with questions.

MDS Update

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.

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/1/#inbox/1626d9ec80bf1845>

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.

If you no longer wish to receive these emails, please reply to this message with "Unsubscribe" in the subject line or simply click on the following link: [Unsubscribe](#)

First Mennonite Church
430 W. 9th Ave
Denver, Colorado 80204
US

[Read](#) the VerticalResponse marketing policy.

