



FMC Weekly - April 5, 2018

The weekly newsletter of First Mennonite Church of Denver

Sunday Morning, April 8, 2018

9:30 am Worship

Come to worship this Sunday. In John 20:19-31 we get a glimpse of life together and discover it is difficult, messy and transformative! Ardith Barnhorst will lead worship, Arlen Hershberger will lead singing, Katie Hegedus will lead children's time, and Jessey Hershberger-Kirk will provide pre-service music and offertory.

After the worship service in the Community Center

- ◆ Join others for coffee/donuts/fruit/fellowship and help support our youth.
- ◆ Purchase grocery cards to help support the FMC Ministry Plan.
Pick up a 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 Duncan as he makes his first report on what he has discovered from his research on the Baker, Lincoln Park/La Alma, and Sun Valley neighborhoods, including local organizations and congregational members. Duncan will look at some history of church involvement and some of the macro and micro issues of these neighborhoods. What does it mean for you to engage the neighborhood around FMC with the justice, peace, and love of Jesus?

After Adult Ed: JYF/MYF parent & sponsors meeting

3:00 pm Memorial Service for Anna Holdeman at FMC

Join with us as we celebrate and remember the life of Anna Holdeman.

Our FMC Community

Our informal Petition to Ban Assault Weapons has about 470 signatures so far; 60 of those from FMC. In addition we hope to get some more from other Mennonite churches and the Inter-Faith Alliance. For those who would like to but have not already signed the petition, copies will be available the next two Sundays in the Community Center. We hope to have volunteers to help us deliver them to the legislature the week of April 22. We can do legislative visits either by pairs or individuals, making 1 to 3 visits to offices under the "Dome." Time commitment should be no more than 1 to 1 & 1/2 hours including briefing. Volunteers may contact either Bob Carlsten or Arden Slotter.

Enjoy singing? The 12th Weekend Choral Festival is coming up June 22-24 at FMC. This is a weekend choir retreat where singers come together to learn new songs, perform at a worship service, eat, have fun, and of course sing! All singers are welcome, whether they are veteran choir members or are less experienced. For more information, go to www.mennomusic.org. Sponsored by Mennonite Society of Musical Heritage.

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

Staff Time Away: Glenn will be in Chicago Sunday afternoon-Tuesday afternoon. Glenn will be on vacation April 15-24.

Attendance April 1: Adults - 235; Children - 18; Total - 253

Photo credit: Angie Nofziger took photo above on Easter Sunday morning.

Caring for Each Other

I ask for your prayers as I am having a lump removed from my lung on April 10th.

Thank you so much, Meredith Egli

Keep Lynette Stoltzfus in your thoughts and prayers. Lynette has declined very quickly in the past month. She is eating very little, conversation is difficult, and she is confined to her wheelchair.

Happy Birthday April 6-12

6 - Cara Ferguson

6 - Michael Harrington

7 - Randy Mast

7 - Lola Miller

8 - Glenn Balzer

8 - Greg Stauffer

8 - Roxanne Thompson

10 - Michael Falk

10 - Samuel Falk

12 - Brad Shelly

Happy Anniversary April 6-12

2 - Kristine Friesen & Trevor Meeks

3 - Larry and Nina Rupp

Upcoming Events

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.

Adult Education – Mary Blegen, representing Colorado Ceasefire, will speak about their Gun Violence activities, with an emphasis on potential legislation called Gun Violence Restraining Order law. Colorado Ceasefire was formed after the Columbine tragedy by concerned citizens, including Tom Mauser, father of one of the slain students.

April 29

Worship – There are many delicious kinds of fruit. Apples, kiwis, pears, mangos, 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.

Adult Education – The Glenn and Darren series – Part 1, The Danger of a Single Story. Our lives, our cultures, are composed of many overlapping stories. Before our discussion we will watch Novelist Chimamanda Adichie as she tells the story of how she found her authentic cultural voice -- and warns that if we hear only a single story about another person or country, we risk a critical misunderstanding.

May 6

Worship – Pastor Glenn will be preaching from John 15:9-17.

Adult Education – Come as Darren and Glenn discuss the Bible, Theology and Stuff What is the Bible? by Rob Bell – come as we discuss how an Ancient Library of Poems, Letters and Stories can transform the way you think and feel about everything.

June 17 - Father's Day - Child Dedication

June 24 - MSMH Weekend Choral Festival worship service at FMC

In the Building this Week

Saturday, 4:30 pm - FMC Babysitting Group in B2

Sunday, 11:45 am - JYF and MYF Parents meeting in B21

Sunday, 3 pm - Memorial Service for Anna Holdeman followed by reception

Monday & Wednesday, 9-11 am - Assistance Program in Community Center

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

Monday, 7 pm - Gun Violence Group meeting in B21

Monday, 7 pm - MSMH meeting in FMC office

Tuesday, 4 pm - CCFC groups in B21 and Commons

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

Tuesday, 7 pm - FMC Board meeting in office

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

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

Thursday, 6:30 pm - SOAR Board 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.

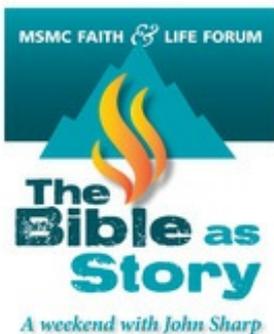
Our Urban Community

Join us in saying farewell to Pastor Betsy Headrick McCrae on Saturday, April 14, 7:00 p.m. Good music, good fun and delicious desserts. All are welcome. – Glennon Heights Mennonite Church.



What is Sabeel? Christian Foundations of Palestinian Liberation, with Tarek Abuata, Friends of Sabeel, North America—April 6-7-8. <http://sabeelcolorado.org>
Sunday, April 8, 3-5 pm, at Augustana Lutheran Church, 5000 E Alameda at Fairfax, Denver (please use Fairfax St entrance). The theological roots of peace and justice work and diverse creative practical applications to meet today's challenges. Saturday, April 7—fundraiser with Palestinian food and Dabke dancers, also at Augustana Lutheran Church. Monday, April 9, 5-7 pm—"Palestinian Liberation: the Prophetic is Lived," at University of Denver, Center for Middle East Studies.

Around Mountain States Mennonite Conference



Faith & Life Forum is just two weeks away!

[Here](#) is a listing of motels in La Junta for persons who want to spend Friday night, April 20. There are also a few folks from the Emmanuel & East Holbrook churches who could host guests overnight. Those options are quite limited, so availability is on a first come basis. If persons want to stay in a home, they should contact Mary Yoder at mmy4212@centurytel.net or 719-384-4479.

In addition, if you will be attending Saturday, we strongly encourage registering. Having a good estimate will be helpful to the East Holbrook youth in their preparation for serving

lunch Saturday. It would be wonderful to have a representative from all the conference churches, might this be you?

Registration is quick, easy and free! Register online at <https://www.mountainstatesmc.org/forum/> or email Jen, the conference administrator, at administrator@mountainstatesmc.org.

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

Mennonite Church USA and Beyond

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.

Pray for many leaders from across Mennonite Church USA who will gather in Lansdale, Pennsylvania on April 12-14 for joint Executive Board and Constituency Leaders Council meetings.

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Petrus and Yuliana Handoyo and their two sons who are working to grow the church in Cambodia. Pray for Petrus as he pastors a church for Indonesian expatriates and lectures at a university, and for Yuliana as she works with children's learning centers.

Graduate Students in Healthcare Professions: Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship (MHF) offers educational grants for Anabaptist students to learn and serve in cross-cultural mission/service settings in developing countries. Deadline for 2018-19 academic year is May 15, 2018. For details and application form, see www.mennohealth.org/student_term/, email info@mennohealth.org, or call 1-888-406-3643.

Healthcare Workers, Students, Retirees! You are invited to the Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship Annual Gathering 2018, June 22-24, at Bluffton University, Bluffton, Ohio. Come

join doctors, nurses, dieticians, therapists, chaplains, mental health workers, students, educators, and other healthcare workers and families for a weekend of worship, inspiration, learning, networking, and fellowship. The theme this year is "Stories of Healing." For more information and registration, visit www.mennohealth.org/gathering/, call 1-888-406-3643, or email info@mennohealth.org.

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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