



FMC Weekly - April 19, 2018

The weekly newsletter of First Mennonite Church of Denver

Sunday Morning, April 22, 2018

9:30 am Worship

Worship with us this Sunday. 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. Michael Regier will lead worship, Sonia Graber will lead singing and will provide pre-service music and offertory, and Susan Falk will lead children's time.

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** - 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.

Our FMC Community

From Duncan, Outreach Consultant:

Thanks again, to all of you who attended the adult education where I presented some of my work over the last two plus months. The PowerPoint and audio are available in the Adult Ed section of the FMC website. I have heard from some, and want to hear from more of you, what caught or catches your imagination/energy regarding being engaged with the local neighborhood. Where is the Spirit present/leading? More to come.

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.

Staff Time Away: Glenn and Rita are on vacation in Europe through Tuesday, April 24.

Attendance April 15: Adults - 122; Children - 11; Total - 133

Caring for Each Other

How appreciative we are for all the love and support we've felt from FMC with the passing of our mother, Anna Holdeman! Special thanks to Angie, Lola, Roberta, Evan, Charlie, and Stephanie. Thank you, Pastor Glenn. Thanks to all the volunteers.

~ The Holdeman and Wessner Families

Anna Holdeman's memorial service can be viewed at:

<https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/wuLiCyPArNhAw41cMMqvY?domain=youtu.be>

I am recovering very well from my surgery & feeling good. They successfully removed a malignant mesothelioma tumor that was attached to my lower lung & diaphragm. It is not treatable. They will continue to monitor.

Thank you for your love & prayers.

~Meredith Egli

Please pray for Gabriel and Sierra as they begin again with new jobs this week. They are thankful for all the love and support.

Happy Birthday April 20-26

21 - Wanda Brotherton

21 - Darcey VanWagner

22 - Shawn Delp

23 - Lola Hershberger

24 - Colin Barnhorst

24 - Tom Friesen

24 - Greta Lindecrantz

24 - Alejandro Monzon

24 - Nicolas Monzon

25 - John Ventura

26 - Norm Dewhurst

Happy Anniversary April 20-26

None this week

Upcoming Events

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 22-24 - MSMH Weekend Choral Festival; worship service at FMC on Sunday

In the Building this Week

Thursday, 6pm - Impromptu Choir Rehearsal in Sanctuary

Saturday - 8am-1pm - Frontier Village Foundation meeting in Sun Room

- 8am-1pm - CCFC Restore Program in Commons and B21

- 12:30-6pm - Impromptu Choir preparation, performance (3pm) & reception
in Sanctuary and Community Center

Sunday, 11 am - Mennonite Education Endowment Fund meeting in B21

Monday, 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, 5:30 pm - CCFC Healing Circle in the Sun Room

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

Thursday, 6:30 pm - Music Team meeting at Hershberger's

--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



Free Carnival to benefit the Women's Homelessness Initiative (WHI)

April 23, 5:00-7:30 pm

Park Hill United Church of Christ, 2600 Leyden St.

Around Mountain States Mennonite Conference

Dave Foncannon, pastor of Alive with Grace Fellowship, was taken to the ER in Pueblo during the night Monday (April 16) where it was determined he had suffered a heart attack. On Tuesday he underwent surgery to insert two arterial stents. He is recovering well, and hopes to return home by Wednesday night for rest and recuperation. Please hold Dave and his wife Brenda in prayer as he rests, in the midst of navigating all the followup appointments.

WORK & PLAY RETREAT AT ROCKY MOUNTAIN MENNONITE CAMP

Spend your Memorial Day weekend at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp for the annual Work and Play Retreat, May 25-28! The weekend begins at 7pm on Friday and ends after breakfast on Monday. On Saturday, participants will help camp get ready for summer (Spruce Beetle tree clean up from MDS Crew May 20-25, spring cleaning projects, helping in the kitchen, etc). Sunday is the "play" part of the weekend including a morning worship service and brunch, leaving the afternoon for hiking, playing on the pond, or taking a nap! Register online (www.rmmc.org), call (719-687-9506) or email (info@rmmc.org) to let us know you can come!

MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE PROJECT AT ROCKY MOUNTAIN MENNONITE CAMP

Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp is working with Mennonite Disaster Service again this season to remove dead and dying trees. May 20 -25 MDS leaders will be at RMMC and needs volunteers to help fell and cut up trees and use the chipper to turn slash (branches) into mulch. The current count is 12 trees that need to be cut, but more may be identified. This continues the ongoing effort to minimize the spread of the spruce beetle and also ensure the safety of campers and facilities. If you can help for some or all of those days, visit rmmc.org for more information and to sign up online. Thanks for considering this way to help.

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

Mennonite Church USA and Beyond

Hope for the Future 2018 participants have released an open letter to Mennonite Church USA. "We realize the challenges that lie ahead," the letter reads. "And so in the spirit of love, we offer these words of challenge and hope for the future." [Read the letter.](#)

Updates to MCC kits: after a recent evaluation of material resources, including input from our partners around the world, MCC has made updates to each kit. Please visit mcc.org/mrc/kits for all the updated lists and contact katemast@mcc.org or call 316.283.2720 with questions. New printed kit cards are available from the MCC Central States office in North Newton, Kansas. Thank you for your continued donations that bring dignity and hope to people around the world.

MCC's SWAP (Sharing With Appalachian People) home repair program has summer positions open in both West Virginia and Kentucky. The assignments run from May 30 – approximately August 11. Applicants should be at least 19 years old, but positions are not limited to young adults. More information about SWAP and an application are available at swap.mcc.org or by calling 606-633-5065. In both positions, an exceptional 18-year-old might be considered. A stipend, room and board and travel expenses are provided.

Job Site Coordinators – Will be the liaison between homeowners and volunteers. Carpentry skills are helpful but not required. Must be willing to learn, follow instruction and work well with others, both homeowners and volunteers, youth and adults. <https://mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings/swap-summer-staff-job-site-coordinator-0>

Meals Coordinators – Will assist the Location Coordinator with menu planning, meal preparation, kitchen duties and other. Should be able to work well with staff and volunteers, both youth and adults. <https://mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings/swap-summer-staff->

[meals-coordinator](#)

Join the upcoming MCC Haiti Learning Tour from September 22 to 27. Learn from Haitian farmers, artisans, community organizers and human rights advocates about how they – with your support – are building a brighter future for their communities. Contact Jordan Penner at jordanpenner@mcc.org or 316-727-6837 for more information.

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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