



FMC Weekly - May 3, 2018

The weekly newsletter of First Mennonite Church of Denver

Sunday Morning, May 6, 2018

9:30 am Worship

This Sunday is going to be fun, busy and full! We will be recognizing our High School Graduates and presenting Story Bibles to our Kindergarteners. For the meditation, Pastor Glenn will be preaching from John 15: 1-17. Bob Carlsten will lead worship, Sonia Graber will lead singing and will provide pre-service music and offertory, and Dawn Voth will lead children's time.

After the worship service in the Community Center

- ◆ Celebrate with our high school seniors, Dawson, Diane, Isaac, and Tyler, at the cake reception.
- ◆ 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** - 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.

Our FMC Community

The FMC leadership board has determined that conducting our spring congregational meeting in May is too early in the church calendar year that ends on August 31. The board is recommending the congregational meeting to present annual reports and select new board members should occur during the month of August. The board will appoint a few

members in addition to the current board to serve as a nominating committee. Our current Chair, Cindy Eby, has transitioned from the previous Leadership Council and therefore will rotate off the Board this fall. Recognizing our by-laws require 5 or 7 board members, this board has decided to seek one new elected board position while adhering to the principles of gender, ethnic and age diversity as best possible. The board has also been contemplating the idea of using the historical lot system of our early Mennonite Church leaders to invite the Holy Spirit's presence, avoid competition and recognizing that there are many talented members among us who would be very capable of serving. The board and nominating committee will process candidates and announce the exact procedure for selection of the board member along with other details of the date and agenda for this congregational meeting in the next few months.

Many thanks to those who have been willing to lead the children's moment during the spring season!! Additional individuals or groups are needed to lead the children's moment during FMC worship this summer. Please sign up here:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054faba72aa1f94-fmcchildrens> or contact [Katie Hegedus](#) for additional information.

Quilting

The Quilt for the 2018 Rocky Mountain MCC Sale is now completed. We are now planning for the next one to go into the frame. We would like the queen size quilt to be black and white stars. It is our desire for the blocks to be completed by several persons from our FMC community. On May 6 and 13 we will have fabric and patterns available in the community center after church. Please come and see us. You may use your own star pattern and fabric to make a 12 inch square. Please let us know if you intend on doing that. Should be fun and result in a beautiful quilt.

Congratulations, High School Graduates!

- ◆ **Dawson Voth** will graduate on May 17 from Chatfield Senior High School. He plans to study engineering at Colorado Mountain College in Steamboat Springs this fall.
- ◆ **Diane Polizzotto** will graduate on May 26 from ThunderRidge High School. She plans to attend Colorado State University in Fort Collins this fall majoring in Ecosystem Science and Sustainability.
- ◆ **Isaac Longacher** will graduate from Douglas County High School on May 22. He plans to attend Eastern Mennonite University in Harrisonburg, VA in the fall majoring in business.
- ◆ **Tyler Kauffman** will graduate on May 17 from Standley Lake High School. He plans to take a gap year and continue working at Mercedes Benz of Westminster as a porter.

Congratulations, Graduates!

- ◆ **Brennen Kauffman** will be graduating from Miami University, in Oxford, Ohio on May

19. He is graduating with honors with double majors in journalism and analytics. He also has a minor in film studies. He is currently looking for a job in journalism.

◆ **Glenda Kauffman** will be graduating in June from Western Governors University with a Master's in Nursing Education.

Any other graduation news? Graduates or Parents of Graduates, please send us your graduate information for college and post-grad students, including name of graduate, graduating from where (include kind of degree), and plans for the next year. Please send your graduate information to [Linda](#) this month for inclusion in the *Weekly*.

WESTSIDE Neighborhood Opportunities

1) International Market & Farmers Market - Saturday, May 26, 12-5 pm, at 10th & Navajo

2) Cultural First Fridays

May 4, 5-9 pm - Museo De Las Americas is bringing El Mariachi Juvenil de Bryant Webster.

May 11, 6-8 pm - There will be a Lowrider History and Hydrodraulic Demonstration. The Compas Car Club will bring in a fully equipped lowrider.

3) Remember the First Friday Art Walks, 5:30-9:30 pm. A shuttle will circle the district every 20 minutes during the First Friday Art Walk.

Mark your calendars - Spring Work Day is scheduled for **Saturday, May 19**.

Upcoming webinar answers questions about Medicare

Most people approaching retirement age have questions about Medicare. An upcoming webinar presented by Everence Financial will provide answers. Medicare made easy will be presented on Wednesday, May 23, at 3 and 8:30 p.m. Specific topics will include Medicare plans, eligibility, deadlines and costs plus enrollment details. The webinar will be presented by Jim Smith, Everence Financial Services Representative. To register, visit everence.com/MedicareMadeEasy or contact Melissa Short at (800) 222-5054, ext. 3392 or melissa.short@everence.com.

Staff Time Away: Glenn and Rita will be in British Columbia for a wedding and visiting family May 9-15.

Picture above - one of FMC's lilacs.

Attendance April 29: Adults - 110; Children - 7; Total - 117

Caring for Each Other

From Joe Fretz - I want to let people know that my mother, Beulah Roth Fretz, died

peacefully on the afternoon of April 24, in Albany, Oregon, at the age of 98. There are still some folks here at FMC that knew her. She attended FMC during its inception, back in 1941-42. She lived with a group of nurses in Denver while doing her affiliation at Denver General, as a recent graduate of the Mennonite Nursing School in La Junta. Then, in the early 1950s, my parents returned to Denver and lived, among other places, at 33rd and Osage in the upstairs of a house (now attached to the restaurant Root Down) shared with the Harold Miller family. My brother Rod and I were born here during that time. Shortly thereafter we moved back to her home state of Oregon, where I grew up. Mom had wonderful memories of FMC and the lifelong friends she made here in Colorado, back then and more recently. Her memorial service is scheduled for Saturday, May 19 at Zion Mennonite Church in Hubbard, Oregon.

Del Roupp's sister, Elda Guhr (88), passed away Tuesday, April 24, in Hesston, Kansas. Del and Joann attended the memorial service there last Saturday.

I want to thank everyone for your love and prayers, cards, calls, flowers and soup!
Love you, Meredith Egli

Happy Birthday May 4-10

4 - Xavier Bohnert

5 - Joe Fretz

6 - Jane Birky

7 - Gary Wahl

8 - Aaron Sauers

8 - Landon Skudneski

9 - Jesse Smith

Happy Anniversary May 4-10

5 - Lori Oswald & Jeff Holliday

5 - Hope & John Ventura

7 - Hal & Marti King

Upcoming Events

May 13

Worship – This week Michael Regier will be preaching. Mamma Mia! God our Father and Mother? If we are made in God's image...??? Families are changing or at least our perception of families is changing. Not everyone has a "mother" in the traditional sense. For some "mother" is a painful memory or reality. So what and who is "mother?" Looking to God and the Family of God gives us some clues.

Adult Education – Jonathan Moyer

Much is in the news regarding North Korea. Jonathan Moyer speaks about the conflict and paths to peace.

May 19 - Spring Work Day

May 20

Worship – Anton Flores will be preaching.

Adult Education - Anton Flores and Sarah Jackson

Anton Flores and Sarah Jackson will lead us in hearing current immigration stories and challenges. Anton will follow up his sermon by sharing about Alterna, the immigrant hospitality community he lives in and he helped to form, in Georgia. Sarah Jackson will share of the hospitality work of Casa de Paz and her advocacy work with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (I.C.E.) detention center in Aurora. Opportunities to visit Casa de Paz and be trained as a volunteer will be available on May 26 and June 2. From May 20-June 3, there will also be opportunity to donate toward the physical needs of Casa de Paz.

May 27

Worship – This Sunday Pastor Glenn will be speaking from Romans 8:12-17.

We will reflect on what it means to be part of the family of God.

No Education Hour.

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

Friday, 4:30-8:30 pm - Denver Children's Choir Rehearsals upstairs

Saturday, 2-4 pm - MSMC Immigration Planning Meeting

Saturday, 4:30-7:30 pm - FMC Babysitting Group

Monday & Wednesday, 9-11:30 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

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

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

Denver Children's Choir - If you liked what you heard last Sunday, you can experience more this weekend. On Saturday, May 5, the Denver Children's Choir will be performing its spring concert, "The Harmony of Children" at the Newman Center (University of Denver). The 2:00 performance will feature the performing choirs; the 5:00 performance will have over 300 voices of all the choirs. Go to the DCC website (www.denverchildrenschoir.org) for more information and tickets.

SOAR Youth & Adult Choir will be presenting their spring concerts on Saturday, May 12, at 2 and 7 pm. Our theme is "Rise Up Singing"--a Melting Pot of American Music. The concerts will take place at Unity Spiritual Center, 3021 South University Blvd. Please come and see us! And there will be pie!). Tickets are available online: soaryouthandadultchoir.org. Hope to see you there! (We'd also invite you to like us on Facebook--this is important for our funding opportunities.)

Join the [West Coast Mennonite Men's Chorus](#) on Monday, May 7, in Littleton, CO for beautiful music in support of Mennonite Disaster Service's Midwest fire relief efforts. Free Admission! A free-will offering will be taken and proceeds will go toward efforts to assist those affected by the wildfires in Oklahoma last year. Here are the details for the performance:

Monday, May 7, @ 7:00pm

Location: Foothills Bible Church, 6100 S Devinney Way, Littleton, Colorado 80127

Now in their 41st year, this group of committed men who love to sing have joined together to form the West Coast Mennonite Men's Chorus. Although rich in the Mennonite tradition of singing as a significant form of worship, this group now represents men from many walks of life and various churches who commit their time and talent to this time-honored endeavor. Centered in the Fresno, California area, singers come from surrounding cities and states to practice and perform.

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

The MC USA Executive Board and Constituency Leaders Council held joint meetings

in Lansdale, Pennsylvania, last month. Read updates about Journey Forward, Ervin Stutzman's farewell program and discussions about credentialing and leadership appointments: <http://mennoniteusa.org/news/mc-usa-leaders-journey-forward-at-spring-meetings/>

Pray for youth ministry leaders from around the country as they travel to Kansas City on May 4-6 for The Gathering Live, the annual gathering of youth ministry leaders in MC USA.

This weekend, "Sent 2018" is holding a three-day conference in Chicago where church planters will worship and learn about resources for birthing missional congregations in the peace church tradition. Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for participants as they implement what they learned in their communities.

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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