



## **FMC Weekly - May 17, 2018**

*The weekly newsletter of First Mennonite Church of Denver*

### ***Sunday Morning, May 20, 2018***

#### ***9:30 am Worship***

This Sunday we welcome back Anton Flores who will be preaching on "The Day Language and Love Cross Borders." Scripture - Acts 2:1-21. A Spirit-filled church has less to do with individual charismatic gifts and everything to do with the Church being a prophetic alternative to the dominant culture of Empire. Ched Myers says Pentecost was the day "the church was forged by... coming out of the closet, of breaking silence, and of speaking inconvenient truth to power." This Sunday's sermon asks, what does the spirit-filled church look like today? What is our alternative social model for today's imperial culture? Rebecca Stoltzfus, new President of Goshen College, will also be with us. Duncan Smith will lead worship, Emily Martin will lead singing, and Rachel Barnes will lead children's time. Nursery will be available but not staffed, through the summer.

#### ***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** - Last day before Summer break
- ◆ **Adult Ed** - "Hospitality and Immigration"

Anton Flores and Sarah Jackson will lead us in hearing current immigration stories and challenges. Anton will follow up his sermon by sharing of 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. There will

be opportunity to respond to Sarah's sharing by touring the house, becoming a volunteer or donating to Casa de Paz:

- 1) Donate. Here is the [Link](#) to the list of items Casa de Paz needs on a regular basis. Bring on Sunday May 20, 27, or June 3 and place in the box in Community Center.
- 2) Saturday, May 26, 10 am - noon, Casa de Paz Tour, Service, and Prayer Opportunity
- 3) Saturday, June 3, 1 - 3 pm, Volunteer Training

## ***Our FMC Community***

### **FMC SPRING WORK DAY is this Saturday, May 19, 9:00 am to Noon**

Many volunteers are needed to accomplish all the Spring work day projects. Any help you can give will be much appreciated and it's a great way to spend some time with others from FMC. Refreshments will be served. Contact Dave Harguth with any questions.

**Save this date!** On Saturday evening, June 30, Women Bridging Borders will host a [fundraiser](#) for this summer's Tiny Home Village building project. Many more details to follow.

### **WESTSIDE Neighborhood Opportunities**

The debut of the International Market will be May 26 from 12 noon to 5 PM at 10th and Navajo. This market is a program of Emily Griffith Opportunity College and run by students. This event is on the same day as the Block Party held at Osage and Mariposa from 12 noon to 5 PM.

**Attention All FMC Singers:** Please join us for a fun weekend choral festival, June 22-24 here at First Mennonite Church. The festival will be directed by Dr. Mark Bartel from Friends University in Wichita, KS, and sponsored by the Mennonite Society of Musical Heritage (MSMH). It begins on Friday evening and ends with a worship service at FMC on Sunday morning. A few scholarships are available. Find more information and register at the website: [www.mennomusic.org](http://www.mennomusic.org).



**Photo above** - Bleeding heart plant at FMC

Attendance May 13: Adults - 75; Children - 7; Total - 82

## ***Caring for Each Other***

**Annika Stutzman has been at children's hospital since Friday, May 11, with a muscle and bone infection in her leg. It's been a very painful infection and she hasn't been able to**

walk since Thursday the 10th. She continues to make some progress each day though we are realizing her healing is going to take time. We have appreciated the cards, texts and support and will benefit from ongoing prayers as we continue to support Annika in her healing process.

~Barb, Rod, Trevor, and Levi Stutzman



**Ezra Thomas Penner-Smith was born May 15**, Tuesday, at 4:00 am. He weighed seven pounds, six ounces. His parents are Anne Penner and Jesse Smith and his big sister is Lillian. Ezra and Anne are doing great. Congratulations to the whole family!

**Cherylyn Nicole Alderfer, 24, daughter of Brent Alderfer and Cheryl Neufeld, passed away** on the afternoon of May 11, 2018. Cherylyn lost the battle with depression following recovery from a traumatic brain injury last year. Born November 15, 1993 in Denver, Colorado, she spent her early years as part of the FMC family with her father, Brent Alderfer, and her grandparents, Arch and Ruth Neufeld. She was preceded in death by her Mother, Cheryl in 1995.

Cherylyn grew up in Pennsylvania, graduated from Westtown High School in West Chester, PA in 2012, and received her bachelor's degree in eco-philosophy from Colorado College in 2016. She had a passion for the outdoors and the beauty of nature and the cycles of life. She hiked and camped, and enjoyed learning and teaching about trees and ecosystems, with a special affection for birds. She enjoyed music and dance, and created and enjoyed poetry, crafts and photography, particularly from the outdoors.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend memorial services for Cherylyn on Saturday, May 26, 2018 at 11AM Mountain Time at Shove Chapel, 1010 N. Nevada Avenue, on the campus of Colorado College in Colorado Springs, Colorado, with food and sharing to follow.

### **Happy Birthday May 18-24**

19 - Melba Miller

20 - Kerry Stutzman

21 - Moses Martin

24 - Carlene Hill

### **Happy Anniversary May 18-24**

20 - Greg & Rhonda Polizzotto

22 - Del & Mim Roth

22 - Darcey & Mark VanWagner

## ***Upcoming Events***

**May 19 - SPRING WORK DAY! Many volunteers are needed.**

**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 3**

**Worship** – This week Pastor Glenn will speak from Mark 2:23-3:6. We will talk about rules, flexibility and grace.

**Adult Education** – Immigration and Sanctuary -- Jennifer Piper, American Friends Service Committee.

**June 10**

**Worship** – This week Charlie Ferguson will speak from 1 Samuel 8:4-11.

**No Education Hour**

**June 17 - Father's Day - Child Dedication**

**Adult Education** - Cole Chandler will share with us about the new Tiny Home Village.

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

## ***In the Building this Week***

Saturday, 9am-12 - SPRING WORK DAY!

8am - 1pm - CCFC Restore Program meeting

4-9pm - Goshen College Alumni Dinner & Meeting

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

Monday, 5-8:30pm - Denver Children's Choir Rehearsals

Tuesday, 4 pm - CCFC groups in B21 and Commons

Wednesday, 7 pm - FMC Leadership Board meeting

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***

**On Sunday, May 20, 12 pm - Beloved Community Mennonite will be hosting Mike Martin from Raw Tools for a Guns to Garden Tools event on the lawn.** We'll have our music, a message from Mike, live blacksmithing, bbq, Eucharist and just about everything you could need on a Sunday afternoon. Join us as we "Breathe peace; disrupt death; celebrate life!" at 3001 S. Acoma St.

**The TWO children's choirs that rehearse at First Mennonite Church, SOAR!** and Denver Children's Choir, will be joining the Denver Women's Chorus on May 18 and 19 at Central Presbyterian Church for a number of concerts. The Denver Children's Choir will be singing on May 18 at 7:30 and May 19 at 2:00; SOAR! will be singing May 19 at 7:30. DCC will have a table set up for info and 'other' fundraising; SOAR is auctioning a quilt which will be on display also.

For more information and tickets go to:

[DenverWomensChorus.org](http://DenverWomensChorus.org) or [Denverchildrenschoir.org](http://Denverchildrenschoir.org)

**The Denver Children's Choir is holding auditions for their 2018-2019 choir season** that starts next August. If there are any FMC children (age 7-18) who would like to join, please check out our website ([www.denverchildrenschoir.org](http://www.denverchildrenschoir.org)), or email Cindy Kraybill at [Cindy@denverchildrenschoir.org](mailto:Cindy@denverchildrenschoir.org). The audition is "child friendly", children need no prior musical training, rehearsals are located in various locations around Denver, and we offer financial aid to those in need.

## ***Around Mountain States Mennonite Conference***

For more information about our conference and latest issue of ZING!, go to [mountainstatesmc.org](http://mountainstatesmc.org)

## ***Mennonite Church USA and Beyond***

**This week, JCS, the consortium of mission agencies** through which Mennonite Mission Network serves in Mongolia, will celebrate its 25th anniversary following the close of their annual board meetings. Pray for JCS as they remember God's faithfulness over the years and follow Jesus into the future.

**See the latest newsletters:**

Mennonite World Conference *Courier* - <https://mwc-cmm.org/article/courier>

For more information about our denomination, go to [mennoniteusa.org](http://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](http://fmcdenver.org)

Phone: 303-892-1038

**Deadline for announcements is Wednesday midnight.** Please send announcements to Linda Welty at [linda.fmcdenver@gmail.com](mailto: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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