



FMC Weekly - May 24, 2018

The weekly newsletter of First Mennonite Church of Denver

Sunday Morning, May 27, 2018

9:30 am Worship

This Sunday Pastor Glenn will be speaking from John 10:22-30. To put it mildly, this is an interesting passage. Jesus compares us to sheep, then goes on to talk about hearing, listening, and following. Bob Carlsten will lead worship, Nikki KandeLind will lead singing, and Ron Olson will lead children's time. There will be communion.

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.

No Education Hour this Sunday

Our FMC Community

Thanks to the following people who helped this past Saturday with spring cleanup inside and outside the church: Ardell Swartzendruber, Marie Voth, Doug Reed, Steve Stutzman, Galen Hofer, Glenn Balzer, Gabe Baron, Lonny Gardner, Craig Sommers, Matt Baron, Carrie Baron, Mary Alderfer, Marylou Shelly, Brad Shelly, Dave Harguth, Richard Wyse, Lola Hershberger, Deb Reed.

Are you a widow or widower? If so, Pastor Glenn would like you to join him and others on Sunday, June 3, after the Adult Education hour. A light lunch will be provided. Afterwards we will have a conversation that begins to address the following questions:

1. How can I better serve you?
2. How can FMC be more friendly and open to widows and widowers?
3. Should this group meet regularly?

Please RSVP to [Pastor Glenn](#) or [Linda](#) by Saturday, June 2.

Father's Day is just around the corner. This year we will celebrate Fathers and set aside time for our Baby/Child dedication ritual. This is an opportunity for both the parents and the congregation. For the parents it is a time to publicly declare their intention to love and raise their child/ren within the context of a supportive and loving faith community.

For the congregation it is our opportunity to publicly declare our commitment to be a community of support, love, and faith for our children.

If you would like to dedicate your son or daughter on June 17, please reach out to [Pastor Glenn](#) or call him at 720-256-3667.

Summer Sundays - Would you like to provide an altar floral arrangement, plant or art piece for any of these dates - June 17, July 1, 22 or 29, August 5, 12, or 26? You may have flowers in your garden or you may want to honor or remember a special person or event. Email [Lola H](#) or call her at 303-523-5364.

How can we support immigration reform and a path to citizenship? How can we help our sisters who are in Sanctuary at churches around the state?

Come to the Adult Education hour on June 3 to hear from Jennifer Piper, an attorney with American Friends Service Committee. She will answer your questions about the complicated immigration policies and practices. We will also learn about the mothers and children that are currently in Denver/Colorado Sanctuary churches and how we can support them.

FMC women: Interested in becoming more involved with Women Bridging Borders?

Our June 30 fundraiser (raising funds for the new Tiny Home Village for women, particularly the transgender community) is gaining steam. If you would like to help with event planning or with day-of activities, please let us now!

~Debb, Linda M, Ivannah, Judi, Naomi, Rhoda, Donna...

It's getting exciting! We now have a great venue (the RedLine) and some hot items for our silent auction (even a plane ride from Galen Hofer). All this and more will happen Saturday evening, June 30, at the fundraiser for this summer's [Tiny Home Village](#) building project (8 homes for women experiencing homelessness, the transgender community in particular). So mark your calendars now. ~Women Bridging Borders

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.

Looking for a new coffee shop, one with a purpose? While it is not in the FMC neighborhood you may find yourself close to the Purple Door Coffee shop. They "...employ teens and young adults who have been homeless and want to leave homelessness behind." Their address is: 2962 Welton Street, Denver.

Photo above - Juvenile great horned owl spotted in Denver by Merritt Welty

Attendance May 20: Adults - 110; Children - 16; Total - 126

Caring for Each Other

Happy Birthday May 25-31

25 - Ellie Knowles

26 - Trevor Meeks

27 - Jennifer Regier

27 - Nicholas VanWagner

31 - Arlen Hershberger

Happy Anniversary May 25-31

27 - Brad Miller & Jessica Yoder

28 - Carrie & Matthew Baron

29 - Alyssa Bennett Smith & Joshua Smith

31 - Leon & Roberta Stutzman

Upcoming Events

June 3

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

Adult Education – How can we support immigration reform and a path to citizenship?

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June 10

Worship – Charlie Ferguson will be preaching. His reflections will grow out of Exodus

3:1-14 and Matthew 5:1-10.

Adult Education - Pastoral Staffing, Vision, and Next Steps - Led by the Leadership Board.

June 17 - Father's Day - Child Dedication

Worship - I just want to fit in. Why can't we be like our neighbors? Being different is not always fun or easy, yet our faith calls us to be salt and light, to stand out and even stand up. This week Pastor Glenn will speak from 1 Samuel 8:4-11.

Adult Education - Cole Chandler, co-pastor at Beloved Community Mennonite Church, and staff at the Colorado Village Collaborative will be sharing about the new Tiny Home Village at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church which is specifically for homeless women and the Transgender/LGBTQ community in Denver. Cole will also update on the Beloved Community Village. Women Bridging Borders will share information on the fundraiser they are sponsoring for the new Tiny Home Village. The fundraiser will be Saturday, June 30.

June 22-24 - MSMH Weekend Choral Festival

June 24, 10:00 am

Worship - Join us as we celebrate with the Mennonite Society for Musical Heritage. Mark Bartel, the conductor, has chosen the theme of ***Transformation***.

In the Building this Week

Tuesday evening-Sunday morning - DOOR Group from Bethel Mennonite Church, KS

Tuesday, 4 pm - CCFC groups in B8 and B21

Wednesday, 5:30 pm - CCFC Healing Circle in B21

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.

House for Rent. We are renting our 4BD, 3BA home in northwest Denver while we're on our one-year family sabbatical. Available July for 12 to 13 months. Could be furnished, or not. No pets. We'd love your referrals - please forward widely. Contact Susan at 303-305-9193 or susan.burkholder@gmail.com or view our listing on Zillow.

Our Urban Community

Around Mountain States Mennonite Conference

The Leadership Discernment Committee for Mountain States Mennonite Conference is currently looking for one new member for the Leadership Board and two new members for the Ministerial Council to begin serving in January 2019.

The role of the Leadership Board is to work with the Conference Ministers and staff in carrying out the vision of the conference — to pursue God’s dreams, by the power of the Holy Spirit, in the way of Jesus Christ.

The work of the Ministerial Council is to deepen spiritual relationships across the conference through having sacred conversations with each church leader/pastor being called to serve a congregation (ministerial credentialing process).

If you know of people (especially younger people) who would have the potential, gifts and passions needed for either of these two positions, please send their names to Jen Dudenhefer (administrator@MountainStatesMC.org) by June 12. Self-nominations are also welcome.

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

Mennonite Church USA and Beyond

Join the upcoming MCC Haiti learning tour from September 22 to 29. 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. Limited spots are available, registration closes June 20. Contact Jordan Penner at jordanpenner@mcc.org or 316-727-6837 for more information.

At the end of a two-year term (Jan. 2016-18), the Panel on Sexual Abuse Prevention created guidelines for response when non-credentialed individuals are accused of sexualized violence in the context of congregations, conferences and organizations. The booklet is now available online: <http://mennoniteusa.org/resource/prevention-and-response-sexual-abuse-and-non-credentialed-individuals/>

SET Applications Still Accepted!

Deadline extended to June 15, 2018

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 has been extended to June 15, 2018. For details and application form, see www.mennohealth.org/student_term/, email info@mennohealth.org, or call 1-888-406-3643.

Diana Cruz and Felipe Preciado, serving with Mennonite Mission Network, are on their way to La Casa Grande children's village in Benin. Pray for them as they transition from their life in Colombia and participate in orientation in the United States and Spain in the coming weeks.

See the latest newsletter:

Mennonite Disaster Update: <https://mail.google.com/mail/u/1/#inbox/1638e99857ec030f>

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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