



## **FMC Weekly - May 31, 2018**

*The weekly newsletter of First Mennonite Church of Denver*

### ***Sunday Morning, June 3, 2018***

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

Join us this Sunday morning! This week Pastor Glenn will speak from Mark 2:23-3:6. The question for this week is how do we balance our needs for rules, flexibility and grace? Duncan Smith will lead worship, Sonia Graber will lead singing, pre-service will be provided by Mary Alderfer and Steven Kandelind, guitar accompaniment will be provided by Ethan Mullett, and Ron Olson will lead children's time.

Note regarding parking this Sunday - there is Yoga in Sunken Gardens Park; you may end up parking a little further away but please come!

#### ***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 Adult Education***

**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 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 and other Colorado Sanctuary churches and how we can support them.

**Noon** - Lunch for widows and widowers in the Community Center

### ***Our FMC Community***

**Are you a widow or widower?** If so, Pastor Glenn would like you to join him and others

this 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?

**You can still bring donations for Casa de Paz.** Specific items are wanted which are listed on [this flyer](#). Please place donations in the box located in the Community Center. If you are interested in volunteering there will be a training at Casa de Paz this Saturday, June 2nd, from 1 - 3pm. For more information contact Sarah Jackson at 720.500.2272 or [sjackson@casadepazcolorado.org](mailto:sjackson@casadepazcolorado.org).

### **Four-Week Countdown. Mark your calendars!**

#### **At the RedLine Gallery, 7-9 pm on June 30.**

Help raise funds for this summer's [Tiny Home Village](#) building project.

Evening includes silent auction, food, live music, art show, report from Cole (project director)

Invite your friends - fliers are in your mailbox.

### **Mark Your Calendars for the June 10 Adult Ed Hour**

FMC Leadership Board will be leading a discussion about Pastoral Staffing, Vision, and Next Steps.

### **The summer DOOR Discover season has begun!**

We welcome young people from congregations throughout the region to spend a week serving with our partner agencies, learning about social justice, and reflecting on John 9:25 "one thing I know...I was blind, and now I can see." Looking for a way to give back to your community? You are invited to spend a day serving with one of our partner agencies during the week (Mon-Thu). Maybe you are interested in learning more about Implicit Bias, Gentrification, or Food Justice. Please join us for our evening programming that begins at 7 pm. On Monday, June 4 and 11 Jenny Medrano from The Bridges Project & Young Life will talk to our groups about cultural identity and how that shapes our implicit bias. On Monday, June 18 & 25 Ben Sooy from Hope In Our City will speak about cultural humility shaped from his experience in serving the refugee community of The Sun Valley neighborhood. If you are interested in plugging into any of these experiences, please email Heather Gordon at [heather@doornetwork.org](mailto:heather@doornetwork.org). Stay tuned for more opportunities throughout our summer season!

**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.

**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).

**Staff Time Away:** Linda will be out of the office Friday-Tuesday, June 1-5.

**Photo above** - Flowers by FMC south patio

Attendance May 27: Adults - 66; Children - 8; Total - 74

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

**Hold Marti King's family in prayer** - Marti passed away peacefully on May 27. Two years ago Marti was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. In March of this year Hal & Marti moved to Lancaster, PA and were settling into a community that had been home for many years. Marti's service will be Saturday, June 1, at Community Mennonite Church in Lancaster, PA. Hal's address is 78 Deer Ford Dr., Lancaster, PA 17601

### **Happy Birthday June 1-7**

- 1 - Charlotte Derstine
- 2 - Cash McMurry
- 2 - Craig Sommers
- 2 - Marie Voth
- 3 - Millie Bennett
- 3 - Ruth Hooley
- 3 - Lydia KandeLind
- 4 - Joanna McCreedy
- 4 - Jennifer Miller
- 4 - Ralph Nafziger
- 6 - Karen Parks
- 6 - Camille Nygaard Stauffer

7 - Ernest Bennett  
7 - Meredith Ann Egli  
7 - Elias Moyer

### **Happy Anniversary June 1-7**

3 - Jane & Merv Dick  
3 - Mary & Ron Olson  
9 - Greta Lindecrantz & Dave Sidwell

## ***Upcoming Sundays***

### **June 10**

**Worship** – Charlie Ferguson will be preaching!

I just want to do my own thing. I don't want to do what YOU want me to do. Go away! How many times have we all said this in some fashion or another, especially when it comes to our spiritual calling? How many times, when the spirit has whacked us up long side of our heads and tried to get our attention, have we turned our backs and said go away? I wonder what Moses thought when I Am whacked him up long side his head and said you will listen to me... This week I'll be talking about this in relationship to Moses' trek up Mt. Sinai and what we as individuals, as a corporate group of people called Mennonites and as real world incarnates of the Holy Spirit are called to do in the world today.

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

### **June 17**

**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. Also Baby/Child dedication.

**Adult Education** – Cole Chandler, pastor at Beloved Community 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 24, 10:00 am**

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

The idea of transformation takes off on the fact that both singers and listeners are transformed in a unique way through experiences of music-making.

When thinking of a given musical experience (like the festival) we can envision both an inward-focused transformation and an outward-focused transformation. Accordingly, texts and songs can be directed toward introspection, spiritual and intellectual awakening (eg. "What Wondrous Love is this, Oh My Soul") and toward action and stepping out in new directions (eg. "Wade in the Water). Music can be the agent in a change of heart becoming a change of being and acting.

Of course there are a vast array of songs and worship materials that focus broadly on inner transformation and outer action. But there are some which address this very directly, poetically and in ways that are musically more evocative. That's what I will be looking for. My idea is that we create an experience that truly makes a difference in the actual experience of singers and congregation in the course of the act itself

## July 1

**Worship** – Duncan Smith will be preaching

**Adult Education** – No Adult Ed.

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

Through this Sunday morning - DOOR Group from Bethel Mennonite Church, KS

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

Sunday evening-Friday noon - DOOR Groups from Hesston & Eden Mennonite Churches

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

Monday, 6:30 pm - Women Bridging Borders meeting in FMC office

Monday, 7:00 pm - Gun Violence Group meeting in Community Center

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.*

**Looking for DOG-CAT-HOUSE SITTER** for Arlen & Lola's home to stay overnights.

From: Tuesday, June 12 @ 5:00 pm to Tuesday, June 19 mid-morning. Home on 1500 block of Ivy—10 minute or less to walk 5 coffee shops with nice gardens to water.

If you have one house trained & polite dog that gets on well with our senior dog and cat, you are welcome to have him/her stay with you. Text Lola @ 303 523-5364 or

[Lola.hershberger@gmail.com](mailto:Lola.hershberger@gmail.com) if interested.

## ***Our Urban Community***

### ***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***

**Calling all MCC volunteers!!** Join us for our annual Volunteer Appreciation Celebration on June 13, 5 pm – 7 pm at MCC in North Newton, Kansas! All relief sale volunteers, all meat canning volunteers, participants in the Flatlander Bicycle Ride or the Harvest Giving Walk, all of you who make comforters on your own or at a Comforter Blitz, if you've packed a kit at MCC or volunteered your time at an MCC thrift shop or in the MCC Warehouse – YOU'RE INVITED! We want you to join us, enjoy a delicious meal of burgers, hot dogs, salads, chips and ice cream for dessert! Please RSVP by June 11 to [patsydirksen@mcc.org](mailto:patsydirksen@mcc.org), 316.283.2720.

**Supplies are running low in the MCC Material Resources Center** in North Newton and we could use your help! The current material resources needs are: shampoo for relief kits (1-2 bottles, totaling more than 20 oz), toothbrushes for relief and hygiene kits (in originally packaging), small, metal pencil sharpeners (one or two holes) for school kits, dark colored hand or bath towels for hygiene and relief kits. Visit [mcc.org/mrc/kits](http://mcc.org/mrc/kits) for full kit information and from there click through to our Amazon Wish List for easier shopping and shipping. Just bring or ship kit items to MCC Central States 121 E. 30th St. North Newton, KS 67428. Contact [katemast@mcc.org](mailto:katemast@mcc.org) or call with questions at 316-283-2720 .

**Sexualized violence and the church webinar, June 13, 2 pm – 3 pm:** Mennonite Central Committee is offering the third webinar in our three-part series this spring for churches and individuals to learn about addressing sexualized violence within the church. This webinar focusing on Healthy masculinity will cover how the church can prepare men to talk to their sons about healthy masculinity and what men should tell boys about sexual violence. Speakers will be Glen Guyton, the new Executive Director for MCUSA and Isaac Villegas, pastor at Chapel Hill (North Carolina) Mennonite Fellowship . Learn more and register for the webinar at [mcc.org/wwso](http://mcc.org/wwso). Contact [karinkaufmanwall@mcc.org](mailto:karinkaufmanwall@mcc.org) with questions.

**Addressing violence on the Colombia-Ecuador border,** the three Mennonite conferences in Ecuador are calling their national government to work for peace and to respect the human rights of all people. Delicia Bravo Aguilar and Peter Wigginton of Mennonite Mission Network ask us to join our brothers and sisters in praying for peace.

**See the latest newsletter:**

**Mennonite World Conference News:**

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/1/#inbox/163af8cb3d6aa0fd>

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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