



FMC Weekly - June 7, 2018

The weekly newsletter of First Mennonite Church of Denver

Sunday Morning, June 10, 2018

9:30 am Worship

Join us this Sunday morning! Charlie Ferguson will speak to us from Exodus 3:1-14 and Matthew 5:1-10. 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 Charlie will 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.

Jordan Penner and Glenn Balzer will lead worship, Arlen Hershberger will lead singing and provide pre-service along with Isaac Olson, and Linda Miller 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

Pastoral Staffing, Vision, and Next Steps – Join the FMC Leadership Board this Sunday and participate in the discussion led by Jonathan Moyer. *Child care will be*

provided.

Our FMC Community

Save the Date!

Thursday, July 19, 2018 - Evening

Mennonite Education Fund Event

Detailed invitation to follow

The following is a statement from the Gun Violence Group that may be useful to members of the congregation: Learning candidates' positions on gun regulation

Electing candidates from both parties who will support reasonable gun violence legislation will be necessary to make progress on this issue. The Gun Violence Group, as a church organization, seeks to promote reasonable laws in a way that does not make it a republican or democrat issue, but rather a sensible, moral issue. We want people of both parties, as well as independents, to examine the web sites of candidates to learn their positions on sensible gun regulation. Therefore, we suggest the following steps to find candidate's positions.

1. Verify your state senate and house districts, and your U.S. house district. Go to:

<https://leg.colorado.gov/find-my-legislator>

https://ballotpedia.org/United_States_House_of_Representatives_elections_in_Colorado,_2018

2. Find the candidates for your party in your districts. Go to:

<https://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/elections/vote/primaryCandidates.html>

3. Record the web site addresses for your candidates, and then examine those sites for the candidate's position on reasonable gun regulation.

4. Be sure to vote in the primaries (if eligible) and the general election.

Three-Week Countdown:

Women Bridging Borders fundraiser for Women's Tiny-home Village

At the [RedLine Gallery](#) on June 30 from 7-9 pm.

Gallery will be filled with art from the [Reach Studio 8th Annual Exhibition](#).

Activities include auction, light food, live music, and report from Cole (co-director of tiny-home project)

Children welcome

A good mentee-mentor activity

Invite your friends!

Can't attend but want to donate to the village? Go to <https://bit.ly/2x8WA7U>.

Staff Time Away: Alyssa Bennett Smith is on vacation today through Tuesday, June 12.

Photo above - Hosta plant by FMC front door

Attendance June 3: Adults - 91; Children - 4; Total - 95

Caring for Each Other

Happy Birthday June 8-14

8 - Glenda Kauffman

8 - Diane Polizzotto

9 - Nancy Gregory

9 - Brian Nishi

9 - Dave Sidwell

10 - Dana Williams Hosman

12 - Cindy Kraybill

14 - Ernie Kandel

14 - Clint Schmidt

Happy Anniversary June 8-14

10 - Elizabeth Holdeman & Dan Wessner

12 - Chris Barnes & Rachel Bennett Barnes

12 - Ruth & Tom Friesen

13 - Brett Birky & Anne Friesen Birky

Upcoming Sundays

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.

July 1

Worship – Scripture -- Mark 12: 28-34

'Seeking the Welfare of your neighbor.' Duncan Smith will share from his work as Outreach Consultant and stories of what it might look like for FMC to be a neighbor and a partner.

Adult Education – No Adult Ed.

In the Building this Week

Saturday, 2:30-4 pm - Gubernatorial Candidate Forum on Individual Liberty, Criminal Justice, Drug Policy & Harm Reduction. Candidates present will be: Mike Johnston, Cary Kennedy, Donna Lynne & Jared Polis. RSVP at <https://gubernatorial-forum-june9.eventbrite.com>. Colorado Circles For Change is one of the sponsors; in the Sanctuary and Community Center

Sunday, 2-4 pm - MSMH Choral Festival Rehearsal in Sanctuary

Sunday evening-Friday noon - DOOR Group from Macalester Plymouth United Church

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

Monday, 7 pm - MSMH meeting in office

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.

Our Urban Community

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 Journey Forward “Pathways” study guide is now available! It invites congregations and groups across MC USA to engage in studying Scripture, singing, praying, storytelling, exploring Anabaptist history and values, and discussing how you see God working in your lives. It is a way for groups to participate in the Journey Forward churchwide renewal process that will highlight how God is working in the lives of people and congregations across MC USA. Get your copy: mennoniteusa.org/pathways

Pray for Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference as they gather for their annual session in Indianapolis, Indiana, June 15-16, with the theme "Offering ourselves to God's renewing."

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Service Adventure participants who are ending their assignments in Albuquerque (New Mexico), Anchorage (Alaska), Colorado Springs (Colorado), Jackson (Mississippi), and Johnstown (Pennsylvania). Praise God for all they gave and received during the past 10 months. Pray for them as they integrate this year's learnings into their life choices.

See the latest newsletter:

MCC In Touch: <https://mail.google.com/mail/u/1/#inbox/163cb195cd74d55e>

Mennonite Disaster Update: <https://mail.google.com/mail/u/1/#inbox/163d5dcbf4b1909f>

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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