



FMC Weekly - July 12, 2018

The weekly newsletter of First Mennonite Church of Denver

Sunday Morning, July 15, 2018

9:30 am Worship

Come early to enjoy Pre-Service Music provided by Vicky Mierau and Romaine Anderson. Unity and diversity – is it even possible? This week Pastor Glenn will be preaching from 1 Corinthians 12:4-13. Jordan Penner will lead worship, Arlen Hershberger will lead singing, Roberta Kandel will lead the children's time, and offerory will be provided by Vicky and Romaine.

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

No Education Hour this Sunday

Our FMC Community

FMC Staffing Update

Thank you for everyone's feedback during the June 10 meeting on pastoral staffing.

This message serves to provide an update on the process and status of staffing positions at FMC, and a call for people to offer feedback – especially if you were not present for the June 10 meeting.

Office staff: A small group of individuals, including some Board members, Pastor Glenn and other congregants will work together to search and fill the Church Administrator and Bookkeeper positions. With Linda Welty's departure in October, this is a pressing need.

CYFF: We would like to move forward with the model of hiring permanent part-time

coordinators to support Christian education and youth programming. Anita Miller is serving as part-time coordinator of Peace School. A part-time coordinator of JYF/MYF will be determined shortly.

Second Pastor: Based on feedback from the June 10 presentation and further conversation within the leadership regarding long term needs at FMC we discerned it was important to broaden the position. Thus, **we now believe FMC should seek a pastor with gifts/interests in any of the areas of worship, outreach, and/or Christian education.**

We recognize many participants are eagerly awaiting a second pastor, as this may further set the tone of the congregation for many years to come. And we want to ensure everyone has an opportunity to provide constructive feedback that informs this next pastor search. To that end, please let us know through this simple questionnaire. Please also share this questionnaire with people broadly involved in our FMC community. We want feedback!

Survey link: <https://goo.gl/forms/qhAMKUYF3q3HX4iG3>

Please feel free to also speak to any FMC Board member:

Cindy Eby, Jon Moyer, Barb Stutzman, Tom Bishop, or Eric Boschmann

Mark your calendars:

Sunday, August 12, 11:00 am - Updates from Pastor Glenn and Leadership Board

Sunday, August 19, 11:00 am - Annual Congregational Meeting

Mindful Yoga at First Mennonite

Led by Jill Schmidt and Ben Gerig, yoga and meditation instructors, join us for a 1 hour yoga class *every Thursday from 6:30-7:30 pm beginning August 16* in the FMC Community Center. Questions? See flyers and handouts in your church mailbox or email Jill at jillrays@gmail.com

An Update on the Quilt

So far 16 people have made 1 or more blocks for the quilt. Wonderful!!! They are beautiful. We are anxious to get them together. It will take 30 blocks to make a queen size quilt. We do have enough to complete one quilt but would love to have 30 different quilters represented. If you are working on a block or want to, please try to have it to us by this Sunday, July 15. Thank You, Linda Wyse

Photo above - Summer wildflowers at Yellowstone National Park

Attendance July 1: Adults - 67; Children - 14; Total - 81

Attendance July 8: Adults - 111; Children - 8; Total - 119

Caring for Each Other

Congratulations! Laura & Jack Metier & big sister Mae's family welcomed a new baby brother early July 11--Max Fire Metier (Mae chose his middle name). Grandparents Lola & Arlen Hershberger/Tom& Kathy Metier & assorted aunts and uncles are delighted.

Sending our love and support to our FMC friends! We are doing well and are participating in our new church community in New Holland, PA. With Love, Dawn K. Dawn Kaczor & Steve Lantz's daughter, Elsa, will be a senior at Goshen College this coming school year. Elsa is one of seven students receiving an MEF scholarship for the 2018/19 school year.

Happy Birthday July 13-19

15 - Sari Vilen-Bontrager

17 - Kristin Kraybill-Voth

18 - Del Roth

19 - Noah Polizzotto

Happy Anniversary July 13-19

13 - Julia & Ron Weaver

Upcoming Sundays [Adult Ed only where indicated]

July 22

Worship – Naomi Nishi will be preaching! Her meditation is entitled: "And he walked away: Using humanizing love to get a camel through the eye of a needle." It will draw on Matthew 19: 16-24.

July 29

Worship – Pastor Glenn will be speaking from John 6:1-21.

Adult Education – Troy Greenwood, co-founder of GraceFull Community Cafe will share how he and his wife Heather started GraceFull, the heart behind the cafe and Grace In Action Meals, where any guest can access a meal at no cost. He will lead a discussion on the vision of GraceFull, myths and facts surrounding homelessness in Littleton and share stories from Grace In Action guests.

August 5

Worship – Darren Knowles will be preaching from 2 Chronicles 7:11-16 – "My eyes and heart will always be there." How can history and remembering heal our land? Is there

redemptive power in tradition? We will discuss how meaningful connections to our individual and collective pasts can shape and transform the future.

August 12

Worship – Dice in the Prayer Meeting: Casting Lots! This Week Pastor Glenn will be preaching from Acts 1:12-26.

Adult Education – Join us for Adult Education hour as Pastor Glenn and members from the FMC Leadership team share updates:

1. Peace School, JYF and MYF

Over the past few months Pastor Glenn has met with Peace School teachers and leaders as well as JYF and MYF parents, teachers and sponsors. Join us as we begin to dream and plan for the future of Christian Education and Youth Programming at FMC.

2. Hiring Update – New FMC Administrator

Barb Stutzman, Carol Swartzendruber, Joann Roupp and Linda Wyse have agreed to give leadership and oversight to the interview and hiring process for a new FMC Administrator. Ideally this person would begin his/her role early to mid-October 2018.

3. Casting Lots and discerning who will be the next member of the Leadership

Team. One traditional approach to choosing leadership in the Mennonite church is to "cast lots". Casting lots involves choosing a small group of potential leaders, presenting each person in this group a hymnal where only one book contains a piece of paper, and then calling the person to leadership who is given the book with the paper. Casting of lots can make the process of decision-making less "political" and reduces the "popularity contest" nature of selecting leadership. It also speaks to the power of mystery in God's calling for our community. We, the Leadership Board, have decided to choose a replacement member of the leadership board in this way and have nominated a group of potential candidates and will select by lot on Sunday, August 19.

August 19

Worship – “For it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us...” (Acts 15:28). This week Pastor Glenn Balzer will be preaching from Acts 15:22-35. How do we figure out how to move forward as a church when there are so many different opinions and perspectives?

Adult Education: Annual Congregational Meeting

In the Building this Week

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

Tuesday, 4 pm - CCFC groups in B8 and B21

Tuesday, 6:30 pm - Worship Team meeting in FMC office

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.

MCC Central States is happy to be hosting Moses Simbeye from Zambia as an International Volunteer Exchange Program (IVEP) participant in Denver, Colorado this year. Moses will be working at The Conflict Center in Denver and is in need of a host home from August 2018 through July of 2019. This is a great way to learn from and share with a young person from across the globe. If you're interested in hosting Moses please contact Rachel Protentis at The Conflict Center at 303.865.5634 or rachel.protentis@conflictcenter.org. There are flyers with more details on the Open Table.

Our Urban Community

Join MCC for a Lunch & Learn on August 11 at First Mennonite Church in Denver!

MCC Central States Executive Director Michelle Armster will share during lunch around the theme of MCC's mission and rejoicing with those who rejoice and weeping with those who weep (Romans 12 9-21). MCC will provide lunch for a suggested \$10 donation. All are welcome, please RSVP to jordanpenner@mcc.org on or before August 8. First Mennonite Church is located at 430 W 9th Ave in Denver. We look forward to seeing you on August 11 at noon!

Calling all MCC alumni! Join us for an alumni gathering on August 12 at 4 pm at the home of Barry & Brenda Bartel (21919 Grandview Ave, Golden, Colorado). MCC Central States Executive Director Michelle Armster will share with the group. Please RSVP to jordanpenner@mcc.org on or before August 7. Join us for food, fellowship and good times!

Around Mountain States Mennonite Conference

FUNDRAISER FOR PEACE MENNONITE COMMUNITY CHURCH: PEACHES

Peace Mennonite Community Church is selling Western Slope peaches as a fundraiser. An 18 lb box sells for \$36.00. Please sign up on the order form on the Open Table in the FMC Community Center and submit your check, made payable to Peace Mennonite Community Church, to the FMC office by August 8. Pickup date is August 25. Thank you!

It's hot! I hope some of you are staying cool inside and working on projects for the Craft Booth at the Rocky Mountain MCC Relief Sale in October. Once again we need your handcrafted items to sell for the benefit of Mennonite Central Committee. Please contact [Jeni Hiett Umble](mailto:Jeni.Hiett.Umble) with any questions and/or to let her know what you are working on!

Annual Assembly - Call for Musicians

Mountain States Mennonite Conference Annual Assembly is a time for us to gather together, this year exploring ideas about what it really means to pursue God's dreams. We plan for music to be an integral part of Assembly and hope to include musicians from many MSMC congregations. Anyone planning to attend (if you're on the fence - yes, you should come!) is welcome to complete this musical gifts survey. Lisa Mast, Assembly Song Leader, and the worship planning team will then use the information to include as many musicians as possible during the weekend.* This is not a commitment to participate, but an effort to seek out those interested in sharing in music. You will be contacted with additional information later in July. Please respond by Monday, July 16.

Contact Lisa Mast (Albuquerque Mennonite) with any questions.

lisa.soprano1@gmail.com. See <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe0XM4H15O-onRjBJcXdOPSgkyXdL5Jj6U8ThW7tb1BTS3yXw/viewform>. * Required

Other Assembly Updates...

- 1) The Thursday Pre-Assembly Young Adult Gathering - the more the merrier! Let Todd know if you are interested.
 - 2) The Post-Assembly Family Camp registration deadline is fast approaching! This is a great opportunity for families and individuals or other groups. Please be in touch with Todd by JULY 15.
 - 3) LODGING IS FILLING UP at TiLT, very few spots are left. If you are interested in alternative lodging there, please register with Todd and get details.
- * Todd Wynward is our Taos host with the most. Reach out to him for the above opportunities, at toddwynward@gmail.com.

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

Mennonite Church USA and Beyond

The Panel on Sexual Abuse Prevention created a document, titled "Prevention and Response: Sexual Abuse and Non-Credentialed Individuals," which is now available digitally at mennoniteusa.org in both Spanish and English. In English:

<http://mennoniteusa.org/resource/prevention-and-response-sexual-abuse>

The convention website now has updated info about #MennoCon19! It includes dates and schedule, "what's new," registration fees, hotel information and Menno's Best coffee fundraiser for youth groups. Visit <https://convention.mennoniteusa.org/>

Pray for Virginia Mennonite Conference as they meet for their annual gathering in Hampton, Virginia, and for South Central Mennonite Conference as they meet in Yoder, Kansas, both the weekend of July 19-21.

Join MCC on a Learning Tour to Explore the Root Causes of Migration in Guatemala and Honduras, November 7-17. Guatemala and Honduras, are countries from which the US, and increasingly Mexico, are receiving the majority of its immigrants. Honduras and Guatemala are both within the top 10 most violent countries in the world, plagued by gang presence, political corruption, and lack of economic opportunity that permit the realities to exist that drive people from their homeland. MCC seeks to educate and expose Learning Tour participants to the realities that many people face that result in migration, internally and to foreign countries. This Learning Tour will provide firsthand stories, opportunities to meet the people as well as the organizations that are walking with them, participate in the rich culture, and witness the efforts of Guatemalans and Hondurans who are striving for positive change in their communities. Throughout the course of the tour, we hope to explore various perspectives on the topic, learn about how our decisions impact migrants, plant the seeds for ongoing connections, and learn about practical ways to support and advocate for the people and communities that we encounter. Approximate cost will be \$700 (plus airfare). For more information or to sign up for this trip please contact chrislandes@mcc.org.

Soon after Connie and Dennis Byler began their retirement from four decades of ministry with Mennonite Mission Network, Dennis was diagnosed with cancer. Dennis underwent surgery last month. Pray for signs of God's presence and peace for the Byler family in Spain as they discern treatment protocols.

Eric and Kelly Frey Martin of Mennonite Mission Network are working with the Mennonite seminary in Bogotá to provide online courses that prepare Mennonite youth in Colombia for leadership in the church. Pray for them as they travel to each region to provide personal encouragement to those studying in their home 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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