



FMC Weekly - July 26, 2018

The weekly newsletter of First Mennonite Church of Denver

Sunday Morning, July 29, 2018

9:30 am Worship

Join us this summer Sunday morning! Pastor Glenn will be speaking from John 6:1-21 exploring the possibility of self-giving generosity in the face of overwhelming odds. Anne Gerber will lead worship, Charlie Ferguson will lead singing and Linda Miller 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

10:45 am 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.

Our FMC Community

Dear FMC family:

After a long tenure of leadership at FMC, we are very sorry to see Cindy Eby step down from her position as Board Chair. Previously Cindy served on the Leadership Council and was a crucial connection between previous church governance and the new board structure. Please join the board and FMC staff in thanking Cindy for her outstanding leadership!

As you know we are constitutionally mandated to ensure that the Leadership Board be both diverse and representative of the FMC community.

“The Board shall establish policies to have a diverse and balanced composition (on the Board) encompassing gender, ethnicity, and desirable skill sets for leadership.”

~Article 5; Section 2C

We have spent much time thinking about how to best accomplish this mandate. In the spirit of creativity, the board has decided to use a version of the "lot" to select a new member for this cycle. This communication will introduce you to the slate of board member candidates and further explain the logic behind the use of the lot.

Choosing church leadership is complicated. In previous selection cycles, two forms of selection were used. The majority of the time church board members were selected either by the leadership council or a nominating committee and then affirmed by the congregation, with no need for a majority vote. Alternatively, board members have also been selected by popular vote – this is how the current board was selected. Both of these approaches have strengths and weaknesses.

For this cycle we decided to select a slate of candidates who we believe to be equally qualified to serve as potential board members. The following three people have been asked and have agreed to stand for the lot: Angie Birkey, Jill Schmidt and Glenda Kauffman.

On Sunday August 12th Pastor Glenn will be preaching about the lot and a discussion time will follow during the Adult Education hour. We ask that you join that Sunday with an open and curious mind. The lot allows for a group of equally qualified potential candidates to be selected instead of appointing/affirming a single individual. This avoids the problem of a public vote by the community which can lead to hurt feelings and a sense of rejection. In the future, if we decide to move forward with this practice, we would ask the congregation to approve a slate of candidates selected by a nominating committee.

We believe the lot solves some problems associated with the selection of church leadership. But it also introduces new potential problems. We are excited to explore new possibilities in choosing community leaders and look forward to learning more from your feedback.

As part of our annual meeting on August 19, we intend to move forward with this lot selection. Please join us as we also celebrate Cindy's legacy of leadership at FMC and select a new board member.

Thank you,
FMC Leadership Board
~ Cindy, Jonathan, Eric, Barb and Tom

THANK YOU — area churches, Cole Chandler and the Colorado Village Collaborative (CVC) community, friends of FMC, Everence (via matching funds), FMC Outreach grant money, silent auction donors, the many generous folks that attended the event and/or donated to CVC — for helping us reach our Tiny Home Village Fundraiser goal of \$11,000. These funds will buy materials for the construction of one tiny home.

~Women Bridging Borders

It is time for us to begin thinking about School Kits for MCC. School supplies are now on sale so it is a good time to begin shopping. The supply list has changed from previous years so please check the following list:

4 spiral or perforated-pages notebooks (8.5 in x10.5 in and 70 sheets)

8 new unsharpened pencils

1 ruler (flat, good quality; must indicate 30 cm; inch markings optional)

12 colored pencils (in packing)

1 large eraser

2 new black or blue ballpoint pens

1 small metal pencil sharpener (one or 2 holes)

We have bags ready to be filled. If our supply looks like it will run out, then we will contact sewers and request more.

Last year MCC shipped 78,035 School Kits to Jordan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Iraq, Zambia, Ukraine, Somalia, Burkina Faso, Canada and the USA.

Bring the supplies to Church and place them in the collection box. They will be assembled at Church on September 9. Questions, contact Linda Wyse

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 Room. Questions? See flyers and handouts in your church mailbox or email Jill at jillrays@gmail.com.

Care Givers Team is a group that relates to and visits with FMC members who are no longer able to drive or attend services on a regular basis or have experienced a change in their life situation. If you are aware of a member who falls into this category, please inform us to be sure that we have someone to visit with them. If you'd like to be a part of this

ministry team please inform [Marylou Shelly](#).

JOB OPPORTUNITY – ADMINISTRATOR at First Mennonite Church - Denver

First Mennonite Church – Denver is seeking a dependable full-time administrator to begin in October 2018. Needed skills include excellent communication, computer and administrative experience. The ability to work with a variety of people and work both independently and as part of a team are important. Self-motivation and flexibility are needed in this position. Understanding of Mennonite Church beliefs and values is necessary. For job description and application information, click [here](#) or email office.fmcdenver@gmail.com. Applications will be received through August 4.

Follow the Burkholder family blog at <https://wonderwanderrtw.wordpress.com>

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

September 9 - Peace School Kickoff

September 21-23 - Annual FMC Getaway Weekend at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp. Details coming soon!

Attendance July 22:

Adults - 93; Children - 9; Total - 102

Picture on Right - Sharp-shinned hawk is one of several that has been spotted on FMC's deck and flying above us.

Photo by Randy Friesen



Caring for Each Other



Julia Rae Miller Boschmann was born at 8:16 pm on Sunday, July 22, 2018. She weighed 8 lbs 0 oz and was 20 3/4" long. Thanks for all your love and support!

~ Jennifer Miller and Eric Boschmann

Please keep Carlene Hill and her children Ash and Alijah in your thoughts and prayers

as they mourn the passing of their husband and father Gary Hill, who died Wednesday July 25, 2018. More details to follow.

Happy Birthday July 27-August 3

27 - Lynn Wenger

27 - Dan Wessner

28 - Lane Miller

28 - Tonya Popp

30 - David Ammar

30 - Dave Harguth

30 - Merle Snyder

2 - Elizabeth Holdeman

2 - Lindsey Reed

3 - Sarah Winter

Happy Anniversary July 27-August 3

30- Sarah Winter and & Jonny Rotheram

2 - Ernest & Millie Bennett

3 - David & Karen Ammar

3 - Dawn & Mike Voth

Upcoming Sundays

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

August 26

Worship - Duncan Smith will be preaching

In the Building this Week

Friday-Sunday - 4 overnight guests from Warwick River Mennonite Church

Sunday evening-Friday noon - DOOR group from 3 churches

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

Tuesday, 4 pm - CCFC groups in B8 and 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.

We are ready to part with our beautiful piano to a good home. We bought this piano after returning from our MCC term in Tanzania 12 years ago and I stripped the white paint and then the black varnish that covered up its beauty. This upright piano is from the early 1900s with lovely sound. It has been tuned in the last year and still tunes well. A donation to MCC or RMMC would suffice for payment. Barb Stutzman 720-240-1081

Our Urban Community

Around Mountain States Mennonite Conference

Thanks to Lola Miller, these decorated walking sticks will represent FMC at the Mountain States Conference Annual Assembly.

Pictured - Lola, delegate Jordan Penner and Pastor Glenn
Other delegates: Jennifer Regier, Linda & Richard Wyse
Photo by Roberta Kandel



PURSUING GOD'S DREAMS

How then shall we live?

Annual Assembly - Taos, New Mexico

August 3-5

Register for meals and activities online at

www.mountainstatesmc.org/assembly

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

mountainstatesmc.org

Mennonite Church USA and Beyond

"It's been estimated that one in five people sitting in church pews on Sunday morning struggle with mental health problems." Find reflections and resources on addressing mental health in church from Denise Reesor on the Menno Snapshots blog. Visit:

<http://mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/its-time-to-start-shouting/>

Praise God with the Sicitte people of Burkina Faso who can now read the New Testament in their heart language. Pray for Anne Garber Kompaoré of Mennonite Mission Network, who helped to launch this translation three decades ago, and for her husband, Daniel, as they continue God's work in Burkina.

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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