



FMC Weekly - August 2, 2018

The weekly newsletter of First Mennonite Church of Denver

Sunday Morning, August 5, 2018

9:30 am Worship

Come early to begin worship through Pre-Service Music provided by Isabel Mullett. 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. Phil Ebersole will lead worship, Sonia Graber will lead singing, Ethan Mullett will provide music and Jill Schmidt will lead the 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

No Education Hour this Sunday

Our FMC Community

First Mennonite Church (FMC) Direct Assistance Duncan Smith

In 1984 Mennonite Urban Minister, Merv Dick, responding to needs in the local neighborhood, founded Direct Assistance at First Mennonite Church. Direct Assistance continues, 34 years later, providing funds for persons facing eviction from their homes, as well as utility assistance for those in danger of having their services cut off. It continues to

be mostly a volunteer run program!

Rent assistance can literally mean keeping someone in their home, and is considered a service of “prevention” for those serving the homeless community. Every Monday and Wednesday, from 9 – 11:30 am, FMC is open for persons to meet with volunteers. The volunteers primarily determine eligibility for support, but also provide a face-to-face connection to hear some of their story.

Funds for the rent assistance program came in at about \$51,000 for 2018. The two funding sources are an annual line item in the church budget (\$22,000 for 2018), and giving to Joseph’s Storehouse, primarily the offering on Christmas Eve. Donations in 2017, for 2018, was just over \$29,000. Thank you!

Funds are divided over twelve months, with \$4,100 being made available for each month in 2018. A single person can receive up to \$200, and a family \$400 for rent assistance. Most of the time the monthly funds run out before the end of each month.

Direct Assistance volunteers also administer the Energy Outreach Colorado funds, which gives assistance for paying energy bills. All of the monies for this come from Energy Outreach Colorado.



There are currently 10 volunteers, from FMC who come once or twice a month to every six weeks. Monday and Wednesday volunteers are Craig Sommers, Stephanie Miller, Marylou Shelly, Don Finks, Bob Carlsten, Lynn Amstutz, Wanda and Martin Brotherton, Norm Dewhurst, Barb Wiens and Debbie Reed. Carla Stoltzfus schedules volunteers. Vicky Mireau records transactions and has cleaned up the files over the last few months. Linda Welty provides invaluable office staff support in countless ways. Thanks to all!

A few more volunteers would be great! Donations can be received anytime of year, but the end of year filling of Joseph's Storehouse is one of the wonderful things that happens at First Mennonite!

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.

School Kits for MCC Project is now underway. School supplies are now on sale so it is a good time to shop for them. The supply list has changed from previous years so please

check this list:

- 4 spiral or perforated-pages notebooks (8.5 in x 10.5 in and 70 sheets)
- 8 new unsharpened pencils
- 1 ruler (flat, good quality; must indicate 30 cm; inch markings optional)
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- 1 large eraser
- 2 new black or blue ballpoint pens
- 1 small metal pencil sharpener (one or two holes)

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

APPLICATIONS FOR ADMINISTRATOR at First Mennonite Church - Denver will be received through August 4. 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.

Welcome to Jordan Penner! Jordan moved into FMC Office 103 Monday of this week. He is renting office space for his work as MCC Central States Donor Relations Associate. Jordan and his wife, Jenny Regier, attend FMC and serve as MYF sponsors. You may see Jordan leading worship sometimes. His phone number is 316-727-6837 and his email is jordanpenner@mcc.org. Jordan says you can stop by his office any time for some mate (South American loose leaf tea).

Staff Time Away: Glenn will be attending Mountain States Mennonite Conference this weekend and will be out of the office Friday, August 3.

Mark your calendars:

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

Sunday, August 12, 2:00 pm - Memorial Service for Gary Hill

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!

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

Attendance July 29: Adults - 100; Children - 9; Total - 109

Caring for Each Other

The Memorial Service for Gary Hill will be held Sunday, August 12, 2:00 pm, here at First Mennonite Church. Please keep this family in your thoughts and prayers.

If you would like to help with the reception cookies, set up, serving and/or clean up, call or text Lola Hershberger at 303-523-5364 or email lola.hershberger@gmail.com.

The Annual Assembly of Mountain States Mennonite Conference is being held in Taos, New Mexico this weekend. Hold this gathering from across our conference in your thoughts and prayers. Pastor Glenn, Jordan Penner, Jennifer Regier, Linda and Richard Wyse will serve as FMC delegates at the business meeting.

Happy Birthday August 4-9

4 - Keith Nofziger

6 - Nicholas Falk

7 - Gina KandeLind

7 - Rita Sommers

Happy Anniversary August 4-9

4 - Mary Helen & Randy Friesen

4 - Arlen & Lola Hershberger

6 - Jane & Mel Birky

6 - Joseph Fretz & Ann Froese-Fretz

7 - Angela & Keith Nofziger

8 - Lisa & Mark Longacher

9 - Lane & Linda Miller

Upcoming Sundays

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

Saturday, 4:30 pm - FMC Babysitting group

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

Thursday - Vinyl floors will be stripped and waxed throughout the building

Thursday, 6:30 pm - FMC Board meeting at Cindy Eby's home

Thursday, 6:30 pm - SOAR Board meeting in Community Center

--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

Second Chance Center in Aurora, CO has a request for new or gently used blue jeans for men coming out of prison. Jeans are important as these men take off their prison garb to assimilate into society and the center has a lack of jeans currently. Please contact Rhoda Blough either at 970-219-0900 or bloughrr@gmail.com if you are interested in helping. Thanks, Rhoda

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!

August 5 is the Last Sunday to Sign up for Peaches, the fundraiser for Peace

Mennonite Community Church in Aurora. An 18 lb box sells for \$36.00. Sign up on the order form on the Open Table in the FMC Community Center and submit to the FMC office your check made payable to Peace Mennonite Community Church. Pickup date is August 25. Thank you!

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

Women Doing Theology 2018 has extended the deadline for proposals for both papers (mennoniteusa.org/papers) and workshops (mennoniteusa.org/workshops). Submit all proposals by Monday, Aug. 13. Women of color are especially encouraged to submit.

Pray for Allegheny Mennonite Conference as they gather for their annual assembly in Mount Pleasant, Pennsylvania, and for Mountain States Mennonite Conference during their annual assembly in Taos, New Mexico, both the weekend of August 3-5.

Join Mennonite Mission Network in thanking God for Benin Bible Institute's 25 years of training church leaders from more than 70 denominations. Pray for faith-filled and dynamic

teachers to step into the positions of those who are retiring.

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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