



FMC Weekly - August 9, 2018

The weekly newsletter of First Mennonite Church of Denver

Sunday Morning, August 12, 2018

9:30 am Worship

Come early to begin worship through Pre-Service Music provided by Emily Martin. Dice in the Prayer Meeting: Casting Lots! Is the practice of casting lots a Mennonite tradition that can be redeemed or is it something that should be left in the past? This week Pastor Glenn will be preaching from Acts 1:12-26. Phil Ebersole will lead worship, Emily Martin will lead singing and Jordan Penner will lead the children's time.

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

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 have decided to choose a replacement member of the leadership board in this way. We have nominated a group of potential candidates and will select them by lot on August 19.

Our FMC Community

Please join us for the annual Getaway Weekend at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp September 21-23. This is always a wonderful weekend full of fun and relaxation. Come spend time with your church family in the beautiful Rocky Mountains! Click [here](#) for registration information and contact Rachel Barnes rcbarnes33@msn.com with any questions.

Coming Up! Opening Evening, August 16, for Mindful Yoga at First Mennonite

Join us for a 1 hour yoga class every Thursday from 6:30-7:30 pm beginning August 16 in the FMC Community Center, led by Jill Schmidt and Ben Gerig, yoga and meditation instructors. 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 on sale so it is a good time to shop for them. The supply list has changed from previous years, 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 10. 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

Mark your calendars:

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

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

September 9 - Peace School Opening Day

September 9 - MCC School Kits will be assembled

September 21-23 - FMC Getaway Weekend at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp

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

Staff Time Away: Pastor Glenn will be out of the office Tuesday and Wednesday of next week.

Attendance August 5: Adults - 87; Children - 12; Total - 99

Caring for Each Other

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

The children of Walter and Carol Friesen invite you to an evening of musical memories and fellowship to celebrate the 65th anniversary of their wedding. Please join us on Sunday, September 2, 2018 at 6 PM for a Musical Salute of Walt and Carol in the Hesston Mennonite Church Sanctuary followed by light refreshments in the Community Room. --No gifts please--

Patt Wylder Rempel who, with husband Warren, founded SHADOWCLIFF RETREAT CENTER in Grand Lake, passed on May 9. For those of you who knew Patt, you are invited to a celebration of her life this Saturday, August 11, 2018 at 1:00 pm.

Location: Montview Blvd Presbyterian Church, 1980 Dahlia St, Denver CO 80220

Happy Birthday August 10-16

11 - Alejandro Gomez

12 - Derek Miller

13 - Isabel Mullett

13 - Dawson Voth

14 - Sam Martin

15 - Emily Gingerich

15 - Joann Roupp

Happy Anniversary August 10-16

12 - Brad & Marylou Shelly

13 - Andrea Wiens & Bobby Larson

15 - James Dunn & Yvonne Yousey

Upcoming Sundays

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 - Cole Chandler will be preaching.

In the Building this Week

Saturday, 12 pm - MCC Lunch & Learn in Community Center

Sunday, 2 pm - Memorial Service for Gary Hill here at FMC

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

Tuesday, 4:30 pm - CCFC groups in Commons and B21

Thursday, 4:30 pm - CCFC mentoring group in B2

Thursday, 6:30 pm - Worship Team meeting in office

Thursday, 6:30 pm - Yoga class 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. 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. Join us for food, fellowship and good times!

Around Mountain States Mennonite Conference

How Then Shall We Live? A week-long immersion in the wild to bring out the deep wisdom, fierce joy and sacred strength of men. Come wade into the wilds of New Mexico! Highlights include homemade meals in an adobe hacienda, visiting Taos Pueblo, plunging into the waters and canyons of the Rio Grande Gorge, wilderness solos, songs and campfires, morning meditations and biblical analysis in wild places—all designed to open radically new possibilities for men seeking a wilder way of fierce love for God, humanity and our precious earth. Guided by Todd Wynward for adventurous men 18+ in Taos, New Mexico, September 8-15, 2018. For registration information on this Mennonite Men experience, visit www.mennonitemen.org.

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

Mennonite Church USA and Beyond

The installation for Glen Guyton as the incoming executive director of MC USA will take place on Saturday, August 18, 2018, 2-4 p.m. at College Mennonite Church in Goshen, Indiana. All are invited. A livestream will be available for viewing online at <http://collegemennonite.org/watch-online/>.

MC USA invites you to Learn, Pray, Join for Immigration Justice. Register for the webinar on August 13, join in churchwide prayer on September 23 (Peace Sunday) and support work for immigration justice at mennoniteusa.org/IJ.

Prayers are requested for the MC USA Executive Board as they gather for meetings in Elkhart, Indiana on August 16-18, 2018.

Praise God for Mennonite Mission Network's 11-year partnership with Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services (RAICES) in Texas. Pray for Katrina Kniss with Mennonite Voluntary Service who is currently helping the agency provide free legal work to unaccompanied minors and mothers with children.

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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