



## **FMC Weekly - August 16, 2018**

*The weekly newsletter of First Mennonite Church of Denver*

### ***Sunday Morning, August 19, 2018***

#### ***9:30 am Worship***

Come, let your soul be nourished through Pre-Service Music provided by Sonia Graber and Stephanie Miller. 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? Jordan Penner will lead worship, Sonia Graber will lead singing and Anita Miller will lead the children's time.

Note regarding parking this Sunday - last Sunday for 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

#### ***11:00 am Annual Congregational Meeting***

Plan to participate in this FMC annual meeting. More details below.

### ***Our FMC Community***

**REMINDER - Our FMC Annual Congregational Meeting will take place this Sunday, August 19, at 11:00 am**, in the Sanctuary. Prior to this meeting, you may want to take a look at the following reports. These reports are posted on the FMC website at [fmcdenver.org](http://fmcdenver.org) in the password protected Active Participants section:

- Agenda for the August 19 Congregational Meeting
- 2018 FMC Board Annual Report
- 2018 Pastor Annual Report

- 2018 June Financial Report
- 2017 Year-End Financial Report

In case you misplaced the password or need help finding these reports, contact [Linda](#) in the church office.

We hope to see you there,  
FMC Board - Cindy, Barb, Eric, Jonathan and Tom

**Starting TODAY, August 16, you are invited to participate in Mindful Yoga** at First Mennonite Church led by Ben Gerig and Jill Schmidt, members of FMC and certified meditation and yoga instructors. Ben and Jill will be teaching Yoga with Guided Meditation on a weekly basis beginning this week. Join us in building peace and community!

What to expect? 45 minutes vinyasa yoga and 15 minutes guided meditation

What to bring? A mat if you have one, but mats will be available for use

Who is welcome? FMC attenders, friends and surrounding neighborhood

Where is it? FMC Community Center

When is it? Thursday evenings, 6:30-7:30 pm - please arrive 5-15 minutes early

Cost is \$10 per adult, \$5 for high school and younger with 20% of all proceeds going back to FMC Outreach efforts in the community. Cash or card are accepted.

Thank you to the FMC Outreach Committee for providing funds to supply props and mats and making this possible!

Questions? email or call Jill, [jillrays@gmail.com](mailto:jillrays@gmail.com), 316-772-6207

### **Mental Health First Aid Class**

When you think of basic first aid, what comes to mind? A first aid kit? A class? A person you know could be experiencing a mental health or substance use problem. You are more likely to encounter someone in an emotional or mental crisis than someone having a heart attack. First Mennonite Church will host a Mental Health First Aid class on **Saturday, Sept. 29** from 8am to 5pm. Come and learn an action plan. This class will be taught by a medical professional. It is sponsored by the National Council for Behavioral Health. We believe this is a critical training and do not want cost to be a barrier. Anyone who signs up may attend without any cost. If you would like to make a donation, the normal fee is \$35 per person.

The registration deadline is Sept. 15. To register, please contact Angela Nofziger at 303-478-3740 or email at [ankenof@msn.com](mailto:ankenof@msn.com).

**Collection of items for school kits continues** as multiple stores offer sales on the items we need. Depending on what is available in your area, you can purchase all that you need from \$3.50 to \$5.00 per kit. If you would rather not shop, then earmark money in the Sunday offering for school kits.

One of the JYF or MYF will shop for you. Let's set a goal of at least 250 kits!

Items:

- 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)

**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. Click [here](#) for registration information and contact Rachel Barnes [rcbarnes33@msn.com](mailto:rcbarnes33@msn.com) with any questions. Registration forms can also be found on the Open Table in the FMC Community Center.

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**Mark your calendars:**

**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**

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

**Staff Time Away:** Alyssa and Joshua, FMC caretakers, are on vacation until August 25.

Attendance August 12: Adults - 99; Children - 4; Total - 103

***Caring for Each Other***

**Happy Birthday August 17-23**

17 - Ligia Gibson  
17 - Isaac Longacher  
17 - Alex Wessner  
18 - Alyssa Bennett Smith  
18 - Bob Carlsten  
18 - Hope Ventura  
19 - Bryan Knowles  
21 - Joseph H. Fretz

### **Happy Anniversary August 17-23**

18 - Mel & Rachel Gingerich  
19 - Carol Herman Reitmeyer  
23 - Glenn & Rita Balzer  
23 - Joe Fretz & Maxine Martin

### ***Upcoming Sundays***

#### **August 26**

**Worship** - Cole Chandler will be preaching.

#### **September 2**

**Worship** - Duncan Smith will be preaching.

#### **September 9**

**Worship** - Phil Ebersole will be preaching.

**Peace School** - Opening Day!

### ***In the Building this Week***

Thursday, 6:30 pm - Yoga class in Community Center

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

Saturday, 8 am-1 pm - CCFC Restore Meetings in Commons, B2 and B21

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

Monday, 5:30-9 pm - Denver Children's Choir Rehearsals in most of the building

Monday, 7 pm - Women Bridging Borders in Office

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

Tuesday, 6:30-9:30 pm - Safonia Choir Rehearsal in Sanctuary

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

Wednesday, 5:30 pm - SOAR Choir dinner and rehearsals in CC, Sanctuary, Commons

--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**

**The MSMC Immigration RoundTable** promises to be an exciting time of connecting around the theme of immigrant justice, infused with worship, September 28-30 in Aurora and Ft. Collins. The primary objective is to provide an opportunity for people in our conference to share with and learn from each other about efforts involving immigration. The event is also open to any others in our conference interested in learning from these stories, perhaps open to an inspiration to get involved or start something new! Won't you join us!!! Please see more details in the upcoming Aug-Sept Zing! and register on the conference web page: [https://mountainstatesmc.org/roundtable\\_registration/](https://mountainstatesmc.org/roundtable_registration/); if you don't have access to the web for registration, you can register by mailing 21919 Grandview Ave., Golden, CO 80401, e-mailing [barryb@mountainstatesmc.org](mailto:barryb@mountainstatesmc.org), or calling Barry at 303-503-7886.

For more information about our conference and latest issue of ZING!, go to [mountainstatesmc.org](http://mountainstatesmc.org)

## **Mennonite Church USA and Beyond**

**MC USA released the Journey Forward study guide "Pathways"** to invite churchwide engagement in the two-year Journey Forward process. It is now available online in Spanish at [mennoniteusa.org/Caminos](http://mennoniteusa.org/Caminos).

**Robin Gingerich of Mennonite Mission Network** has served with LCC International University in Lithuania through teaching and administration ministries for 16 years. Pray for her as she continues in this role and as she gives hope to refugees through educational opportunities.

**Opportunities to learn about immigration and respond with MCC.** MCC works with the issue of migration around the world and walks with people who migrate, people who struggle not to migrate and people who provide hospitality to migrants in many places.

Learn: Consider participating in the MCC Migration Learning Tour to Guatemala and Honduras on November 7-17.

Pray: Pray for the migrants who made the difficult choice to leave their home communities in the hope of a better life, for the detained immigrants as they wait in detention and for the border portal agents to execute their job justly and humanely.

Advocate: Contact your elected officials to express your desire for more humane immigration policies.

Serve: Become an immigration court watcher through the Interfaith Community for Detained Immigrants.

Give: Support our work to support the reunification of families on the South Texas Border. Within the coming weeks, 1500-2000 families are expected to be released from detention. MCC is working with local partners to support families with locally purchased grocery gift cards, clothing and housing assistance. Checks made out to MCC with "Central States Immigration" in the memo line will go directly to support this response. Checks should be sent to MCC U.S., PO Box 500, Akron, PA 17501. Or you can Donate money to MCC for ongoing work with issues surrounding immigration.

For more information on how you can get involved, visit [mcc.org/immigration](http://mcc.org/immigration).

For more information about our denomination, go to [mennoniteusa.org](http://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](http://fmcdenver.org)

Phone: 303-892-1038

**Deadline for announcements is Wednesday midnight.** Please send announcements to Linda Welty at [linda.fmcdenver@gmail.com](mailto: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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