



## **FMC Weekly - August 23, 2018**

*The weekly newsletter of First Mennonite Church of Denver*

### ***Sunday Morning, August 26, 2018***

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

Come, let your soul be nourished through Pre-Service Music provided by Romaine Anderson and Vicky Mierau. Our struggle is not against enemies of flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness... Therefore, take up the whole armor of God..." (Ephesians 6:12-13). Cole Chandler, a Mountain States minister and a leader in Denver's tiny homes movement for people experiencing homelessness, will be preaching from the lectionary Epistle, Ephesians 6:10-20. What would it take to house our homeless neighbors? What is this darkness that we're up against? What armor is God giving us to overcome this darkness? Aimee Voth Siebert will lead worship, Arlen Hershberger will lead singing and Anita Miller 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

#### **And:**

- ◆ **Pick up your Directory update form** in your church mailbox; or if you don't have a church mailbox, pick up a new Directory form at the grocery card table.
- ◆ **Update your directory photo** by having Rod Stutzman or Lori Oswald take your picture this Sunday at FMC.

#### ***No Education Hour this Sunday***

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

**UPDATED DIRECTORY PHOTO AND INFORMATION NEEDED**

Your help is needed to make this fall's updated FMC Directory as complete as possible. This includes updated photos and updated household information. In your FMC mailbox this Sunday, you will find a copy of what is currently in the directory on a form that needs to be completed. If you want to receive a paper copy of the directory, please indicate that on your form.

If you are not listed in the FMC Directory yet and would like to have your info included, stop by Joann's table in the Community Center where you see the orange flag. Joann will be selling grocery cards and will also have Directory information forms to complete.

**In order to help facilitate having updated photos**, Rod Stutzman and Lori Oswald will be available this Sunday, August 26, to take your picture. During sharing time, they will tell you where to meet them to have your photo taken. If this Sunday doesn't work for you, photos will be taken again on Sunday, September 16. Is one of your children missing on your family photo or have your children grown a lot in the last year?! Adults change too, please consider updating your photo.

**Please submit your updated info and photos by September 16.**

Thank you for your cooperation for this effort. Our future new pastor, as well as Pastor Glenn, will appreciate it very much!

**Questions?** Contact [Linda](#) in the FMC office.

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### **Music vision for FMC - Charlie and Sonia, music coordinators, 8/12/2018**

Charlie and I are excited to begin serving as music coordinators for FMC. It has been exceedingly clear how important music is when we talk about the pieces this congregation sees as integral to our life together as community. We want to honor that sentiment.

You may not notice many changes at first as we are going to slowly begin tweaking some of our organization of how music is done and scheduled.

Also, you will not just be seeing us up here every Sunday. We are the coordinators, not the hired professional musicians of the past. Our goals are to continue to encourage participation from many different angles and to continue to encourage everyone who would like to participate on Sunday morning. This is worship, this is not a performance and we want everyone to feel welcome here and will work very hard to make this a safe space.

We are passionate about music and want to see it flourish and explore new musical outlets as well as honoring our traditions. We can't be everything for everyone all the time but will strive to be something for everyone as much as we can.

We are planning on having a meeting on Sept 9 in some capacity to hear from everyone who would like to come to share your ideas about music and songs you would like to hear in the future. You don't have to be a musician to come. Again we want to encourage as much participation as we can from everyone going forward. Some of our more specific ideas going forward might be to have an informal singing group 1-2 times a month, location yet to be determined, just to sing to provide a space for those who are learning to sing parts or read music and can come learn in a fun/ community atmosphere. We want to continue our four-part singing tradition and realized that we need to nurture this in a more intentional way. Sonia will be in charge of gathering smaller groups of musicians to first play together for a little while and then possibly be willing to play a song or two during Sunday morning service. We also will continue to elicit more participation from our youth. We also hope to have some opportunities for seasonal / special occasion singing groups.

We are excited to share and grow with you and eagerly await the movement of the spirit among us.

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### **FMC Board Member Change**

Photo at top of page was taken by Rod Stutzman last Sunday at the Annual Meeting during the time appreciation was shown to Cindy Eby for her excellent work as FMC Board Chair during the first 18 months of the newly formed FMC Board. New Board member, Angie Birky, was chosen by lot for a new 3-year term beginning September 1.



Photo at right by Rod Stutzman - Tom, Angie, Barb, Eric and Jonathan

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**If you are interested in tying comforters for MCC**, please come to the FMC Commons area this Saturday, August 25, at 9am until ?. There will be supplies, snacks, good conversations and fun. Please email Angie Nofziger if you can help--[ankenof@msn.com](mailto:ankenof@msn.com) or cell 303-478-3740.

**Are you interested in being on a small team that is preparing a series on the Doctrine of Discovery** (<https://dofdmverno.org/>)? If yes, please contact Jordan Penner, Deb Schaffer, or Donna Swartzendruber. We would especially like input from those of you with personal stories concerning your family's connection to this doctrine.

**Women Bridging Borders is beginning a new year of study and action.** If you would like to be part of our small planning team or would like more information on what that involves, please let us know. Thanks for considering!

Debb R, Donna S, Judi N, Ivannah J, Rita B, Jan G, Naomi N, Linda M, Rhoda B

### **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 8 am to 5 pm. 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).

### **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.

**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 to bring:

- 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)

### **Westside/City Opportunity**

The city will host a Denveright community night on August 28, 2018 at City Park Pavilion where anyone may learn more about the Denveright plans. The Denveright family plans call for a more inclusive, connected and healthy City, for all of us who live here today, as well as our neighbors of tomorrow. The plans will guide the city's growth, development,

parks, trails, mobility options and more over the next 20 years.

**Everence® will hold an informative webinar on Social Security and retirement income planning.** The presentation will be on Wednesday, Sept. 12, at 1 and 8 p.m. (EDT).

Specifics will include the best time to start taking Social Security, how benefits are calculated, spousal benefits, converting your retirement savings into retirement income and strategies to help your income last throughout retirement.

To register, visit [everence.com/retirementincome](http://everence.com/retirementincome) or contact Melissa Short at (800) 222-5054 ext. 3392 or [melissa.short@everence.com](mailto:melissa.short@everence.com).

**Please consider donating your gently used men's jeans to the Second Chance**

**Center.** The Second Chance Center is a local non-profit community organization that helps with transitional needs for formerly incarcerated individuals re-entering into society. Jeans are one of many ways that these men begin to rebuild their lives outside of prison. We will be collecting gently used jeans, in all sizes through Oct. 28, when we will have a blessing for these jeans. Please consider donating. For more information on the Second Chance Center, please visit: <https://www.scccolorado.org>. You can contact anyone from Women Bridging Borders regarding your donation of gently used jeans: Naomi Nishi, Donna Swartzendruber; Deb Reed; Rita Balzer; Linda Miller; Judi Nafziger; Rhoda Blough; Ivanna Johnson.

**Urgent, host home needed!** MCC Central States is happy to host Moses Simbeye from Zambia as an International Volunteer Exchange Program (IVEP) participant in Denver this year, arriving this week! 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 or just the first half of the year. 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](mailto:rachel.protentis@conflictcenter.org). Thanks!

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The 90-minute documentary,

**Is There a Lesson?**

**45 Years with John Ruth and TourMagination**

**“Anabaptist Heritage Tours” 1973-2018**

By John and Jay Ruth

will be shown with free admission

Sunday, October 21, 2018, 6:00 pm

First Mennonite Church of Denver

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**Mark your calendars:**

**August 26 - Directory photos taken at FMC**

**September 9 - Peace School Opening Day**

**September 9 - MCC School Kits will be assembled**

**September 16 - Directory photos taken at FMC**

**September 19, 11:00-11:45 - Meeting for parents of JYF and MYF youth to plan for the year**

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

**October 21, 6:00 pm - "Is There a Lesson?" documentary at FMC**

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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 19: Adults - 103; Children - 12; Total - 115

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## **PEACE SCHOOL UPDATES**

-- Peace School starts for kids age 2-years through high school on **September 9, 10:45-11:45.**

-- September 19, 11:00-11:45 - Meeting for parents of JYF and MYF youth to plan for the year.

### ***For kids and families to do this week:***

- Find a Bible in your house. Ask someone how you got it.
- Ask someone what their favorite part of the Bible is.
- Learn a new Bible story.
- Find a story that's not in the Bible about God's love for us or our love for God.

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## ***Caring for Each Other***

**Keep Candace Fleming in your thoughts and prayers** as she recovers from Wednesday's shoulder surgery.

**Brett Conrad and Kayley Dahle will be married** this Saturday, August 25, in Rochester, MN. Hold them in your thoughts and prayers as they begin this new chapter in their lives.

## **From George Varughese in India**

You might have already heard of the tragedy that recently struck our beloved state of Kerala due to heavy rains and floods. Mud and land slides have become common. Some of our family members and friends are seriously affected. It is a national emergency. Many lost their lives and lakhs, their houses and belongings. Still people are trapped and rescue efforts are going on. Kalyan is engaged in medical relief work. He and his friends are taking care of patients trapped in their hospital without medical staff who could not report for duty due to floods. Please pray for us. Warmly, George [gvarugh@gmail.com](mailto:gvarugh@gmail.com)

## **Happy Birthday August 24-30**

25 - Rachel Toews

26 - Gina O'Brian

27 - Ruth Weirich

28 - Elizabeth Miller

29 - Janna Parks

## **Happy Anniversary August 24-30**

24 - Emily & Andi Gingerich

27 - Leon & Marla Graber

29 - Carolyn & Mel Stjernholm

## ***Upcoming Sundays***

### **September 2**

**Worship** – Duncan Smith will be preaching. Luke 13: 18 -19, Jesus' parables were direct, simple, and rooted in the culture and geography of people's lives. This parable states the realm of God is like a tree, starting as a small seed and growing to provide a place for the birds. What kind of (realm of God) tree is First Mennonite growing? What is First Mennonite's mustard seed parable? There will be communion.

### **No Education Hour**

### **September 9 - Peace School Opening Day**

**Worship** – Phil Ebersole will be preaching. Isn't this part of what we desire--a life of meaning, gratefulness, compassion, beauty, and a connection to the Source of meaning, that is, God? A faith that connects with all of life, and not just some "spiritual/religious" compartment? This is directly related to these two: prayers and prayer (or prayerfulness). We'll examine these two; it might not be what you expect. (1 Thessalonians 5:17, "Pray continually.")

### **Glenn and Jordan will talk with the Youth**

**Adult Education** – Music, Song and Worship at FMC

Sonia Graber and Charlie Ferguson will lead this session. The hope is to hear from everyone who would like to come to share your ideas about music and songs you would like to hear in the future.

### **September 16**

**Worship** – Glenn Balzer will be preaching James 3:1-12. What we say matters. Words, whether thoughtfully or carelessly spoken, tell something about our hopes and expectations, or our convictions and fears.

### **JYF/MYF parent meeting**

### **September 23**

#### **FMC Great Getaway at RMMC (September 21-23)**

**Worship at FMC** – Let's start at the very beginning, a very good place to start. This week Pastor Glenn will be preaching from Genesis 3:1-13; 22-24. It is here where our faith journey begins.

### **No Adult Education**

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

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

Friday - Carpet cleaning - main floor level

Saturday, 9 am - Comforter tying in Commons

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

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

Wednesday, 5:30 pm - CCFC Healing Circle 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.*

### ***Around Mountain States Mennonite Conference***

#### **WORK & PLAY RETREAT - LABOR DAY WEEKEND**

Come to the mountains for Labor Day weekend (August 31-Sept 3) at Rocky Mountain

Mennonite Camp for the annual Labor Day Work & Play Retreat. This retreat is offered at no monetary cost to you - only your time! The retreat begins Friday evening around 7:00pm. The Saturday work projects include helping prepare meals/doing dishes, cleaning facilities and camp grounds after a very busy (and sometimes messy) summer, and other winterizing projects to prepare camp for the coming snow season. Sunday will be the day to play and enjoy camp (hiking, kayaking, disc golf, napping, etc). Stay till Monday morning if you're able, as we will offer breakfast before your departure. Register online for the retreat or call camp to register or with questions (719-687-9506). We hope you can join us!

**It's two months (or less) until the MCC Relief Sale.** Are your hands busy making items for the craft booth? Those carefully crafted items are much appreciated and bring in needed funds for Mennonite Central Committee. Please let Jeni Hielt Umble know what you plan to donate (jeni.umble@gmail.com). It's much appreciated if you can price your items and bring them to the sale on Friday night. Feel free to contact Jeni with any questions. Thank you!

**RAWtools is excited to offer RAWPOWer workshops in nonviolence training to congregations in the Mountain States region** thanks to a grant from the Frontier Village Foundation. Led by our Artist in Residence Mary Sprunger-Froese, these workshops can be tailored to fit a weekend or a series of Sunday School classes (ages 16+). The workshop will help to equip participants with a practice-able understanding of the power and spirit of nonviolence through the following actions:

- To engender confidence in taking initiative in potentially violent situations
- To honor creativity and resources of participants in discovering their abilities to disarm hearts and forge peace
- To offer self-assessments that instruct participants in basic principles of nonviolence
- To practice role-plays that involve all players in taking roles of protagonist, opponent, and spect-actor (active observer who may join the action to transform the situation or may reflect analysis and questions to clarify and improve practice)

For more information, contact Mary Sprunger-Froese at [artistinresidence@rawtools.org](mailto:artistinresidence@rawtools.org) or call RAWtools at 719-629-7040.

**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. Paper registration copies are available on the FMC Open Table.

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

## ***Mennonite Church USA and Beyond***

### **MEDA - You're Invited! [Mennonite Economic Development Association]**

For over 30 years, MEDA supporters from around the world have gathered at MEDA's "Business as a Calling Convention" to explore the intersect of business and social justice, celebrating MEDA's sustainable, replicable approach to international development in 60+ countries worldwide. This year's event is Nov. 8-11 in Indianapolis, Indiana. More info at: [medaconvention.org](http://medaconvention.org)

**New for 2018, MEDA is launching MEDAx**, a 24 hour conference-within-a-conference for professionals under age 40. Next Gen leaders are invited to Indianapolis for dynamic conversation with industry professionals, an inside look at MEDA's worldwide work, and networking with fellow innovators. Visit [meda.org/medax](http://meda.org/medax).

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Read reflections from across MC USA on our Journey Forward and how folks have seen Renewed Commitments at work in their lives, their congregation or community at [mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots](http://mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots). If you'd like to contribute, email [JenniferC@MennonitesUSA.org](mailto:JenniferC@MennonitesUSA.org).

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Paul and Serena Manickam of Mennonite Mission Network, along with two Colombian missionary families, work with the Iquitos Mennonite Church in Peru to offer a children's ministry, education, and gardening. Pray for grace and wisdom as this cross-cultural team responds to God's call to make earth more like heaven.

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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