



## **FMC Weekly - August 30, 2018**

*The weekly newsletter of First Mennonite Church of Denver*

### ***Sunday Morning, September 2, 2018***

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

Come, let your soul be nourished through Pre-Service Music provided by Emily Martin. 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? Bob Carlsten will lead worship, Emily Martin will lead singing and Roberta Kandel will lead the 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

#### **And:**

- ◆ **Pick up your Directory update form** in your church mailbox if you haven't already; or if you don't have a church mailbox, pick up a new Directory form at the grocery card table.

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

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

#### **CELEBRATING THE DIVERSITY OF OUR FAITH JOURNEYS**

Starting September 9, we will be "Celebrating the Diversity of Our Faith Journeys," the theme chosen by the worship committee which also ties into the lessons in Peace School.

Out of many, one. Out of one, many.

Many individual and diverse faith journeys make up our one local church. Our church in return influences the many individual faith journeys. Our individual faith journeys combined help drive the church's journey.

Journeys, however, can be unpredictable. Often our baggage can become heavy and distract from the experience and interfere with travel. Our faith journeys can be similar. Starting September 9, each Sunday you will have the opportunity to lighten your load. In the foyer there will be pieces of paper and "God's dresser." Write down what is weighing on your heart or swirling in your head - only a word or short phrase and no names (God knows). Write down that which may interfere and distract from fully participating in the service. After you have written down that which troubles and distracts put the piece of paper in a drawer and turn it over to God. Often when we reflect on difficult situations, God starts to be revealed.

On September 9 you will find "travel journals" in the pews. During the service, when something stood out or was new or meaningful, jot a quick note. Writing in the journal is to provide an opportunity to reflect and contemplate. The journal will be a "running" journal, as you will place what you wrote back into the journal. The journal will provide an opportunity for others to see what was meaningful or new to the person who sat in the pew the weeks before.

As during most travels, there may be frustration, surprises and changes. This journey may be no different. However, the journey will continue until we reach the destination – finding the source of Hope and community.

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**The Christmas Booth will be open for business** on Saturday, October 20, at the 43rd Annual Rocky Mountain Mennonite Relief Sale in Rocky Ford. We have already received Christmas donations from Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, and as far away as Pennsylvania as well as donations from FMC members.

We are always looking for more, more, more! Please consider making a Christmas craft for the Booth. There is always a huge demand for handmade items! Over the years, we have expanded to offering new or gently used Christmas items. People arrive on sale day eager to shop and we try to offer something for everyone.

Please consider helping us and, more importantly, supporting MCC. If you have any questions, please contact me via email ([vickymierau@hotmail.com](mailto:vickymierau@hotmail.com)) or cell phone (720-352-1737).

Thank you!

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### **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 (if you haven't already picked it up) 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 yet listed in the FMC Directory 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.

**Updated photos are needed.** You may submit your own photo by sending it in jpeg format to [linda.fmcdenver@gmail.com](mailto:linda.fmcdenver@gmail.com). Picture taking at FMC will again be available 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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### **There are only 2 more weekends to register for the Getaway Weekend at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp!** The Getaway is September 21-23.

Please turn registrations in to Rachel Barnes either in person or via email [rcbarnes33@msn.com](mailto:rcbarnes33@msn.com) by September 9. You can access the forms [here](#). We would love to have you join us for this weekend of fun and fellowship.

**Rides Needed to the Getaway Weekend.** Several people without cars are in need of rides to and from the Getaway – Moses Simbeye (MCC trainee), Sierra Brave and Gabriel Apodaca. If you would have room in your car for one or two people, please contact Craig Sommers [csommers@eroresources.com](mailto:csommers@eroresources.com) or Rachel Barnes [rcbarnes33@msn.com](mailto:rcbarnes33@msn.com) for more information.

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## **The Third Story provides many services to families in our church neighborhood.**

They are looking for tutors for their Monday night tutoring program that begins September 17th. Tutors work one-on-one with a student for the academic year. There are two tutoring sessions each Monday- 4:15-6:15 or 5:15-7:15. Click [here](#) for more information and contact Rachel and Chris Barnes if you have any questions- [rcbarnes33@msn.com](mailto:rcbarnes33@msn.com) or [chris@lichtco.com](mailto:chris@lichtco.com)

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## **Does any of this art work belong to you?**

The one with the rough wood frame was never picked up after we did that art show of FMC members' work several years ago.

The Noah's ark was donated to the nursery when it was in the current MYF Room.

The gray piece was left at sometime also.....have no idea when.

If people would claim them and take them home it would be great!



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**Anyone interested in tying comforters for MCC on Saturday, September 8,** is invited to join us in the Commons area downstairs. 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://dofdmennon.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.

## **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).

**Collection of items for school kits continues.** 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)

**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.sccc Colorado.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.

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**Mark your calendars:**

**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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**Recently posted on website Active Participants section:**

- August 9 Board Meeting Minutes

- August 19 Annual Congregational Meeting Minutes

- Link to photos of the August 19 congregational meeting

**Header Photo:** Organ Mountains, Desert Peaks National Monument, Bureau of Land Management Photo

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

**FMC Office will be closed on Labor Day, September 3.**

Attendance August 26: Adults - 107; Children - 14; Total - 121

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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.**

- 9/9 - planning meeting with JYF and MYF **kids** after school kit assembly
- 9/16 - planning meeting with JYF and MYF **parents** during Adult Ed hour

Pastor Glenn, Anita Miller and Jordan Penner are putting together an “Advisory Council” for our Child and Youth Faith Formation Program. We’re looking for four to six people willing to share ideas about our current and future programming, meeting three or four times a year. Please contact Pastor Glenn, Anita or Jordan if you’re interested.

*For kids and families to do this week:*

- What is the most important lesson from the Bible? Read Matthew 22:36-39.
- What does it mean to love God with all your heart, soul and mind?
- Look for times you love God.
- Look for examples of people loving each other, especially people who might have trouble loving each other.

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

**Betty Schmidt** slipped and fell on a wet tiled and slippery floor while exiting her shower stall at a local gym on Wednesday. Surgery for a partial hip replacement was performed midday with full recovery expected after several weeks of rehab activities. As of today, she is a patient at Littleton Hospital. Depending on whether she chooses in-patient or out-patient rehab determines her arrival at home. Prayers for Betty would be appreciated. Clint

and Family

### **Happy Birthday August 10-September 6**

31 - Vic Esch  
31 - Thomas Falk  
31 - Larry Rupp  
31 - Darren Wyse  
2 - Rachel Bennett Barnes  
3 - Paul Polak  
6 - Katie Hegedus  
6 - Brad Miller  
6 - Owen Miller

### **Happy Anniversary August 31-September 6**

31 - Kori & Larry Leaman-Miller  
31 - Kerry Stutzman & David Armitage  
2 - Amy & Peter Conrad  
3 - Eric Boschmann & Jennifer Miller  
5 - Arden & Joan Slotter  
6 - Glenn & Reberta Shirk

## ***Upcoming Sundays***

### **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 **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

Monday - FMC Office closed for holiday

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

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.*

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

**Immigration RoundTable Coming Up!!** 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. Sojourn Mennonite Church is the host congregation, and our conference SEED committee and Mennonite Central Committee are sponsors. The primary objective is to provide an opportunity for people in our conference, active in immigration activities, 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! We will also have regional and national updates from MCC staff. Won't you join us!!! Please see more details in the Zing! and register on the conference web page (we need to know by September 15 if you are requesting child care); 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***

**See the highlights, video and photos of the recent service celebrating the historic installation of Glen Guyton**, the first African American executive director of MC USA at [mennoniteusa.org/gleninstalled](http://mennoniteusa.org/gleninstalled).

**The Kekchi Mennonite Church in Guatemala** invited Deb Byler of Mennonite Mission Network to empower women leaders. Pray for her as she helps organize an October meeting for women in areas that are far from Carcha, the church's administrative center.

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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