



FMC Weekly - September 6, 2018

The weekly newsletter of First Mennonite Church of Denver

Sunday Morning, September 9, 2018

9:30 AM Worship

Come early and let your soul be nourished through Pre-Service Music provided by Jesse Hershberger-Kirk. 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 Balzer will lead worship, Arlen Hershberger will lead singing and Jordan Penner will lead the children's time.

After the worship service in the Community Center

- ◆ Glenn and Reberta Shirk celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on September 6! Please join them and their daughters, Glenda Kauffman and Leslea Wahl, for cake in the community center after the church service this morning to help them celebrate.
- ◆ Purchase grocery cards to help support the FMC Ministry Plan

10:45 AM 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.

Our FMC Community

Fall Theme:

Beginning this week and running through the end of 2018 our theme for worship is "Celebrating the Diversity of Our Faith Journeys." To help with enhancing the worship theme, we are using various travel images. You will notice this in the worship folder, the foyer and the sanctuary. We have also chosen to set aside time during our regular worship

service for various members to share something that has either helped, motivated, provided joy, or kept you on your faith journey. Pastor Glenn and members of the Worship team will be reaching out to various individuals to share, but if you have a story to share, please don't wait for us to tap you on the shoulder – contact Pastor Glenn directly!

Note - The photo above was taken by Michael Regier in Cuba.

FMC Get-away

This is the last Sunday to sign up for the Getaway Weekend! We hope you can join us on September 21st-23rd at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp for a weekend of fun and relaxation! Registration materials are available on the home page of the [FMC website](#). Please contact Rachel Barnes rcbarnes33@msn.com with any questions.

This year Pastor Glenn wants to harness technology to our benefit. The plan is to have one worship service in two locations. Evan Miller and Corbin Graber are confident that we can set-up a live two-way video between 430 West 9th Avenue and Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp. Plan on attending Worship on September 23 either in the mountains or in the comfort of our sanctuary.

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 or Rachel Barnes rcbarnes33@msn.com for more information.

Contact information for Moses Simbeye, MCC IVEPer: 717-962-9522

Host: Ken Wiig 303-870-1070
4047 King St. (near Skinner Middle School)
Denver 80211

September 5, 2018

Dear FMC Family,

It is our pleasure to announce that the FMC Administrator hiring committee, after much work and deliberation, invited Marie Voth to assume the position of FMC Administrator. Marie accepted the committee's offer and will begin October 22, 2018.

Marie has been an active member of FMC for 10 years. She has served as a JYF sponsor, has been part of several FMC small groups, and currently coordinates a Denver-area

Menno hiking group!

Marie grew up in Hesston, Kansas where she attended Whitestone Mennonite Church. She earned an Associate of Arts from Hesston College (2003) and a Bachelor of Arts in English from Eastern Mennonite University (2007). Between Hesston and EMU, Marie spent two years with Mennonite Voluntary Service working at the Hopi Mission School on the Hopi Indian Reservation in northern Arizona. During her college years, she spent many summers working at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp. Most recently she wrapped up nine years as the DOOR National Administrator.

We look forward to having Marie take on a new role with the FMC community. She brings administrative experience, connections to local and national Mennonite individuals and organizations, and the ability to organize the details necessary to turn big picture ideas into reality.

We also want to take this opportunity to thank Linda Welty for her nine years of service to FMC. Her calm presence and strong administrative skills have helped to successfully guide us through a significant period of transition. On Sunday, November 4, we will take time to celebrate Linda's time with us and wish her well as she and Merritt begin a new chapter in their lives in Boise, ID.

Peace,
FMC Administrator Hiring Team
Barb Stutzman
Carol Swartzendruber
Joann Roupp
Linda Wyse



NEW HORIZONS - a new small group at FMC

The purpose of this group is to create a unique space and place for singles over 50 at FMC. If you are single, divorced, or widowed this group is for you! We will meet 6 times per year, generally after the Adult Education hour in the Community Center. A light meal will be provided. Our time will be spent informally visiting, discussing issues of concern to you and inviting various speakers to educate, inform and inspire.

Our first official gathering will occur this Sunday, September 9, following the Adult Education hour. Please RSVP to the church office, 303-892-1038 by Friday, September 7, if you plan to attend.



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 or cell-303-478-3740.

To the left is an MCC Comforter tying event in the Commons on August 25. In the photo are Marcy Gerig, Mary Olson, Katrina Schrock, Angie Nofziger and Roberta Kandel.

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) or cell phone (720-352-1737).

Thank you!

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. Please return the completed directory update form (if you haven't already). 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. 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.

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.

This is the final week we will officially ask you to donate items for the school kits.

Certainly if you have items after September 9 don't hesitate to go ahead and bring them. We can either make more kits or we will take them down to the relief sale and we can make up kits there. We have noticed that several of the stores continue to have good sales on items. The one thing that seems like it's getting short are rulers but I think we are going to do okay with those and will have a few extra. If you would rather not shop for items then please make a donation of cash or a check and put it in the church offering plate. There are several of the JYF and MYF youth who said that they would be glad to do shopping for you. We want to thank you for all of the effort that you have put in to make this a very successful school kit campaign.

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)

Last Sunday, September 1, children began gathering coins for the MCC program

Your Coins Count. This money will again go to water projects. Our initial Sunday raised \$60.70. This year we would again like to ask four people to voluntarily give 10% of what was gathered each Sunday. This will be accomplished by volunteering to have your name placed in a hat. Each Sunday four names will be drawn. The names will not be put back in the hat for further drawings. You may put your name in the offering plate, call me or wait for me to ask you. Thank you for once again being part of this great program which provides clean, safe water to those in need. Linda Wyse

The Mennonite Society of Mennonite Heritage is promoting a worthy cause this Fall:

The Music Mission Kiev is taking their Fall Concert Tour 2018 through the Front Range area of Colorado. The Kiev Symphony Orchestra and Top Ranked Ukrainian Classical Choir is headed by Wes Janzen. You will be in for a treat and be doing good for widows and orphans a world away...

Marjorie had a chance to meet him in Kiev while on the Mennonite Heritage Cruise. Here is some of what I learned:

- Wes JANZEN is well-known in the musical circles of renowned Canadian musicians and conductors. He is the former conductor and professor at Trinity Western University in British Columbia. After numerous tours to Ukraine to help with their Mission, he and his wife decided to move full-time to help with this mission.

- THE MISSION employs top Ukrainian orchestra and vocal musicians to raise funds for the orphans and widows in Ukraine. The War with Russia continues to this day and each day orphans and widows with their children make their way to Kiev. While we no longer hear about the war, it has and is continuing to this day.

- They serve the needs of these people with camps in the summer, music lessons, educational needs, health access needs with food delivery being their greatest need. It has a budget of over \$1 Million each year, all of which is raised through international tours and local performances.

The Concert in Denver is Friday, Sept 21, at 7 pm at the Cherry Hills Presbyterian Church on Belleview Ave, just west of the DTC. But, there is likely one near those of you who live outside of Denver. Check out the schedule on the FMC bulletin board.

Thank you for supporting this worthy cause.
We at MHMS (mennomusic.org) thank you.

Susan Graber (Boulder Mennonite)
Marjorie Hofer (PMCC)
Leta Bontrager (Glennon Heights)
Emily Martin (First Mennonite)

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 or contact Melissa Short at (800) 222-5054 ext. 3392 or melissa.short@everence.com.

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

Recently posted on website Active Participants section:

- FMC Outreach Consultant Report - Duncan Smith

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

Attendance September 1: Adults - 70; Children - 6; Total - 76

PEACE SCHOOL UPDATES

Peace School starts **this Sunday** for kids age 2-years through high school!

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

*9/29-30 - MYF fundraiser/sleepover, "Down for Dreaming," to benefit Family Promises - more info soon

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:

- Learn about and pray for the ways kids go to school all over the world.
- <https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/back-to-school-children-kids-unicef-primary-secondary-around-the-world-a8517181.html>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MxBfqd639BE>

For everyone in the congregation:

- Please pray for kids and families as they get back into their school routine, and for the teachers and other volunteers who are lovingly preparing for Peace School.
- We are in need of magazines with lots of pictures of kids, families, and/or nature scenes from which our kids can find collage pictures. If you have some you're done with, there will be a box inside the church office for your donations. Thanks!

Caring for Each Other

Dear FMC,

Thanks to each of you for making this past year a good one together first as your Gap Pastor and then Outreach Consultant. Special thanks to the Leadership Board for their ongoing hard work, Linda Welty for holding the office together, and to Glenn for your great partnership. Grace and peace as you go forward. ~Duncan Smith

Happy Birthday September 7-13

- 7 - Leon Graber
- 7 - Keaton Skudneski
- 8 - Ron Schmucker
- 8 - Brian Toews
- 8 - Eloise Wentorf-Lantz
- 9 - Caden Robinson
- 11 - Kristine Friesen

11 - Kim Kauffman
12 - Linda Bontrager
12 - Jerry Winter
13 - Jane Dick

Happy Anniversary September 7-13

9 - Dana Williams & Timothy Hosman
12 - Les & Lois Hjelmstad (70 years!!)
12 - Jan & Jim Parks

Upcoming Sundays

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

September 30

Worship - Rhoda Blough will preach.

Adult Education – Rhoda Blough and Dennis LeFevre from Everence will lead Adult Ed. Everence 101: How can Everence help you integrate your faith values with your finances. Learn about Socially Responsible Investing, the importance of wills, how you can become more charitable, the benefits of naming The Mennonite Foundation as the charitable recipient in your will and any other questions you might want to ask Dennis LeFevre and Rhoda Blough.

October 7

Worship - Glenn Balzer will preach.

Adult Education - Leidy Muñoz , MCC Bolivia Country Representative

Leidy Muñoz, MCC Co-Representative for Bolivia and the Southern Cone, will be sharing about the work of MCC in Bolivia. MCC Bolivia works in the areas of peace building, environmental advocacy, indigenous rights, income generation, education, and

sustainable agriculture. Leidy shares from her deep lived experience as a Colombian who has worked for years for social justice in Colombia and Bolivia.

In the Building this Week

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

Saturday, 4:30 pm - FMC Babysitting Group

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 - MSMH Board meeting 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.

Around Mountain States Mennonite Conference

Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp relies a lot on the help of volunteers. In the upcoming weeks we need help in the kitchen preparing and serving meals, washing dishes, and some light cleaning. If you have interest in volunteering at camp, give us a call (719-687-9506), send an email (info@rmmc.org), or go to rmmc.org and click "Volunteer" to see available slots online.

- September 15-16: Beth-El Mennonite Church retreat (4 people)
- September 22-23: First Mennonite Church Denver retreat (4 people)
- October 2-5: Guest groups (church group and school group) (2 people)
- October 10-14: Unfinished Objects Quilters retreat (3 people)
- October 26-28: Guest group (women's retreat) (2 people)
- November 1-4: Fall Mennonite Quilters retreat (2 people)
- December 27-29: Guest group (Orthodox Church youth group) (4 people)

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, or calling Barry at 303-503-7886.

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

Mennonite Church USA and Beyond

MC USA encourages you to “Learn, Pray, Join” for immigration justice now. Watch a recording of our recent immigration justice webinar at mennoniteusa.org/ijwebinarfull and find ways to support immigration justice at <http://mennoniteusa.org/ij>.

The Journey Forward Feedback Survey is now available online in Spanish. Use “Pathways” with your small group or congregation and complete the survey by December 31, 2018 at mennoniteusa.org/la-iglesia-menonita-de-ee-uu-esta-de-viaje.

David and Sophie Lapp Jost of Mennonite Mission Network are beginning an assignment in Nazareth, Israel. Pray for them as they visit hospital patients, teach English, and assist with communication projects.

MennoCon19 Newsletter: http://mennoniteusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/Sep_2018_Newsletter_Final.pdf

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.

If you no longer wish to receive these emails, please reply to this message with "Unsubscribe" in the subject line or simply click on the following link: [Unsubscribe](#)

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