



FMC Weekly - September 20, 2018

The weekly newsletter of First Mennonite Church of Denver

Sunday Morning, September 23, 2018

9:30 AM Worship at FMC and RMMC, a collaborative service

Come early and enjoy Pre-Service Music with Aimee Voth Siebert. 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. Bob Carlsten will lead worship, Aimee Voth Siebert (FMC) and Nikki Kandelind (Camp) will lead singing. Evan Miller & Jorge Fiz (FMC) and Corbin Graber (Camp) will coordinate the technical aspects of making this combined service work!

After the worship service in the Community Center

- ◆ Join others for refreshments and help support our youth.
- ◆ Purchase grocery cards to help support the FMC Ministry Plan

No Education Hour this Sunday

Our FMC Community

Arlo Sonnenberg was featured on 9News-NEXT program with Kyle Clark on Monday evening, Sept. 17. Here are two ways to access his story:

www.9news.com/next/arlosonnenberg and a direct link from 9news is:

<https://www.9news.com/article/news/local/next/this-100-year-old-woodworker-gives-his-art-away-for-free-with-special-message/73-595639694>

Arlo would enjoy hearing your comments about the story if you would like to send him a note. His address is in the church directory. Thanks for supporting and honoring such a remarkable and gifted human being.

Kudos to Sylvia Kreider for her efforts in getting Arlo's story on Channel 9.

Your Coins Count Project for MCC

The amount collected by the children on September 16 was \$228.31. The names drawn were Janice Parks, Barb Wiens, Arlen Hershberger, Glenda Kauffman and Galen Hofer. Each of you have agreed to give 10% of what was collected if your name was drawn so these 5 fortunate people owe "Your Coins Count " \$22.80. Thank You.

Mennonite Central Committee says that \$1,200 provides plumbing items (sockets, joints, valves) needed for one water system in India. One gravity flow system provides water for 250 people in a rural community in India.

Thanks to all of the Children and all the Adults who are helping to make this a reality.

THANK YOU for your responses to FMC Directory update information and photos. We received many new photos. We'll be working on compiling all the additions in the next week or so. If you still have something to add, please submit it to the FMC office as soon as possible.

I am leading a team and walking in the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Light the Night Walk on Thursday, September 27, at 7pm. Our team is Team Ewan, formed in loving memory of my nephew, Ewan Lill, who passed away on May 7, 2018 at the age of eight. He fought hard and bravely against his unique form of acute lymphoblastic leukemia. We are walking to raise money and awareness to help researchers find better and more effective treatments for cancer. Ewan, were he with us now, would have turned nine on September 22. I would love anyone interested in the walk to help us celebrate his life and memory by wearing superhero shirts, capes, or gear. Please call or text me - Michael - with questions at 720-450-2270. You can also visit our Team Ewan fundraising site at <https://pages.lighththenight.org/rm/DenverL18/teamewan18>. ~Michael Harrington

Walk for Sudan Fundraiser- I am Claudia Popp, I have grown up in First Mennonite Church of Denver and I have done the Walk for Sudan since I was in seventh grade. My goal for this year's fundraiser is 3,000 dollars. The walk works to help people in the Nuba mountains gain access to clean water and access to education. The walk is a 5K around a

portion of the Cherry Creek Reservoir on October 7. All donations (checks made out to Walk for Sudan) are due no later than October 13. I'll be in the Community Center this Sunday if you have questions or you can contact me for more information at claudiatpopp@gmail.com. Thank you!

The Mennonite Society of Musical 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 Kyiv Symphony Orchestra and Top Ranked Ukrainian Classical Choir is headed by Wes Janzen. Wes 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. You will be in for a treat and be doing good for widows and orphans a world away...

- 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 this Friday, Sept 21, at 7 pm at the Cherry Hills Presbyterian Church on Belleview Ave, just west of the DTC.

We at MSMH (mennomusic.org) thank you.

Susan Graber (Boulder Mennonite)

Marjorie Hofer (PMCC)

Leta Bontrager (Glennon Heights)

Emily Martin (First Mennonite)

Mark your calendars:

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

September 29, 8am- 5pm - Mental Health First Aid Class at FMC

October 19 & 20 - MCC Relief Sale at Rocky Ford, Colorado

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

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

Photo at top taken September 16 by Tom Bishop of kindergarteners receiving their *Shine On Story Bibles*.

Attendance September 16: Adults - 114; Children - 15; Total - 129

PEACE SCHOOL UPDATES

9/29-30 - MYF sleepover

*10/21 - JYF/MYF All Family Gathering - Corn Maze at Denver Botanic Gardens at Chatfield, 12:30

*10/28 - Teacher/Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon- FMC, 12-1

* New Calendar Items

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:

- Start your own “Your Coins Count” collection at home: Find an interesting container and add a coin every time you do something you’d like to do more often (do a chore without being reminded, greet a stranger, choose a conversation instead of screen time, etc). Watch the coins add up and bring them to church every Sunday!

For everyone in the congregation:

- **Remember to bring your coins for the MCC ‘Your Coins Count’ collection time.**
- 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

FMC Leadership Board



Tom Bishop

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Trinda and I are retired from jobs and raising a family so even after caring for our grandchildren, pursuing our hobbies and traveling extensively, we still have time and energy to give back our gifts and talents to this church after over 45 years of membership. Trinda has a passion for encouraging the youth of our church to attend Mennonite higher education institutions. I enjoy sharing my financial and business experience with the church in any way possible. We appreciate the faithful, loyal and trusted friendships we have made over the years and consider this church our extended family, for which we care deeply.



Barb Stutzman

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I've been attending FMC just over 25 years. My husband Rod and I have/are raising our four children in this congregation. I have greatly enjoyed FMC through the years for the quality people, great community, and overall place of care and love in which to raise our children. I want to see FMC thrive and grow even in the midst of these times of struggle and change. It has been, and continues to be a privilege to serve on the board at FMC. I'm always open to your feedback and thoughts.



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Since moving here in 2008, Jennifer and I have experienced FMC as a loving, supportive, and generous community. I believe in FMC as a safe place to be challenged in what it means to live with Anabaptist values – especially faithfulness to the Gospel message – in a 21st century urban context. I am always available to listen and talk as we grow into new ways of being church together.



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I am excited to be a part of the Board at FMC at this particular point in our history. There is a lot going on all around us - our country, our world - but also right here within our own community. We are both a faith community, and a participant in the local Denver community, and I am passionate to see how we can work within both in meaningful ways.



Jonathan Moyer

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First Mennonite Church in Denver holds a special place in my heart. I believe in the future of an inclusive church that pursues living in community through the lens of a radical Jesus story. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me!

Caring for Each Other

Update on Betty Schmidt - Betty was sent home from in-patient rehab Wednesday, September 12, having made good progress, enough progress for continued in-home therapies after partial hip replacement on August 28. It's good to have her home. She'll be walking stairs in no time at all. Continued prayers for Betty's continued recovery would be appreciated. Clint and families

Please pray for the family of Emily & Sam Martin's niece Heather who died today, September 20, after her fight with cancer at the age of 45. She and her husband have 2 daughters, the oldest just beginning her freshman year in college.

Happy Birthday September 21-27

22 - Amy Conrad

22 - Ronald Weaver

22 - Erin Wentorf
23 - Benjamin Nishi
24 - Julia Weaver
24 - Joyce Yost
25 - Erik Alston
26 - Glennis Hochstetler
26 - Ardell Swartzendruber
26 - Allen Voth
27 - Roberta Kandel
27 - Mateo Regier

Happy Anniversary September 21-27

22 - Galen Hofer & Stephanie Phibbs
25 - Cisco Mascarenas-Moore & Jack Moore
27 - Katie & Robin Hegedus

Upcoming Sundays

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.

October 14

Worship - Glenn Balzer will preach.

Adult Education - Sarah Jackson, Executive Director of Casa de Paz, will be sharing stories of immigrants, asylum seekers and their families who are separated by the

immigrant detention prison in Aurora. She will lead the discussion on current conditions inside the prison and ways to accompany those who are affected by immigration policies. There will also be an opportunity for each person to create a piece of art which will be given to an immigrant who has been released as a way to say, "Welcome to this country!"

October 21

Worship - Vern Rempel will preach.

In the Building this Week

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

6:30 pm - FMC Board meeting in Office

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 meet 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.

Hello! I'm Elisabeth Miller, 27 years old at the Fort Collins Mennonite Fellowship but currently residing in Laramie, Wyoming. I'm looking to move to Denver after 2 years volunteering in El Salvador with Brethren Volunteer Service. Since it is such a long drive and difficult for me to get oriented, I'm looking to stay for one night in Denver next week (the week of the 23rd) to apply for jobs and visit housing options. I'm friendly, undemanding and responsible and would like to better get to know the area and the Mennonite community.



Stop by this international marketplace in the neighborhood. Good reviews!

Around Mountain States Mennonite Conference

Zing! is Mountain States Mennonite Conference's monthly newsletter. We have just begun a monthly mid-month Zinglet!, focusing on things happening in our conference congregations. It will be just a page or so. You can subscribe and receive these newsletters directly by email; subscribe at: <https://mountainstatesmc.org/conference-life/newsletter/>.

BOULDER MENNONITE CHURCH SEEKS PART-TIME CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR.

Some duties: coordinate congregational communications, create and distribute weekly bulletin, scribe at council meetings, coordination of building use, supply ordering. 12 hours/week at church office. Call 303-443-3889 or email beritjany@aol.com.

Living Light of Peace is eager to introduce our new sewing room which is dedicated to the work of Mennonite Central Committee. Please join us on Sunday, October 7, for an open house, followed by a hymn sing under the direction of the Mennonite Society for Musical Heritage. The church will be open for tours and snacks at 4:30 pm; the singing starts at 5 pm. Living Light of Peace is located at 5927 Miller Street in Arvada. Please join us!

Immigration RoundTable Around the Corner: This exciting Mountain States Mennonite Conference event will be held September 28-30 in Aurora and Ft. Collins, hosted by Sojourn Mennonite Church and sponsored by SEED and MCC, which is also providing several resource persons. There is no cost; details are on the web page, along with a registration form. Please register by September 25 at the latest so final food arrangements can be made. Even if you do not plan to attend the main event Saturday, you are welcome to join for the special opening on Friday, September 28, at 6:00 p.m., a time for reflection and prayer at the ICE Detention Center, 3130 Oakland St, Aurora, CO 80010 (see the web page for meeting location).

Then you are invited for the monthly potluck at 7:00 at Casa de Paz; to get the address for the potluck e-mail sjackson@casadepazcolorado.org.

See you there!

Mennonite Central Committee is looking forward to the Rocky Mountain Mennonite Relief Sale coming up on Oct. 19 & 20! If you're planning to bring MCC material resources (MCC kits, comforters, etc.) to the sale so they can be transported to the MCC Material Resources Center in North Newton, Kansas please let us know! Email katemast@mcc.org by Oct. 10 so we can make appropriate transportation arrangements. Thank you!

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

Mennonite Church USA and Beyond

This summer, the Holding It(,) Together podcast of MC USA's Women in Leadership is focusing on "Breaking Silences" and courageously facing conversations that have been put off for too long. Listen on Apple Podcasts, Stitcher or online at <https://themennonite.org/the-latest/holding-together-podcast/>

Register now for Women Doing Theology, Nov. 8-10, 2018, to join MC USA's Women in Leadership in building upon a history of Anabaptist theologians, ministers, teachers, activists, creatives and many others gathering to do theological work born out of women's experiences. Find out more and register at <http://mennoniteusa.org/wdt18>.

Martine Audéoud, Gary Wittig, and their son, Samuel, have made their home in France to care for Martine's father. Pray for Gary and Samuel as they adjust to a new culture, and for Martine as she serves with Mennonite Mission Network as a seminary teacher in Ivory Coast.

For more information about our denomination, go to mennoniteusa.org

New this Week:

Mennonite World Conference News: https://mwc-cmm.org/newsletter_export/2764

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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