



FMC Weekly - September 27, 2018

The weekly newsletter of First Mennonite Church of Denver

Sunday Morning, September 30, 2018

9:30 AM Worship

Come early and enjoy Pre-Service Music with Aimee Voth Siebert. How can we live into a life of generosity when we continue to live with the narrative of scarcity? What does a mindset of generosity look like? Rhoda Blough, from Everence, will be preaching from 2 Corinthians 9: 5-15. Glenn Balzer will lead worship, Aimee Voth Siebert will lead singing, and Linda Miller will lead Children's Time.

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

10:45 AM Education Hour

◆ Peace School for ages 2-18 years

◆ **Adult Ed** - Rhoda Blough and Dennis LeFevre from Everence will lead this session

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 and Rhoda.

Our FMC Community

The Christmas Booth will be open for business on Saturday, October 20th, 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!

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. 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. You can contact me for more information at claudiatpopp@gmail.com. Thank you!

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

Mark your calendars:

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>

Staff Time Away: Pastor Glenn will be out of the office Friday, Sept. 28.

Attendance September 23: Adults - 53; Children - 3; At Camp - 60; Total - 113

PEACE SCHOOL UPDATES

9/29-30 - MYF sleepover at FMC, 7 pm

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

For families to do this week

- According to your child’s developmental readiness talk about #MeToo issues, including what to do when there is a question of who to believe, peer pressure, consent, the hesitancy of sharing difficult stories and how to bring justice to situations that happened many years ago. There are many resources on the web.

For everyone in the congregation:

- **Remember the MCC ‘Your Coins Count’ collection time.**

Caring for Each Other

Hope Ventura's brother-in-law, Rev. Andrew Gutierrez (a retired Presbyterian minister), passed away on September 17. Services will be held at Pasadena Presbyterian Church, Glendale, California. Please pray for Hope's sister, Esther, and Family.

Happy Birthday September 28-October 4

28 - Tomas Gibson

28 - Eilan Wentorf-Lantz

28 - Esme Wentorf-Lantz

29 - Trinda Bishop

29 - Peter Conrad

29 - Mark VanWagner

30 - Karen Martin

30 - Leon Stutzman

1 - Lois Hjelmstad

1 - Isabelle King

1 - Bobby Larson

2 - Mary Olson

2 - Jan Parks

Happy Anniversary September 28-October 4

28 - Betty & Clint Schmidt

30 - Brad & Katrina Schrock

1 - Lynn Amstutz & Charlie Ferguson

Upcoming Sundays

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 be preaching - "The community squirrel of Christ." How proximity and accidents can create joyful relationships, in the Spirit of Christ.

Adult Education - Kris Rollerson from Sun Valley Youth Center will be presenting.

October 28

Worship - Rev. Claudia Aguilar Rubalcava will preach. Claudia currently serves as Associate Pastor for Justice and Witness at Virginia-Highland Church in Atlanta, GA. She was ordained in the Presbyterian Church (USA) in 2012. Claudia earned her Master of Arts (Theological Studies) with a specialization in Christian Ethics from Columbia Seminary in 2008 and her Master of Divinity in 2011. She served as a pastoral intern at Mercy Community Church, and Westminster Presbyterian Church of Santa Fe, New Mexico, and as a campus minister at the Pontifical University of Chile and at her alma

mater, Monterrey Institute of Technology, where she earned her Bachelor of Arts in International Relations.

Adult Education - Giving Jeans a Second Chance! Hassan Latif of the Second Chance Center will be leading the Adult Education hour this week. You can learn more about the Center at <https://www.scccolorado.org/>

In the Building this Week

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

Saturday, 8am- 5pm - Mental Health First Aid Class in B2

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.

Around Denver and Mountain States Mennonite Conference

A Primer for Gun Safety Voters: Policies and Programs that Can Save Lives
Red Flag laws can save lives by removing guns from the home when a loved one is in crisis. But the right mental services need to be in place to make a long-term difference. Learn more about the life saving mix of policies and services on the fall ballot and other mental health initiatives at a panel sponsored by Colorado Faith Communities United to End Gun Violence, moderated by Andrew Romanoff, President of Mental Health Colorado and featuring: Douglas County Sheriff, Tony Spurlock; Bob McDonald, Executive Director of the Denver Department of Public Health & Environment; and Rep. Leslie Herod, House District 8, champion of the Caring4Denver ballot measure.

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, October 17 from 7:00 PM – 8:30 with social time over light refreshments starting at 6:30

LOCATION: First Plymouth Congregational Church, 3501 S Colorado Blvd, Cherry Hills

Village, CO 80113

PLEASE RSVP to soakes1219@gmail.com

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!

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

"Kits are for Caring" New Resource: MCC has a new resource for churches to get children (and people of all ages) excited about collecting relief kits! Designed to be ready to use, the resource includes curriculum to guide a group of children toward a celebration of sharing God's gifts by collecting humanitarian aid for those in need around the world. Whether you use the curriculum in Sunday School classes, during the children's story or in a Bible camp, there are games, stories and activity sheets that will engage children of all ages. But there are also resources to use with adult groups, including prayer cards and in-depth info sheets. Would you consider collecting relief kits this Thanksgiving or Christmas

season? Contact tinascrag@mcc.org or call 316.283.2720 if you need help downloading the PDF files or for more information. <https://mcc.org/stories/kits-are-caring-resource>

MennoMedia needs your help to make the new *Voices Together* hymnal a reality by Fall 2020. Before any copies of *Voices Together* are sold, MennoMedia will invest more than \$700,000. Everence and Mennonite Central Committee U.S. have issued a matching grant challenge of up to \$100,000 to help MennoMedia in this final fund-raising effort. Help ensure that *Voices Together* will be affordably priced for congregations. Make a gift today and have it doubled! Every voice matters. Every dollar counts. Give at VoicesTogetherHymnal.org or email Steve Carpenter at SteveC@MennoMedia.org for more information. Gifts of \$500 or more entitle the giver to a tribute line in the hymnal.

Mark your church calendars for MC USA's annual Mennonite Heritage Sunday on Sunday, October 28, 2018. Worship resources are being created by Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery Coalition members with the theme "Lament in response to the Doctrine of Discovery," and will be made available on October 8, 2018.

Read reflections on immigration justice work from across MC USA on the Menno Snapshots blog: mennoniteusa.org/lpjtag.

Mennonite Mission Network's Service Adventure unit in Anchorage, Alaska, is made up of Brayden Thomas, Jasmin Tente, Jessica Porr, Max Janzen, and leader Monica Miller. Pray for them as they help expand the ministry of Prince of Peace Mennonite Church.

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

Other Information

Sermons. Sermons are posted on the fmcdenver.org 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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