



FMC Weekly - October 4, 2018

The weekly newsletter of First Mennonite Church of Denver

Sunday Morning, October 7, 2018

9:30 AM Worship

Come early and enjoy Pre-Service Music with Stephanie Miller and Sarah Winter. What is the meaning of life? What is the point of faith? Why even claim Christianity? This week Glenn Balzer will be preaching from Matthew 5:13-16. Alyssa Bennett Smith will lead worship, Nikki Kandelind will lead singing, and Roberta Kandel 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 - 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.

Our FMC Community

September 30 was our fourth Sunday for the children to collect coins and bills for **"Your Coins Count."**

September 24 coins were not collected because of the Great Getaway. We do not want

anyone to feel left out so this week 10 names, instead of the usual 5, were drawn. On September 30, \$190.82 was collected by the children so each of the following people will owe 10% or \$19.00. Here is a list of the names drawn on Sunday, Sept. 30:

Rita Balzer, Carol Harguth, Treva Finks, Mel Birkey, Bob Carlson, Darren Knowles, Kim Kauffman, Joe Short, Lynn and Margaret Williams, Steve Bontrager

Thank You for your willingness to participate in this effort to raise money for MCC water projects. Remember that \$30 provides 32 feet of pipe to bring water to fields and villages in India and \$3,600 builds one complete well in Mozambique.

Missing your favorite coffee mug or jacket or? FMC lost and found items will be on tables this Sunday and next Sunday, October 7 & 14 in the FMC Community Center. Be sure to pick up your lost item. Items not claimed will be donated to a local thrift store.



We had ten kids at last Saturday's MYF sleepover including a cake decorating contest!

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

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

Attendance September 30: Adults - 115; Children - 18; Total - 133

PEACE SCHOOL UPDATES

What's happening this week:

PreK -- Creation
K2 -- Adam & Eve
Venture Club -- Moses & the Exodus
JYF -- Pastor Glenn
MYF -- Guest Deb Schaffer

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

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

For families to do this week:

- Take a seasonal hike to celebrate fall. Collect as many different types and colors of leaves as you can find.

For everyone in the congregation:

- Remember the MCC 'Your Coins Count' collection time

Caring for Each Other

Happy Birthday October 4-11

5 - Gail Ebersole
5 - Linus Nishi
7 - Gary Mierau
8 - Galen Hofer
8 - Margaret Williams
9 - Grace Hosman

10 - Asha Holsopple
10 - Jim Parks
10 - Lari Rupp
11 - Elizabeth Beachy
11 - Candace Feeming

Happy Anniversary October 4-11

5 - Phil & Gail Ebersole
6 - Gina & Mark O'Brian
11 - Andrew & Ligia Gibson
11 - Debbie & Doug Reed

Upcoming Sundays

October 14

Worship - What if God was one of us, just a stranger on the bus? This week Pastor Glenn Balzer will be preaching from Hebrews 4:12-16.

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.sccc Colorado.org/>

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

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

NOT ONE MORE!

Saturday and Sunday, October 13 and 14, there will be significant activities around Denver making sure that 'Not One More' gun violence activity happens in schools! On Saturday there will be various seminars on the topic ranging from mental health to how to become politically active in support of anti-gun violence. On Sunday there will be a rally and a concert at the Levitt Pavillion. This is being sponsored by Nathaniel Rateliff's (of Nathaniel Rateliff & the Hot Sweats fame) foundation, "The Marigold Project" and the Denver Children's Choir (which offices and rehearses at FMC) will be performing along with Rateliff's group. For more information go to: the-marigold-project.org/notonemore.

Next Thursday, October 11: Just Wages! 2018 Celebration & Fundraiser for Towards Justice at Cultivated Synergy, October 11, 6-8 pm. You are invited to support legal efforts to make work a path to economic success in the U.S. I work on getting unpaid wages for low-wage workers. Come enjoy a night of delicious food and drink while supporting our work! (Food by Work & Class. Beer by Lagunitas and Cerveceria Colorado. Of Yum!)

Buy tickets and find out about entertainment here:

https://www.towardsjustice.org/just_wages_2018/

[The event has a suggested donation, but I would love for you to join to celebrate the work of Towards Justice in impact litigation with or without a donation. Contact me for more information at deb@towardsjustice.org] Thanks, Deb Schaffer

ALL NEW WOMEN'S RETREAT AT RMMC! The mountains are calling and you must go (if you're a woman) to the new Women's Retreat at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp, March 15-17, 2019! Retreat, hike, explore, rest, fellowship, laugh, and so much more. This weekend is geared towards women ages 18 and older. The worship sessions will be led by Anita Amstutz. She will guide each session along themes from her book, "Soul Tending: Journey into the Heart of Sabbath", calling us back to the living waters that Jesus offered the Woman at the Well. Some weekend activities include: a relaxed schedule, hikes, crochet & knit corner, beekeeping conversations, worship times, great food, puzzles / board games, coffee and coloring, chair massage, volunteer projects opportunities, and more! Register online today (www.rmmc.org).

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 this 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. 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

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