



FMC Weekly - October 18, 2018

The weekly newsletter of First Mennonite Church of Denver

Sunday Morning, October 21, 2018

9:30 AM Worship

Come early and enjoy Pre-Service Music with Jessey Hershberger-Kirk. Vern Rempel will be preaching - "The community squirrel of Christ." How proximity and accidents can create joyful relationships, in the Spirit of Christ. Pastor Glenn will lead worship and Children's Time and Arlen Hershberger will lead singing.

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

Our FMC Community

PLEASE NOTE - Thursday **Yoga** is canceled this week.

Last Sunday to collect men's jeans for SECOND CHANCE CENTER -

<https://www.scccolorado.org/> Bring either the jeans or donate money to help pay for jeans we have already bought. *Women Bridging Borders*

The following won the Your Coins Count match:

Norm Dewhurst, Tom Bishop, Glenn Shirk, Nicole Kandelind, Rita Sommers
The amount of coins collected was \$99.67. Therefore the 10% would be \$10.

Please either give the money or check to Richard or Linda Wyse next Sunday, October 28, and we will forward it to the Treasurer of the Rocky Mountain MCC Sale so that it can be included in this year's contribution.

Check out the October Zinglet, highlighting Mountain States Mennonite Conference church retreats. **FMC is on the front page**, thanks to Rachel Barnes! You can access Zinglet online: <https://mountainstatesmc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/October-2018-Zinglet.pdf>. There are some hard copies at the Welcome Center and one is posted on the FMC bulletin board by the coffee mugs.



DON'T MISS THE PREMIERE SHOWING THIS SUNDAY EVENING!

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

REMEMBER!!

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

October 27 - FALL FMC WORK DAY!! Many hands and hearts are needed.

November 4, 11:00 am - Linda Welty Farewell

Welcome to Marie Voth, new Administor at FMC!

Marie will begin working alongside Linda Welty on Monday, October 22 until Linda completes her work on Wednesday, October 31. Marie is a member here at FMC and currently coordinates a Denver-area Menno hiking group. Recently she wrapped up nine years as the DOOR National Administrator. 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.



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

Attendance October 14: Adults - 100; Children - 5; Total - 105

PEACE SCHOOL UPDATES

What's happening this week:

- PreK -- The Great Family
- K2 -- Isaac, Jacob & Joseph
- Venture Club -- Gideon & The Judges
- JYF -- The Great Family
- MYF -- Anabaptist & Mennonite History

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:

- Begin to practice a Daily Examen prayer in your family (highs and lows). Here are some resources:
<https://www.pbgrace.com/a-daily-examen-for-children-and-teens/>
<https://soundcloud.com/pray-as-you-go/examen-for-children>

Run (or walk) for Relief at the Rocky Mountain Mennonite Relief Sale

Join the fun and contribute to MCC by participating in the Run for Relief. This is a 5K (3.1 miles) run/walk, starting at the Rocky Ford Fairgrounds at 8:00 am this Saturday, October

20. Your registration fee (\$10 for the event only, or \$20 including a T-shirt!) is a donation to MCC. And there will be age group prizes!

New this year is the Run for Relief Challenge. A sponsor will contribute additional donations to MCC for your participation: an additional \$2 donation for every person registered; \$10 for everyone who finishes ahead of Debbie Reed; and \$15 for each person who finishes ahead of both Debbie and Doug Reed (members of First Mennonite Church of Denver). Registration will be available from 7-9 pm Friday, or 7:30- 7:55 am Saturday, at the Expo building.

This is a great way to start the morning, and to get some exercise before a day of sitting and bidding! Hope to see you there.

Proposed merger of The Mennonite, Inc. and Mennonite World Review:

Mennonite Church USA (MCUSA) will hold a special meeting of the Delegate Assembly on November 26, 2018 at 8:00 pm Eastern Time, at the Mennonite Church USA offices, 3145 Benham Ave., Elkhart, Indiana, to discuss the proposed merger of The Mennonite, Inc. and Mennonite World Review.

FMC Denver can send up to 3 delegates (electronic attendance is an option), and Tom Bishop and Leon Stutzman have already agreed to attend. If you would like to serve as a delegate, or wish to participate in a discussion of coordinated response from FMC Denver, please contact Eric Boschmann and Tom Bishop.

Also, anyone may provide input directly to MCUSA here: <http://mennoniteusa.org/news/mc-usa-seeks-input-on-proposed-merger-of-the-mennonite-inc-and-mennonite-world-review/>

Caring for Each Other

New Horizons Group (singles 50+) -- December 9, 2018 beginning at 5 PM!

Our evening will begin with a traditional Russian Mennonite Sunday evening meal – Faspa! This is a meal that was started long ago, when Mennonite Churches were the center of farming communities. Traditionally, Sunday was a day of rest, so families gathered in the afternoon or early evening for a meal and fellowship. The meals were made up of foods that were quick to prepare, such as cold cut sandwiches, vegetables, and fruit. We will revive this tradition as we gather at FMC at 5 PM for Faspa type food, prior to our evening at the symphony.

After Faspa we will make our way to Denver's Boettcher Concert Hall to join Australia's

rock stars of the opera, the [Ten Tenors](#), as they amaze and enthrall with their unique selection of traditional and contemporary seasonal favorites performed with your Colorado Symphony. With soaring versions of “Joy to the World,” “White Christmas,” “Amazing Grace,” “Winter Wonderland,” “Feliz Navidad,” and more, Home for the Holidays is the perfect way to celebrate the spirit of the season.

The cost for this evening is \$32.00 per person. Please confirm your participation with the FMC office no later than **November 23, 2018**. Checks are payable to FMC.

Rick Rogers will be coordinating transportation. This includes to and from your home; to and from FMC to Boettcher Concert Hall and back to your home. If you need transportation or are able to help with transportation, please reach out to Rick at 303-757-4234.

If you have any comments, questions or concerns please reach out to anyone on the New Horizons team – Jan Griffin, Rick Rogers, Carol Swartzendruber or Pastor Glenn Balzer

Happy Birthday October 19-25

19 - Elias Eby Mast

22 - Rita Balzer

23 - Steve Kandel

23 - Darren Knowles

25 - Katie Rose Friesen Birky

Happy Anniversary October 19-25

24 - Carol & Dave Harguth

25 - Brian & Naomi Nishi

25 - Howard & Myrna Schmidt

Upcoming Sundays

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/>

November 4

Worship – Glenn Balzer will be preaching.

Adult Education – Celebrating Linda Welty

After almost 9 years Linda Welty has concluded her time as the FMC Administrator. She and Merritt will soon be moving to Boise, ID to spend more time with their Son, Daughter-in-law and grandchildren. Join as we celebrate her time with us and wish her well as she begins this new chapter in her life.

November 11

Worship – "Our Mysterious Faith," this week Bob Carlsten will be preaching from 1 Cor. 2:1-5; Eph. 2: 8-10; Isaiah 2:3-4. Is "mystery" or "certainty" most compatible with our faith? Is our journey more like the groping of the blind, or the traveler with 20/20 vision?

Adult Education - This week Women Bridging Borders will be presenting a "Teaser" for an upcoming series on Education, Colorado, Choice and Diversity

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Adult Education – Ask the pastor a question!

Pastor Glenn has been here for an entire year. This is your fourth opportunity to ask him some questions! Do you want to know about his hobbies or books he is currently reading? Maybe you are wondering about something he said in a sermon... Come with your questions and be prepared for a wide ranging conversation!

In the Building this Week

Thursday, 6:30 pm - SOAR Board meeting in B21

Thursday, 7:00 pm - FMC Board meeting in Office

Saturday, 8am - 1pm - CCFC Restore group meeting in Commons, Sun Room & B21

Sunday, 10:45 am - Assistance Program Team meeting in B21

Sunday, 10:45 am - Congregational Care Team meeting in Office

Sunday, 6 pm - Premier Showing "Is There a Lesson?"

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, 4:00 pm - CCFC groups meet in Commons and B21 and B2

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

Thursday, 12-4 pm - DCC and SCFD Board Meeting in the Community Center

--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.

Thanksgiving Housing Wanted: My family is coming to Lakewood for Thanksgiving, but they do not all fit in my little apartment. Ideally we would like to rent a house (min. 3 bedrooms/2 bath), arriving Wed, Nov 21 and leaving Sun, Nov 25. If you know of a house in the Lakewood/Littleton/Golden area that we might be able to use, please let Marie know at marie.voth@gmail.com. Thank you!

Needed: Compost Bin

The Dwellers of the DOOR community have been reading about and discussing various social justice issues. Recently we read a reflection on a Theology of Ecology that calls us to be grounded in our watersheds, and to be both radical and practical in how we live out our stewardship. Through the reflection, we came to appreciate that advocacy and social justice can happen when we think about natural borders that supports life such as our watersheds. All life is fragile within the watershed if we remain uprooted from it. So, as we continue to process what that means for us as a community we decided that one small step towards is composting our food waste. If anyone has access to a compost bin, we would love to use it to support the Dwell and FMC community. The hope is to donate the excess compost to a local urban garden within the westside community. If you have a compost bin to spare or suggestions on how we can get this set-up please contact Heather Gordon at 720-373-3667 or heather@doornetwork.org. Thank you!

Around Denver and Mountain States Mennonite Conference

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp needs your help! We are specifically looking for volunteers to serve in the kitchen this weekend, October 26-28, for a local church's women's retreat. If you are available to help, go online to mmc.org and follow the link to sign up to volunteer. Or you may call us at 719-687-9506. As always, if there are other times you are able to help out at camp, check our online sign up for the times we need help. Thank you for your support of this ministry.

SNOW CAMPS: Mountain States, South Central, and Western District Conferences invite your youth groups to attend the annual Snow Camps at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp.

Be inspired by singing and worshiping with other youth, slide down the tube run (hopefully!), play a competitive game of broom hockey, explore beautiful scenery around camp, and more! For more information, visit rmmc.org or call RMMC at 719-687-9506.
Jr High – January 25-27: Speaker: Colin Roynon (Beth-El Mennonite Church, youth pastor)
Sr High – February 15-17: Speaker: Clayton Gladish (Hesston Mennonite Church, pastor)

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

Mennonite Church USA and Beyond

Service Assignment Openings at MCC's Washington Office:

Legislative and Communications Assistant (2 year assignment, starting Jan 2, 2019)

This position will involve working on public policy advocacy (focusing primarily on mass incarceration and needed reforms to the U.S. criminal justice system, with a secondary focus on gun violence) and the MCC Washington office's public communications. Here's the link to the full assignment description: <https://mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings/legislative-communications-assistant> Deadline for receiving letters and resumes is November 9, 2018.

Internships (3-4 months, starting Jan 14, 2019)

The MCC Washington Office is also offering 2 unpaid, half time (.5FTE) internships a Domestic Affairs Intern and an International Affairs Intern. To read more about internships in general, click on this link: <http://washington.mcc.org/advocate/internships> These Winter/Spring internships would run from January to April.

Contact heidihuber@mcc.org with questions or for more information.

Resilience: Nepal - Join MCC on an epic trekking journey through Nepal, April 1-19 of 2019. Participants will spend twelve days hiking through Nepal to see how MCC partner organization Shanti Nepal is working with community strengths at the grassroots level to address vulnerabilities to natural disasters and visit KOSHISH to see how they're supporting mental health and rehabilitation for those living with severe trauma and psychosocial distress. MCC is seeking college students, trauma studies researchers and practitioners, mental health professionals, engineers and ANYONE who enjoys hiking and is interested in learning more about what resilience looks like in the context of MCC in Nepal! Contact jordanpenner@mcc.org and check mcc.org/nepal-learning-tour for more information.

The first MennoCon19 newsletter is out now with lots of great details about what to expect at the MC USA convention in Kansas City, Missouri. Read it at mennoniteusa.org/ConventionLetter1.

MC USA's annual Mennonite Heritage Sunday takes place Sunday, October 28, 2018. Worship resources created by Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery Coalition members are available at mennoniteusa.org/heritage2018.

Mennonite Mission Network's Journey International program has participants in Benin, Requiyah Johnson, and in Ecuador, Maura Longenecker and Samantha Miller. Pray for these three young women as they adapt to new cultures, languages and communities. May God use their gifts to build the global 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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