



FMC Weekly - October 25, 2018

The weekly newsletter of First Mennonite Church of Denver

Sunday Morning, October 28, 2018

9:30AM Worship



Come early and enjoy pre-service music with Romaine Anderson. Claudia Aguilar Rubalcava will be preaching from Joshua 1:1-9. You have heard the voice since you were little, but what would happen if God's call for you is too overwhelming? What if you come after great leaders? What if people are difficult? Is God's call still for you? Anne Gerber will lead worship, Anita Miller has Children's Time, and Nikki KandeLind will lead singing. We will also celebrate communion.

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

10:45AM Education Hour

- ◆ **Peace School** for ages 2-18 years
- ◆ **Adult Ed** - Hassan Latif of the Second Chance Center will lead Adult Education. Learn more about SCC at www.sccccolorado.org.

Our FMC Community

Last Sunday to bring men's jeans for Second Chance Center - Bring jeans to add to those already donated. Hassan Latif will offer a dedication prayer this Sunday. *Women Bridging Borders*

Fall Workday- this Sat, Oct 27: The FMC fall workday is this Sat, Oct 27 from 8am to around noon. Snacks and coffee will be provided, but feel free to bring a treat if you like. The weather looks warm and sunny after a cool morning, so dress appropriately. Bring

sunscreen and/or a hat if you plan on working outside! Our plans include outside (trimming bushes and trees, edging, weeding, and other cleaning) and inside (washing windows, changing lightbulbs, changing out ceiling tiles, new furnace filters at the Duplex, and other random handy-person tasks) opportunities. Tools are not necessarily provided, so bring what you think is appropriate. Hope to see you there!

Children's Christmas Program (Dec 9): We are going to start rehearsals this Sun, Oct 28 in the Community Center after the children's story. We will meet on Oct 28, Nov 4, Nov 11, and Nov 18 (skipping Nov 25 due to Thanksgiving). The dress rehearsal will be after peace school on Dec 2.

Colorado Village Collaborative Fundraiser (Oct 27): The direct neighbor of the Beloved Community Village for the last 1.5 years, Black Shirt Brewing has graciously offered to host a show on October 27, 4:00pm-7:00pm, featuring music from our friends Two Tone Wolf Pack, Laura Goldhamer, and a brief presentation on the future plans of the Beloved Community Village and the Colorado Village Collaborative.

This is an opportunity for us to thank Black Shirt, and our surrounding neighbors for being so generous to us over the last couple of years, and to look ahead for what is on the horizon for the Beloved Community Village and Colorado Village Collaborative at large (hopefully including an announcement about the Women's Village)!

See the flyer on the community bulletin board in the Community Center.

Mark Your Calendars:

Oct 27, 8am-noon - FALL FMC WORK DAY! Many hands and hearts are needed.

Nov 4, 11am - Linda Welty Farewell

Nov 18 - Congregational meeting to review proposed Ministry Plan during Adult Ed

Welcome to Marie Voth, new Administor at FMC!

Marie is working alongside Linda Welty until Linda completes her work on Wed, Oct 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.



You can now contact Marie with FMC office/administrative items at marie.fmcdenver@gmail.com.

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

Attendance Oct 21: Adults - 102; Children - 16; Total - 118

PEACE SCHOOL UPDATES

What's happening this week:

- PreK - Exodus and the Ten Commandments
- K2 - Exodus and the Ten Commandments
- Venture Club - Israel Chooses Kings
- JYF - Exodus
- MYF - Pastor Glenn

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

For families to do this week:

- In honor of All Saints Day (Nov 1), talk with your children about relatives and loved ones who have died and the impact these people have had on your life and faith. Watch the movie *Coco* to learn about the Day of the Dead. Reflect on how your family pays tribute to relatives and loved ones after they've passed away.

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 in

Elkhart, IN 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+) - Dec 9, 2018 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 5PM 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 **Nov 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 Oct 26-Nov 1

26- Maia Bontrager
26- Steve Slotter
26- Sam Snyder
28- Everett Dumbleton
28- Treva Finks
28- Steve Stutzman
29- Bev Snyder
30- Bethany Furguson
30- Len Toews
31- James Dunn
1- Silas Miller Yoder
1- Lori Oswald

Happy Anniversary Oct 26-Nov 1

29- Barb & Rod Stutzman
30- Mary Alderfer & Merle Snyder

Upcoming Sundays

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 - Women Bridging Borders will be presenting a "teaser" for an upcoming series on education, Colorado, choice, and diversity.

November 18

Worship – Glenn Balzer will be preaching from Ephesians 6:10-12. What does it mean to engage the powers? What does the work of transformation look like in 2018?

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!

The FMC Leadership Team will also present the 2019 Ministry Plan and kick off the annual pledge drive. Time will be set aside for questions. The congregation will have an opportunity to approve the Ministry Plan on Dec 2.

November 25

Worship- Charlie Ferguson will be preaching from Isaiah 2:1-5 and Matthew 5:38-48. The world is in turmoil and a pretty scary place today. There are currently 61 active areas of conflict in the world. There have been 352,000 deaths combined so far in 2018. What would happen if our young men were suddenly called to war? Are we ready? Can we still call ourselves a recognized peace church?

Adult Education- No Adult Education

In the Building this Week

Thursday, 6:30-8pm - Mindful Yoga (Community Center)

Friday, 10:30am- Rosanna Aragon Memorial Service and reception

Saturday, 8am - noon - FMC Fall Work Day

Sunday, noon-1pm - Teacher/Volunteer Appreciation Lunch (B21)

Monday & Wednesday, 9-11:30 am - Assistance Office (Community Center)

Monday, 5:30-9 pm - Denver Children's Choir rehearsals in most of the building

Tuesday, 4pm- CCFC groups (B8 & B21)

Tuesday, 6:30-9:30 pm - Safonia Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Tuesday, 7-8:30pm - Gun Violence Group Meeting (Community Center)

Wednesday, 4:30pm - CCFC mentoring group (B2)

Wednesday, 5:30pm - SOAR Choir meal & rehearsal (Community Center)

--Contact [Marie](#) 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

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)

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).

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

Mennonite Church USA and Beyond

Mennonite Church USA

Glen Guyton, executive director of MC USA, recently visited the Peace Academic Center, a re-envisioned partnership with the Hopi people, re-purposing the facilities of the Hopi Mission School. This will continue to be a vital peace ministry of MC USA. Read more at mennoniteusa.org/hopi.

Prayers are requested for the MC USA Executive Board as they meet in Kansas City on Nov. 1-3, and for Franconia and Eastern District Conferences' joint assembly on Nov. 2-3 in Souderton, Pennsylvania.

Mennonite Mission Network

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for a new conference in Ecuador, Iglesia Cristiana Anabautista Menonita de Ecuador. Pray for members as they establish healthy leadership patterns to respond to the needs of their congregations and the many refugees who seek to build a new future.

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.

MCUSA'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.

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 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 Marie Voth at marie.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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