



FMC Weekly - November 15, 2018

The weekly newsletter of First Mennonite Church of Denver

Sunday, November 18, 2018

9:30AM Worship

Come early to enjoy pre-service music from Sonia Graber. Pastor Glenn will preach from Ephesians 6:10-12. What does it mean to engage the powers? What does the work of transformation look like in 2018? Jordan Penner will lead worship, Anita Miller has Children's Time, and Charlie Ferguson and Sonia Graber 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
- ◆ There will be a cake reception for Craig and Erin Sommers honoring their farewell

10:45AM Education Hour

◆ Peace School for ages 2-18 years

◆ **Adult Ed** - Part 1: The Leadership Board will present the 2019 Ministry Plan and kick off the annual pledge drive. Time will be set aside for questions.

Part 2: 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!

Our FMC Community

FMC Office will be closed Nov 22 & 23 for Thanksgiving.

The FMC Weekly email will go out on Wed, Nov 21. Any requests should be submitted to marie.fmcdenver@gmail.com by midnight on Tues, Nov 20.

Children's Christmas Program: Practice has started for the children's Christmas program! Contact Rachel Barnes if you have questions.

Important dates:

Nov 18: Practice after children's story & costume choosing day!

Dec 2: Practice after children's story AND after Peace School! We will do a quick run through of the program in the sanctuary

Dec 8: Saturday dress rehearsal- 9:30 to 11am

Dec 9: The big show!

Come one, come all! We are looking for singers from all walks of life and ability to sing for Advent and Christmas Eve. There is no need to commit to every Sunday. If you can only sing one Sunday, GREAT! Practices are Sundays at 8:30am at church prior to the service. More info to come. (Charlie Ferguson and Sonia Graber)

Denver Children's Choir Songs of the Season concerts: Dec 1 and 2 the Denver Children's Choir will be having their Songs of the Season concerts. On Sat, Dec 1 you can hear the sounds of the performing choirs at Bethany Lutheran Church from 4-5:30pm. On Sun, Dec 2 you can experience the sounds of the training choir at Central Presbyterian from 4:30-5:30pm. For tickets and information, visit www.denverchildrenschoir.org.

Safonia Concerts: Safonia, a local women's ensemble that rehearses at FMC on Tuesdays, will be presenting a Thanksgiving concert at FMC on Sat, Nov 17 at 7:30 pm and Sun, Nov 18 at 2:30 pm. The concert features music from *Dear Evan Hansen* and *Mamma Mia!*, new arrangements of traditional African American Spirituals, a recognition of parenthood in all its forms, and a special arrangement of "Ae Fond Kiss" accompanied by the harp. For ticket information, please visit www.safonia.org/tickets.

2019 Ministry Plan and Narrative (budget), as requested by the Ministry Teams and proposed by the board has been posted in the Active Participants page of the website for your review in advance of the congregational meeting on Sun, Nov 18 at 11am in the Sanctuary. In order to fund the 3.5 full time equivalent staff, along with the Ministry Team operating requests, we will need offerings to increase about 5% over the current year's projected levels. There will be opportunities for questions and discussion at the congregational meeting. The pledge drive will begin on the 18th. Contact Tom Bishop with questions.

2019 Pledge Forms: Watch your email for the 2019 annual pledge form or pick one up during adult education on Sun, Nov 18.

Second annual Carol of the Beers will be at 4:00pm on Sun, Dec 16 at Cheluna Brewery in the Stanley Marketplace at 25th & Clinton in Aurora. Come, enjoy holiday cheer and spirited seasonal singing! Contact Arlen Hershberger with questions.

Mark Your Calendars:

Nov 18 - Congregational meeting (11am) to review proposed 2019 Ministry Plan

Dec 2 - Congregational meeting to vote on 2019 Ministry Plan

Dec 9 - Children's Christmas Program & Christmas Bazaar

Follow the Burkholder Family blog at: wonderwandertw.wordpress.com

Attendance Nov 11: Adults - 62; Children - 19; Total - 81

Peace School Updates

What's happening this week:

PreK - The Prophets
K2 - The Prophets
Venture Club - The Return
JYF - The Kings
MYF - Guest Sonia Graber

For families to do this week:

Help kids create and send "Thank You" cards.

Looking ahead:

- Nov 25: no Peace School
- Children's Christmas Program rehearsals after Children's Time in the worship service- Nov 18 and Dec 2.
Dress rehearsal after Peace School on Dec 2.

Caring for Each Other

Russell Costen Memorial Service will be at FMC on Sat, Dec 1 at 1:00pm. All are invited.

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

Our evening will begin with a traditional Russian Mennonite Sunday evening meal - Faspa! We will revive this tradition as we gather at FMC at 5PM to eat. After Faspa we will make our way to Denver's Boettcher Concert Hall to join the [Ten Tenors](#) as they perform a selection of traditional and contemporary seasonal favorites performed with the Colorado Symphony.

The cost for this evening is \$32 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 or Jan at 303-880-9117.

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

Happy Birthday Nov 16-22

17- Lillian Penner-Smith
17- Jessi Stoltzfus
19- Dick Emerson
19- Michael Regier
20- Mel Gingerich
20- Levi Stutzman
21- Simon Ammar
21- Glenn Shirk
21- Stefen Wyse

Happy Anniversary Nov 16-22

20- John & Michael Harrington Dumbleton

Upcoming Sundays

Nov 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

Dec 2- First Sunday of Advent

Worship- Glenn Balzer preaching from Jeremiah 33:14-16. Over the next four weeks of Advent, we have permission to dream and to hope. After all, this is a season of expectation!

Adult Education- Congregational meeting to vote on the 2019 Ministry Plan and updates on the search for a second pastor and the organizational/governance structure.

Dec 9- Second Sunday of Advent

Worship- Children's Christmas program! Jesus is feeling a little bit down about how Christmas has become so commercialized. Angels help remind him of good work that is being done to spread God's love throughout the world. The audience will be reminded that we can spread hope and peace through one small act of love at a time.

Adult Education- Christmas Bazaar

Dec 16- Third Sunday of Advent

Worship- Aimee Voth Siebert will preach and the Burkholders will give an update through a video call!

Adult Education- Yvonne, Marian, and Jessi will share about their Camino travels

In the Building this Week

Thurs, 4-5:30pm- DOOR board meeting (Office)

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

Thurs, 6:30-8:30pm - SOAR Board Meeting (B21)

Sat, 8am-1pm- CCFC Restore (basement rooms)

Sat, 7:30pm- Safonia Concert

Sun, 12pm- Visitation Team meeting (B21)

Sun, 2:30pm- Safonia Concert

Mon & Wed, 9-11:30 am - Assistance Office (Community Center)

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

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

Wed, 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.

Sherwin-Williams on Havana in Aurora is hiring for part-time positions. Contact Brenan Erb at 303-368-8908 or visit www.sherwin.com/searchcareers (search for Aurora Havana 7163) for more information.

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.

Around Denver and Mountain States Mennonite Conference

Glennon Heights Mennonite Church invites you to attend their annual **Hanging of the Greens** service on Sun, Dec 2 at 6:30pm. Pre-service music begins at 6:20pm. The program will feature a mass choir from the various Mennonite churches plus other vocal and instrumental ensembles. A reception will follow the service. Glennon Heights MC is at 11480 W Virginia Ave, Lakewood.

Snowmass 2018 retreat (Dec 15-18): You are invited to a retreat at St. Benedict's monastery near Snowmass on Dec 15-18. Vern Rempel and Sheila Davis will facilitate the retreat, offering a reflective exploration of our winter soulfulness, particularly through the inspiration provided by freedom songs and the blues. This music will directly inform the sessions. They will also have a chance to "jam" in the evenings, if people wish. The retreat will also incorporate the Circle of Trust practice inspired by Parker Palmer's work. Cost is a suggested donation of \$200 retreat fee per person and a suggested donation of \$40 per night per person to the monastery (all rooming is double-occupancy only). This is a pay-what-you-can retreat. The FMC office can share additional details. Contact Vern Rempel for full retreat schedule and details (courageblues@gmail.com or 720-384-5676).

The November Zinglet celebrates Advent traditions in congregations across MSMC. It is available online and in the foyer.

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

Mennonite Church USA and Beyond

Mennonite Church USA

Maribel Ramírez Hinojosa shares personal reflections on death, grief and supporting each other on the **Menno Snapshots blog**. Read her thoughts at mennoniteusa.org/season-of-loss.

Find updates from the recent **Constituency Council Meeting** about church vitality, a prayerful sending for Southeast Conference, the proposed Mennonite media merger and more at mennoniteusa.org/healthy-structures.

Mennonite Mission Network

Mary Raber, serving with Mennonite Mission Network, is seeking temporary resident status in Ukraine. Pray for patience with the bureaucratic process and that God will open the way for a document that gives her greater freedom for ministry.

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

Other Information

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.

Website: fmcdenver.org

Phone: 303-892-1038

Deadline for announcements is Tuesday midnight (for Thanksgiving week). 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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