



## **FMC Weekly - December 27, 2018**

*The weekly newsletter of First Mennonite Church of Denver*

### ***Sunday, December 30***

#### ***9:30AM Worship***

Join us as we celebrate all that 2018 has been. This service will be both causal and fun. Pastor Glenn will preach from Colossians 3:12-17. This will be part sermon, part Glenn's diverse faith journey, and part prophetic. Ron Olson has the Children's Story. Nikki KandeLind will be our song leader. If you play an instrument, bring it with you to church or be prepared to play one of our instruments! The songs we sing this week will depend on you. Come with your requests. You can contact Nikki before Sunday with any song requests ([nicolekandel@yahoo.com](mailto:nicolekandel@yahoo.com) or 303-377-9339).

#### ***After the worship service in the Community Center***

- ◆ Join us for refreshments and help support our youth
- ◆ Purchase grocery cards to help support the FMC Ministry Plan

#### ***Potluck!***

After the service we will share a potluck meal! Bring your sinful holiday leftovers OR healthy food to ease the guilt we now carry after eating so many "bad-good" things in the name of celebrating the winter holidays. Contact Lola Hershberger with any potluck questions.

***No Peace School or Adult Education this week.***

### ***Our FMC Community***

#### **Year-end giving**

To make sure your year-end contributions count for 2018, remember the following for each donation method:

**Checks:** Your checks need to be dropped by the church office by Dec 31 or postmarked by Dec 31 in order to count towards 2018.

**Online giving:** Online giving must be completed by midnight on Dec 31

**Online billpay:** Check with your bank to see when to submit a contribution to make sure it arrives at FMC or is postmarked by Dec 31

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**This holiday season give to Joseph's Storehouse**, the FMC program that provides direct assistance to people on the Westside needing emergency rent and utility support. Did you know that in 2017 the direct assistance program at First Mennonite:

- Processed applications from 240 households involving 667 people
- Provided Energy Outreach Colorado (EOC) utility assistance impacting 209 people
- FMC funds provided utility assistance to 69 people
- FMC funds provided rent assistance to 420 people

The direct assistance program often runs out of funds mid-month for rental assistance. Your gifts help our Westside neighbors remain in their homes. You can help us reach our goal of \$25,000 by giving generously.

Write your checks to FMC with Joseph's Storehouse in the memo line. Contact Debb Reed with questions.

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**2019 Ministry Plan Pledge Forms:** Please return your pledge to support the 2019 Ministry Plan. Pick up a pledge form on the welcome table. You can return your pledge by email (to Tom Bishop or the FMC office), by mail (430 W 9th Ave, Denver CO 80204), or drop it in the lock box by the front office door.

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**Burkholder Family:** The text from their Faith Journey sharing on Dec 16 is posted in the active members section of the website.

Follow the Burkholder Family blog at: [wonderwandertw.wordpress.com](http://wonderwandertw.wordpress.com)

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**Attendance Dec 23:** Total - 119

**Attendance Christmas Eve:** Total- 224

**Church Office Christmas Closure:** The FMC office will be closed Dec 24 to Dec 31. Pastor Glenn Balzer will be available.

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## Peace School Updates

### ***What's happening this week:***

No Peace School this Sunday

### ***For families to do this week:***

Have an end of year review. Look back at photos of the year and talk about special events. Dream about what you'd like to do together in 2019! Here is a fun resource:

[www.theresourcefulmama.com/year-in-review-questionnaire](http://www.theresourcefulmama.com/year-in-review-questionnaire)

### ***Looking ahead:***

- ◆Jan 25-27: RMMC Jr High Snow Camp
- ◆Jan 25-27: MYF retreat at RMMC's Eagle's Nest
- ◆Feb 15-17: RMMC Sr High Snow Camp

## ***Caring for Each Other***

### **Happy Birthday Dec 28-Jan 3**

28- Ardith Barnhorst

28- Louise Carlsten

28- Ethan Mullett

31- Grace Martin

1- Brennen Kauffman

3- Mary Alderfer

3- Tyler Kauffman

3- Judi Nafziger

### **Happy Anniversary Dec 28-Jan 3**

29- Ardell & Donna Swartzendruber

31- Lynn & Sherman Wenger

1- Alan & Susan Burkholder

## ***Upcoming Sundays***

### **Jan 6: Epiphany**

**Worship:** Glenn Balzer will preach from Matthew 2:1-12

**Adult Education:** Darren Knowles and Glenn will lead Adult Ed

### **Jan 13**

**Worship:** Annie Lengacher Browning will preach

**Adult Education:** Darren Knowles and Glenn will lead Adult Ed

### **Jan 20**

**Worship:** Glenn Balzer will preach from John 2:1-11. We will celebrate Communion as part of Mennonite World Fellowship Sunday.

**Adult Education:** Arden Slotter will give an update from the Gun Violence Group. David Livingston, Co-chair of Colorado Communities United to End Gun Violence (CFCU), will share about the organization and how FMC may work with them.

### **Jan 27**

**Worship:** Karin Kaufman Wall from Mennonite Central Committee Central States will preach

**Adult Education:** The Loss of Turtle Island is a participatory learning experience that depicts the historic relationship between European settlers- including Mennonites- and the Indigenous nations, the original inhabitants, of the land we now call the United States of America. Blankets represent the land and participants represent distinct Indigenous nations who experience colonization, genocide, broken treaties, forced removal, assimilation and termination- all in the spirit of the Doctrine of Discovery. Erica Littlewolf (Indigenous Visioning Circle Program Coordinator) and Karin Kaufman Wall (Peace and Justice Education Coordinator) of MCC Central States will facilitate.

## ***In the Building this Week***

FMC offices closed through Dec 31.

--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**

**Men's Retreat at RMMC:** Come to Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp for the annual Men's Retreat to spend time with God and other men in the beauty of creation, March 1-3, 2019. Men's Retreat is planned each year by a committee from Mountain States Mennonite Conference church members. The festivities for the weekend include worship times, foosball, ping pong, chess, human curling, snowshoeing, great fellowship and more! Register online at [rmmc.org](http://rmmc.org) or call camp with questions (719-687-9506).

**The December issue of Zing!** is available on the MSMC website. You can also pick up a hard copy on the FMC welcome table.

For more information about our conference and latest issue of ZING!, go to [mountainstatesmc.org](http://mountainstatesmc.org)

## **Mennonite Church USA and Beyond**

### **Mennonite Church USA**

As we enter the new year, MCUSA encourages you to make plans to attend **MennoCon19**, our biennial convention that will take place in Kansas City, MO, July 2-6, 2019. Learn more at [convention.mennoniteusa.org](http://convention.mennoniteusa.org).

Learn more about **Mennonite World Fellowship Sunday** and find worship resources to celebrate it on January 20, 2019 at [mwc-cmm.org/article/world-fellowship-sunday](http://mwc-cmm.org/article/world-fellowship-sunday).

### **Mennonite Mission Network**

**C. Paul and Hildi Amstutz** worship with German- and Spanish-speaking churches in Paraguay. Pray for them as they mentor members of these congregations and as they share the good news of Jesus through Business Chaplaincy and spiritual direction.

**Alumni trip, "Service, Learning, and Civil Rights,"** will visit Mississippi, Mar 9-16, 2019. Open to alumni from Mennonite Voluntary Service, Service Adventure, and SOOP. Together, we'll learn more about the Civil Rights Movement in Mississippi and serve alongside current Service Adventure and SOOP participants. For more information, contact [alumnitrip@mennonitemission.net](mailto:alumnitrip@mennonitemission.net).

### **Mennonite Central Committee**

**Looking for that next great adventure? MCC SALT positions now available!** Take chances. Make mistakes. Get messy. Be challenged. Learn some things. Teach some things. Spend a year living somewhere that you never dreamed you'd go... Serving and Learning Together (SALT) is a year-long, cross-cultural service experience. Through SALT, Christian young adults from Canada and the U.S. serve internationally in a [wide variety of positions](#) in fields like education, agriculture, health care, information technology, peace and more! Start now at [salt.mcc.org](http://salt.mcc.org), to find answers to frequently asked questions, assignment options and to apply, don't delay the deadline to sign up is Feb. 15!

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**Mennonite Disaster Service** is building our team and **searching for qualified, motivated individuals** who have a knowledge of and passion for the MDS mission, vision, and values and a commitment to the Anabaptist church. Current position openings include: (1) Communications Manager in Lititz PA, (2) a Volunteer Training Specialist, home based (US resident), and (3) a Leadership Volunteer Interviewer, home based (US resident). For more information, visit our webpage at [www.mds.mennonite.net/who-we-are/employment](http://www.mds.mennonite.net/who-we-are/employment)

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For more information about our denomination, go to [mennoniteusa.org](http://mennoniteusa.org)

## ***Other Information***

Sermons are posted on [fmcdenver.org](http://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](http://www.9news.com/closings) or by visiting mobile apps for smartphones.

Website: [fmcdenver.org](http://fmcdenver.org)

Phone: 303-892-1038

Deadline for announcements is Wednesday midnight. Please send announcements to Marie Voth at [marie.fmcdenver@gmail.com](mailto: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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