



FMC Weekly - January 17, 2019

The weekly newsletter of First Mennonite Church of Denver

Sunday, January 20

9:30AM Worship

Come early to enjoy pre-service music from Vicky Mierau and Romaine Anderson. Pastor Glenn Balzer will preach from Luke 16:19-31- The Rich Man and Lazarus, an Unfinished Parable. Candace Fleming will introduce the Doctrine of Discovery theme. Ardith Barnhorst will lead worship, Anita Miller has children's time, and Arlen Hershberger will lead singing. We will also celebrate Communion as part of Mennonite World Fellowship Sunday.

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

10:45AM Education Hour

◆ **Sunday School for ages 2-18**

◆ **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.

*****Do you have an announcement for Sunday morning?** Please email, text, or hand your announcements to Glenn by 9:05am on Sunday.

Doctrine of Discovery- Winter 2019 Theme

This past fall we celebrated the Diversity of our Faith Journeys. In the process of hearing each other's stories our relationships deepened. Beginning January 20 and concluding on Easter Sunday I am inviting you to join us on a new journey towards Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery. The **Doctrine of Discovery** is a way of thinking about and interacting with the world that began about 500 years ago, around the same time that Mennonites started to emerge.

In short, the Doctrine of Discovery is the framework that allowed "Christian Europe" to colonize much of the non-Christian, non-European world. It justified the stealing and resettling of land. It gave permission to enslave anyone who held other beliefs. It rounded up indigenous people and moved them to reservations without regard for culture, human rights, or dignity. At its worst it justified the genocide of entire peoples, traditions, and

histories.

This journey will be filled with twists and turns. We will explore what Scripture has to say. You will have the opportunity to join a Lenten study group and dig deeper. Some FMC members will be invited to share their unique journey into this topic.

Deb Schaffer, Candace Fleming, Donna Swartzendruber, Jordan Penner, and I will be giving direction and leadership as we journey together.

On **January 20** a “Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery” reflection guide will be made available to each of you. Pastor Glenn will be using this to guide his sermon series.

On **January 27** Erica Littlewolf and Karin Kaufman Wall will lead us during Worship and Adult Education in **The Loss of Turtle Island**, 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.

On **March 10** we will kick off a 6-week Lenten series. More information will soon be made available.

Finally, take some time to familiarize yourself with the Doctrine of Discovery by exploring www.dofdmenno.org and/or watching the 44 minute YouTube introduction to the series: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JvM4SJN76Yg>

Peace, Pastor Glenn

Our FMC Community

We only need \$900 to meet our fundraising goal of \$25,000 for Joseph's Storehouse! Help us meet this goal by giving generously. Write your checks to FMC with Joseph's Storehouse in the memo line. Contact the office with questions.

Please continue give to Joseph's Storehouse, the FMC program that provides direct assistance to people on the Westside needing emergency rent and utility support. The direct assistance program often runs out of funds mid-month for rental assistance. Your gifts help our Westside neighbors remain in their homes.

Advance Directives Planning: On Sun, Jan 27, Ruthie Knowles will be hosting a get-together on Advance Directives Planning at 1:30pm in the FMC Community Center. Lynn Weitzel from Tomorrow's Choices (www.tomorrowschoices.org) will lead the discussion and review various Advance Directives forms. Anyone (including friends and family) who needs to take care of this important task is invited. There is no cost for this and childcare will be provided. A head count is needed to make sure we have copies of paperwork for everyone, so please RSVP by Wed, Jan 23 to ruthieknowles@gmail.com or 303-257-3001.

It is with great joy that we announce that **Nick VanWagner has successfully auditioned for the All-State Choir**, comprised of high-schoolers from across Colorado. They will be performing Sat, Feb 2 at 4:00pm at Temple Buell Theater. Tickets are available through axs.com. (Mark & Darcey VanWagner)

Message from the ad hoc Security Group: Our temporary security group drew up an initial emergency preparedness plan, outlining how to respond to various emergency situations. It calls for the formation of a Safety and Security Team to oversee this responsibility. The team will arrange that, for every congregational gathering, one of them will be present in the foyer to monitor the inside and the near outside

area of the building. This person would take charge in an emergency and could lock the entrance doors, if necessary. Brad Shelly is seeking persons willing to serve the congregation in this way. Please contact Brad Shelly or Ralph Nafziger to indicate your interest in participating in this team.

Report from the Gun Violence Group: Our group is promoting a proposal for FMC to join Colorado Communities United to End Gun violence (CFCU). The purpose of this community of 40 diverse faith organizations is to help end the deaths and injuries in Colorado caused by the use of firearms. Member churches select one or two representatives to take part in the CFCU meetings and activities, along with others from the congregation who are interested. Also, the church would contribute \$100 a year in support of the group. At the Jan 20 Adult Education session David Livingston, Co-chair of CFCU, will speak to us about the organization.

Attendance Jan 13: Adults- 137; Children- 28; Total - 165

Sunday School

What's happening this week:

PreK, K2, and Venture Club classes: Jesus is Tempted

For families to do this week:

Between now and Easter the church will be studying the Doctrine of Discovery, one of the factors allowing the colonization of North America by non-Native peoples. Resources for helping children begin to understand both the history and cultures of Native Americans will be presented here. The following websites set the stage for having these discussions with compassion and justice.

nativechild.com

www.npr.org/sections/ed/2016/11/23/502887265/how-to-talk-to-kids-about-thanksgiving

understandingprejudice.org/teach/native

Looking ahead:

- ◆Jan 25-27: RMMC Jr High Snow Camp
 - ◆Jan 25-27: MYF retreat at RMMC's Eagle's Nest
 - ◆Feb 8: MYF to Colorado Avalanche game (vs Vancouver Canucks!)
 - ◆Feb 15-17: RMMC Sr High Snow Camp
 - ◆March 8-10: Venture Club at RMMC
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Apply for 2019-20 Everence college scholarships. If your family uses Everence faith-based services, you are eligible to apply for college scholarships for the 2019-20 school year. Submit your application by Feb 28. Learn more at www.everence.com/college-scholarships or see Katrina Schrock for a copy of the application.

Caring for Each Other

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

Happy Birthday Jan 18-24

19- Jan Brenneman

20- Carol Harguth

20- Steve Popp

21- Linda Miller
21- Mike Voth
23- Matt Baron

Happy Anniversary Jan 18-24

none

Upcoming Sundays

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.

Feb 3

Worship: Glenn Balzer will preach from Luke 15- The Gospen of Vulnerability (Doctrine of Discovery Bible Reflection 2)

Adult Education: Contemplative living through mindfulness and yoga led by Jill Schmidt and Ben Gerig. Dwelling spiritually involves self-discipline, compassion for oneself and one's neighbor, and a visceral connection to the divine. Come learn how mindfulness and yoga are a bridge to get us back to feeling "at home." Ben and Jill will share their personal experiences with contemplative living through yoga and mindfulness, which has led them on an unexpected journey, sharing it with others.

Feb 10

Worship: Glenn Balzer will preach from Deuteronomy 30:15-20 and Luke 14:25-33- Trail of Death, Trail of Life (Doctrine of Discovery Bible Reflection 3)

Adult Education: Part 2 in the Equity and Education series hosted by Women Bridging Borders

Feb 17

Worship: Glenn Balzer will preach from Genesis 26:1-33- Alternatives, how does the recognition that the faith community is a community of aliens and strangers shape and transform the ways in which it relates to others? (Doctrine of Discovery Bible Reflection 4)

Adult Education: Ask Pastor Glenn a question!

In the Building this Week

Thurs, 4pm- DOOR board meeting (Office)
Thurs, 6:30pm- Mindful Yoga (Community Center)
Thurs, 6:30pm- SOAR Board Meeting (B21)
Sat, 8am- Colorado Circles for Change Restore program (basement & Community Center)
Tues, 4:00pm- Colorado Circles for Change (B21 & Commons)
Tues, 6:30pm- Worship Team meeting (Office)
Wed, 9:00-11:30am- Direct Assistance Office (Community Center)

Wed, 5pm- Denver Children's Choir (B2)

Wed, 5:30pm- SOAR Choir (Community Center, Sanctuary, Commons)

Wed, 6:30pm- FMC Leadership Board meeting (Office)

--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.

House for rent in SE Aurora: 2 bedroom/1 bathroom with a patio, one-car garage, and a French room. If interested, call Eli Gehman at 303-366-6516 after Jan 22 and leave a message.

Around Denver and Mountain States Mennonite Conference

The MSMC community is cordially invited to the **Ordination service for Amy Zimbelman**, co-pastor of Mountain Community Mennonite Church, Sun, Jan 27 during our morning worship service at 9:30am. We welcome your support on this special occasion for Pastor Amy and our congregation! MCMC is located at 643 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake, CO 80133; phone: 719-481-3155.

The MSMC community is cordially invited to the **Ordination of Randy Spaulding**, Pastor of Boulder Mennonite Church. The service and celebration will be Sunday, February 17, 2019 at 5:00 pm at Boulder Mennonite Church, 3910 Table Mesa Drive, Boulder, CO 80305. A reception will immediately follow. Please RSVP or send any questions to churchadmin@bouldermennonite.org or 303-443-3889.

Prince of Peace Church of the Brethren in Littleton, CO is hosting a **RAWPOWER Tools Nonviolence Workshop** on Sat. Feb 16, 9AM-3PM. Beyond flight or fight, nonviolent RAWPOWER opens possibilities. Gain confidence and practical tools for preventing and de-escalating volatile situations- and discover inspiring resources for nonviolent transformation! The workshop is led by Mary Sprunger-Froese from Colorado Springs. Free but registration is required. Lunch provided. Call 303-797-1536 by Feb 11 to register.

Journey Forward Retreat: Join Leadership Board, Conference Ministers, and others for a short review of where we've been and a longer conversation about where we want to go together. We'll spend some time developing a resource map or list of assets (spiritual and material gifts) and look at ways these align with the ways God is moving in our culture. This retreat is open to all who are interested in the health and future of our MSMC community.

When: Sat, Feb 16- 9am to 2:30pm

Where: FMC Denver Community Center

More details coming soon.

The January *Zinglet* is now available. Find paper copies on the welcome table. [Click here for an online copy.](#)

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

Mennonite Church USA and Beyond

Mennonite Church USA

Read reflections from Katie Graber and Adam Tice, committee members of the **Voices Together new hymnal project** on the Menno Snapshots blog: mennoniteusa.org/tag/voices-together.

As you celebrate **Martin Luther King Jr. Day** on Jan. 21, we invite you to reflect on the words of the open letter to MC USA from 2018 Hope for the Future participants: "Love one another as Christ has loved us, despite our differences, acknowledging the reality of what our church is now, equally valuing the gifts of our diverse membership." Read the full letter: mennoniteusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/2018_3_Hope-for-the-Future-Letter-to-MC-USA_Final.pdf.

Mennonite Mission Network: SOOP participants who like to work with fabric are needed to serve in Reedley, California, at the Nearly New Thrift Store and Mennonite Quilt Center. Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for volunteers willing to help at Fresno's MCC relief sale held the first weekend in April.

Mennonite Central Committee seeks: New IVEP (International Volunteer Exchange Program) work placements in Colorado. MCC is interested in identifying new partners and organizations to work with for an IVEP placement in Colorado. We have had the pleasure of partnering with the Conflict Center in Denver for the past couple years and this coming year they need to take a pause. MCC has been honored to work with the Conflict Center and are looking to fill in the gap with another amazing organization. IVEP participants come with many gifts and talents. Each year the level of education and skill they have increases. We are looking for job placements in many areas from banking to education. If you know of a great organization who would like the enriching experience of having an IVEPer and/or if you have specific questions about IVEP and would like to talk further about possibilities please be in touch with the Young Adult Program Coordinator, Sharon Faith Nelson. Sharon will be in Colorado the week of Jan 21 and would be glad to meet with you in person. She can be reached at 909-519-7797 or sharonnelson@mcc.org.

Summer Peacebuilding Institute at the Center for Justice & Peacebuilding:

To build a more peaceful and just world, we need to work effectively at community and local/regional levels in every country, starting with our own. SPI 2019 training courses offer the skills you need personally and professionally to make this happen. Join us for an exciting time of shared learning across national boundaries. All courses are offered for training or academic credit. [Click here for more information](#) on courses at SPI 2019, interviews with faculty, and our annual Community Day event on February 15, 2019, that creates a one-day, SPI in miniature.

Scholarships and Fellowship Opportunities

We know that many of you may have difficulty fully financing your time at SPI. We have several [scholarships and a fellowship](#) to help those with need. Click the link to the left or scroll down for more information on scholarship and fellowship possibilities. Please note that the deadline for applying for the dedicated scholarships and the Winston Fellowship is January 31, 2019.

Still not sure if you should attend the Summer Peacebuilding Institute?

[Click here](#) to watch a short video of SPI participants, faculty, and staff talking about "the magic of SPI".

[Click here](#) to apply online for SPI 2019.

Graduate Students in Healthcare Professions: Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship (MHF) offers educational grants for Anabaptist students to learn and serve in cross-cultural mission/service settings in

developing countries. Deadline for 2019-20 academic year is May 15, 2019. For details and application form, see www.mennohealth.org/student_term/, email info@mennohealth.org, or call 1-888-406-3643.

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

Other Information

Sermons are posted on 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 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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