



FMC Weekly - January 31, 2019

The weekly newsletter of First Mennonite Church of Denver

Sunday, February 3

9:30AM Worship

Come early to enjoy pre-service music from Ben Gerig. Pastor Glenn Balzer will preach. What we imagine in our minds, becomes our world. This week we consider three stories, three possibilities, and a new way of being. Luke 15 pushes us to a space of vulnerability and, in this space, new ways of being emerge. Ardith Barnhorst will lead worship, Candace Fleming has children's time, and Charlie Ferguson will lead singing.

After the worship service in the Community Center

- ◆ Join us for refreshments and 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: 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.

*****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 is the third week of the Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery series. This week's sermon will be based on the second Bible Reflection (pg. 3-5) from the book produced by the Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery Coalition. Be sure to pick up your Bible Reflection book on Sunday if you do not have one already. Visit www.dofdmenno.org to learn more through readings, reflections, and an introductory documentary video.

There will be opportunities for deeper study and discussion through Adult Education and Lenten small groups. Deb Schaffer, Candace Fleming, Donna Swartzendruber, Jordan Penner, and Glenn Balzer will be giving direction and leadership as we journey together.

Our FMC Community

Thank you from Joseph's Storehouse! Thanks to your generous donations in December and January, we met our goal of raising \$25,000. Along with the \$25,000 for direct assistance from the general budget, we will be able to give out \$50,000 to help families pay rent and stay in their homes this year. If you have questions about the program or would like to get involved, contact Debb R.

The Goshen College choir and orchestra is coming to FMC! The students will be arriving on Sat, Feb 23 and will perform as the worship service on Sun, Feb 24. There are multiple opportunities for you to help host the students. Use the links below to sign up to help with meals and/or host students overnight.

Sat, Feb 23 evening meal: [click here to help setup, serve, or cleanup](#) or contact Lola Hershberger

Sat, Feb 23 overnight hosting: [click here to host students overnight](#) or contact Susan Falk

Sun, Feb 24 lunch: [click here to help provide food](#) or contact Susan Falk or Anita Miller

Nursery volunteer needed: We are in need of one adult to help out in the nursery on Sun, Feb 24 during the service. Also, if you are interested in volunteering in the nursery occasionally starting in May, we would be happy to add you to the schedule. Please let Emily Gingerich know if you are interested in either of these options at emily.gingerich@gmail.com.

Venture Club Snow Camp is open to everyone! It will be March 8-10 at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp. This is a great time to get up to camp and enjoy playing in the snow and hanging out with friends. Please join us! Let me know if you have any questions! [Click here for registration materials](#). ~Rachel (rcbarnes22@msn.com or 720-231-6657)

2018 Contribution Statements: You should have received your 2018 year-end contribution statement last week. The statements went out by email on Tues, Jan 22. Check your inbox for an email from Bill Mickles, the FMC bookkeeper. **If you did not receive your statement**, let the office know and we will get it to you.

Safety & Security Team update: A big thank you to all those who have agreed to serve on the team. We are still looking for 2-3 more members to help us in providing coverage on Sunday mornings. Please contact Ralph Nafziger or Brad Shelly if you are interested or would at least like to understand more details.

New Horizons Group: Save the date for our next meeting on Sun, Feb 24 for an afternoon movie and conversation. Stay tuned for more details.

Worship Themes/Arts Brainstorming: If you are interested in being part of a group brainstorms ways to connect the arts to our worship themes, contact Michael Regier. The first meeting will be Wed, Feb 6 at 6:30pm in the church office.

Attendance Jan 27: Adults- 103; Children- 10; Total - 113

Sunday School

What's happening this week:

PreK, K2, and Venture Club: Jesus chooses disciples

For families to do this week:

Learn about Native Americans in Colorado through these Denver activities: www.denver.org/about-denver/diverse-denver/native-american

Looking ahead:

- ◆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 (*This activity is open to everyone! Contact Rachel Barnes for more information*)

Caring for Each Other

From Amy Conrad: I would like to thank the FMC community for all the kindness shown to me during my dad's illness and recent death. I was reminded of what a loving church family we have.

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

Happy Birthday Feb 1-7

- 1- Karyn Gregory
- 1- Ellis Larson Wiens
- 2- Aaron Eby
- 4- Brad Schrock
- 4- Vern Stoltzfus

Happy Anniversary Feb 1-7

- 6- Elizabeth Grace & Keith Mullett

Upcoming Sundays

Feb 10

Worship: Glenn Balzer will preach from Deuteronomy 30:15-20 and Luke 14:25-33- Trail of Death, Trail of Life. Today we explore the possibility of writing a new story, a story of reconciliation, redemption, and inclusion. (Bible Reflection 3)

Adult Education: Have you ever wondered when or why busing stopped in DPS? Come to Adult Ed for part 2 of the **Women Bridging Borders Equity in Education**, and find out more about the state of education in Colorado. Rod Stutzman, Dave Harguth, Lynn Williams, and Lori Oswald will be part of a panel discussing education in DPS, past and present. Ivanna will be moderating. If you missed our class last fall, consider watching this excellent PBS video that looks at the history of segregation and busing in Denver: [Standing in the Gap - Far Northeast Denver | Race in Colorado](#)

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? (Bible Reflection 4)

Adult Education: Ask Pastor Glenn a question!

Feb 24

Worship: Goshen College Chamber Choir and Orchestra's Sunday morning concert at FMC will kick off their

western tour. Both the Chamber Choir under the direction of Dr. Debra Detwiler and the Chamber Orchestra directed by Dr. Jose Rocha will perform separately and they will also combine for several selections including the *Te Deum No. 2 in C* by Joseph Hayden and *All of Us* from *Considering Matthew Shepherd*. The concert program is a collection of music that expresses gratitude and welcome to all. Striving to affirm the power music has to transcend time and place bringing all together in the spirit of acceptance.

Adult Education: Part 3 in the Equity and Education series hosted by Women Bridging Borders

March 3

Worship: Glenn Balzer will preach from Deuteronomy 1:8; 25. Go and take the land- how is this in our Bible? (Bible Reflection 5) We will celebrate communion.

Adult Education: Part 4 in the Equity and Education series hosted by Women Bridging Borders

In the Building this Week

Thurs, 6:30pm- Mindful Yoga (Community Center)
Sat, 4:30pm- FMC Babysitting Group (B2/Nursery)
Sat, 4:30pm- Group 87 (Community Center)
Sun, 1:30pm- Advance Directives event (Community Center)
Mon & Wed, 9:00-11:30am- Direct Assistance Office (Community Center)
Mon, 5:30pm- Denver Children's Choir rehearsals (whole building)
Tues, 4:00pm- Colorado Circles for Change (B21 & Commons)
Tues, 6:30pm- Safonia rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Wed, 9:00am- Quilters (Commons)
Wed, 5:30pm- SOAR Choir (Community Center, Sanctuary, Commons)
Wed, 6:30pm- FMC Worship Themes 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.

Bedroom available for rent beginning March 1st in a 2 bedroom, 1 bathroom house in southern Westminster. Quiet grad school housemate, big yard, walking distance to everything. Call, text, or email Isabelle for more details (isabelleaking@gmail.com or 720-837-0200)

Around Denver and Mountain States Mennonite Conference

Beloved Community Village needs our support! The tiny home village that provides transitional housing for the homeless needs folks to contact Denver City Council members supporting a new property proposal. This is an urgent need because the village has lost their current site and several proposals for other sites have not been approved for a variety of reasons. The Finance and Government committee will meet on Feb 5. If you can contact City Council members and/or attend the meeting on Feb 5 at 1:30pm, please contact Debb Reed for more details: dbreed8@aol.com or 303-229-5332

The MSMC community is cordially invited to the **Ordination of Randy Spaulding**, Pastor of Boulder Mennonite Church. The service and celebration will be Sun, Feb 17, 2019 at 5:00pm 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.

Young Adult Snow Camp at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp is Feb 22-24. Amy Zimbelman, pastor at Mountain Community Mennonite Church, will share during the worship times on the topic "Someone who looks the part: intersectional identities and vocation." There will be group games, broomball, human curling, singing, and many opportunities to be outside enjoying the beauty of creation. The cost is only \$95. Anyone ages 18-30 is welcome to come! Online registration is available at www.rmmc.org or call 719-687-9506

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. This retreat is open to all who are interested in the health and future of our MSMC community. The retreat will be Sat, Feb 16 from 9am to 2:30pm at FMC Denver.

Please email Jen to RSVP.

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

Mennonite Church USA and Beyond

Mennonite Church USA

Check out the latest **MennoCon19 newsletter**, full of info on registration, meals, the schedule and more at mennoniteusa.org/conventionletter2!

Youth, ages 16-21, are invited to join the delegate sessions at MennoCon19 in Kansas City through the **Step Up** program. Learn more at convention.mennoniteusa.org/step-up-2019.

New resources are available for **exploring and engaging with MC USA's structure**. Read MC USA Executive Director Glen Guyton's three-part series on "The Little Green Dove" at mennoniteusa.org/littlegreendove and watch the new video series at mennoniteusa.org/polityvideoseris.

Mennonite Mission Network: Mary Raber requests prayer for pastors and their wives living in Ukraine's militarized zone. MMN is helping sponsor a retreat for them this month. Pray for safety in travel and that church leaders would be physically and spiritually renewed for continued ministry in difficult conditions.

Mennonite Central Committee welcomes alumni to host reunions at the Welcoming Place in Akron, PA in 2020 as we celebrate our 100th anniversary. To see if a reunion is already scheduled for the country where you served or to organize a reunion, contact alumni@mcc.org.

The MCC Central States board of directors invites you to their Annual Meeting on Feb 23 at 10am at MCC in North Newton, KS.

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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