



FMC Weekly - February 7, 2019

The weekly newsletter of First Mennonite Church of Denver

Sunday, February 10

9:30AM Worship

Come early to enjoy pre-service music from Stephanie Miller. Pastor Glenn Balzer will preach from Deuteronomy 30:15-20 and Luke 14:25-33. Today we explore the possibility of writing a new story, a story of reconciliation, redemption, and inclusion. Lynn Amstutz will lead worship, Anita Miller has children's time, the choir will sing for offertory, and Emily Martin 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:** 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](#)

*****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/Lent 2019 Theme

Dear FMC Family,

We are 1/3 of the way through our Dismantling Doctrine of Discovery series. As I shared with one member last week, I am finding this to be the best, most frustrating sermon series I have ever attempted! I am grateful for everyone who encouraged us to adopt this theme. If you haven't done so already, please pick up a copy of the Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery Bible Reflections book. My sermons will draw from these reflections. The ushers have copies available. You can also visit www.dofdmunno.org to learn more about the Doctrine of Discovery through readings and a documentary.

Others of you have asked for a more complete list of books and resources I have been drawing on.

Videos/YouTube:

- [“We the People”](#) - a TED Talk by Mark Charles. This is a thought-provoking talk on the Doctrine of Discovery
- The [Doctrine of Discovery video](#), “made for a Mennonite audience”
- *Selma*- A chronicle of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s campaign to secure equal voting rights via an epic march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, in 1965. Written by Paul Webb and Directed by Ava DuVernay.

Books:

- *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie. A highly accessible young adult novel that will have you laughing, crying, and thinking.
- *The Powers that Be* by Walter Wink. This is a theological book about violence, power, and the political systems we are part of.
- *The New Jim Crow* by Michelle Alexander. This book examines how the criminal justice system is stacked against people of color.
- *White Rage* by Carol Anderson. This book is a power reexamination of our racial history. If we are going to change our future we must understand our past.
- *No Future Without Forgiveness* by Desmond Tutu. This is the author's personal account of his experience as head of South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission. This book provides a wonderful vision of what honest, hard, and truthful reconciliation can accomplish.
- *Rewilding the Way* by Todd Wynward. Todd is one of our own; he has been licensed by Mountain Stated Mennonite Conference to be an educator and builder for watershed discipleship within the Mountain States region. This book has helped me to rethink my relationship to the land and natural resources.

Book that are one my “need to read” list:

- *The Inconvenient Indian* by Thomas King
- *Pagans in the Promised Land – Decoding the Doctrine of Discovery* by Steven T. Newcomb
- *Missionary Conquest – the Gospel and Native American Cultural Genocide* by George E. Tinker

As you watch these videos or read these books, I would be very interested in hearing your thoughts and reflections!

Peace, Pastor Glenn Balzer

Our FMC Community

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

FMC Choir: The FMC choir will be rehearsing at 8:30am this Sunday and will sing during the service. Contact Charlie Ferguson with questions.

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)

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.

The **Everence Sharing Funds** provided \$3,000 in matching funds to support FMC's outreach efforts in 2018. Katrina Schrock serves as the Everence advocate for our congregation. Please contact her for more information.

Attendance Jan 27: Adults- 129; Children- 19; Total - 148

Sunday School

What's happening this week:

PreK, K2, and Venture Club: The Sermon on the Mount

For families to do this week:

Children's Time in church on Sunday will feature a book about the cycle of the seasons as seen through the eyes of a traditional and contemporary Lenape Indian girl (*When the Shadbush Blooms* by Carla Messinger). Help your child identify what we can see in nature that makes each month different. Are these things our great-grandparents would also have been able to see? Why is the cycle of the seasons important? How can they help us remember God's presence with us?

Looking ahead:

- ◆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

Sarah Swartzendruber and Brinton Kelley brought a wonderful baby boy, Jude S Kelley, into our family on January 30. He was 7 lbs 8 oz and 21" long. His grandparents, Donna and Ardell, are so grateful and pleased.

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

Happy Birthday Feb 8-14

7- Kris Long

8- Rhonda Polizzotto

9- Alan Burkholder

12- Phil Ebersole

13- Michael Voth Siebert

Happy Anniversary Feb 8-14

8- Don & Treva Finks

Upcoming Sundays

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

March 6- Ash Wednesday

Jane Dick and Glenn Balzer will lead the Ash Wednesday evening service.

March 10

Worship: Glenn Balzer will preach from Judges 11, examining collateral damage and the faithful response of naming the victims as we work to stop the violence. (Bible Reflection 6)

Adult Education: Talkin' Bout a Revolution: Dialogue, Practice, and the Work of Liberation. Ivanna Johnson, Alyssa Bennett Smith, and Rhoda Blough will lead this class about women's theology.

In the Building this Week

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

Sat, 9:30am- SOAR Choir Retreat (Community Center)
Sat, 1:00pm- Safonia rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Sun, 12:00pm- Advance Directives event (B21)
Sun, 12:30pm- Denver Children's Choir rehearsals (whole building)
Mon & Wed, 9:00-11:30am- Direct Assistance Office (Community Center)
Mon, 5:30pm- Denver Children's Choir rehearsals (whole building)
Mon, 7:00pm- Mennonite Society for Musical Heritage meeting (Office)
Mon, 7:00pm- Women Bridging Borders meeting (B21)
Tues, 4:00pm- Colorado Circles for Change (B21 & Commons)
Tues, 5:30pm- Pastor Search Committee meeting (Office)
Tues, 6:30pm- Safonia rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Wed, 9:00am- Quilters (Commons)
Wed, 5:30pm- SOAR Choir (Community Center, Sanctuary, Commons)

--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.

FMC Denver seeks a full-time pastor to join our pastoral team. We seek a pastor with a wide range of pastoral skills, but with a particular emphasis in any of the areas of worship, outreach, and/or Christian education. Visit fmcdenver.org/about-us/employment for qualifications and application information.

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

Denver Inner City Parish invites you to join us at our **annual fundraising auction** on Fri, April 26 from 5:30-9:30pm at Space Gallery (95 S Cherokee St). All proceeds will benefit the under-served community. A live and silent auction, paddle raiser, and artwork by the talented artists in your community will be featured. For more information email melinda@dicp.org or visit www.dicp.org.

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

The **MSMC leadership board invites congregational leaders** and *anyone* interested in the future of our conference to join them for an **"encampment"** on Sat, Feb 16 from 9am to 2pm at FMC Denver. This

event is planned as a time of reflection and assessment and a time of dreaming and preparing for what comes next. To register, email Jen Dudenhefer at administrator@mountainstatesmc.org or leave a message at 970-591-2384. Cost is a donation for lunch.

Faith & Life Forum: *Voices Together* (March 29-30)

Everyone is invited, especially pastors, worship leaders, church musicians, and anyone interested in strengthening your congregation's worship experience. We will be **exploring the new Mennonite hymnal and worship resource, *Voices Together***, that will be available in 2020. Members of the hymnal project committee will lead us in exploring both the spoken and sung word, helping us find common ground in our worship. On Friday evening (March 29), musicians are invited to gather for playing and singing together. Saturday (March 30, 8am-3:30pm) will center around plenary and break-out sessions and conclude with an evening hymn-sing for those who are able to stay. For more details, please visit mountainstatesmc.org/2019-faith-life-forum. Make plans to attend this exciting event!

The **February issue of Zing!** is now available. Pick up a copy at the Welcome Table or [find it online](#).

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

Mennonite Church USA and Beyond

Mennonite Church USA

Registration for MennoCon19 is open now at convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration! Register by April 30 and receive a convention t-shirt, three days of lunch and servant project opportunities.

The Delegate Assembly at MennoCon19 provides the opportunity for MC USA to assemble for worship, fellowship, and understanding and deepening our commitment to Christ and each other. Find resources for appointing delegates at <http://mennoniteusa.org/resource/delegate-resources>.

"The Cost of Discipleship," a blog series based on a sermon given on MLK weekend by Iris de León-Hartshorn, associate director of Operations for MC USA, is up now on the Menno Snapshots blog: mennoniteusa.org/radicaldiscipleship.

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for DOOR city directors as they prepare for a busy season of hosting high school and college students who will be serving in urban DOOR locations during their spring breaks.

The Mennonite Central Committee 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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