



FMC Weekly - February 14, 2019

The weekly newsletter of First Mennonite Church of Denver

Sunday, February 17

9:30AM Worship

Come early to enjoy pre-service music from Donna Swartzendruber. Pastor Glenn Balzer will preach from Genesis 26:1-33. 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? Randy Friesen will lead worship, Glenda Kauffman has children's time, the choir will provide special music, and Aimee Voth Siebert 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: No youth education classes this week.**
- ◆ **Adult Education:** Ask the pastor a question! This is your opportunity to ask Pastor Glenn about recent sermons, books he's reading, motorcycles, his ties, etc.

*****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

This is the fifth week of the Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery series. This week's sermon will be based on the fourth Bible Reflection (pg 9-10). Visit www.dofdmverno.org to learn more about the Doctrine of Discovery through readings and a documentary.

Pay attention to your news outlets for stories that report on the current and historic lives of Native Americans, including relationships with European immigrants. For example, this CNN story entitled "[European colonizers killed so many Native Americans that it changed the global climate, researches say](#)" was published earlier this month, and was picked up by nativenewsonline.net.

Our FMC Community

Thank you to everyone who signed up to help host and feed our Goshen College guests! We look forward to having them in Denver on Feb 23 & 24. If you are still interested in helping to host Goshen College students and leaders, contact Lola Hershberger or Susan Falk.

Quilting Update: The black and white quilt is in the frame and ready to quilt. We will quilt every Wednesday from 9am to noon. If you would be interested in an evening time, please contact me and we will get it set up. Come and take a look at the quilt. All of your work payed off. It is beautiful! ~Linda Wyse

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)

Gun Violence Group Report: FMC is now a participating member of Colorado Faith Communities United to End Gun Violence (CFCU), following approval of our proposal by the FMC Leadership Board. This provides us with another source of information about legislation, events, and possible actions related to reducing gun violence. Our group currently has an email distribution list of 25 people in the congregation interested in receiving updates on information of this type. For anyone else who would like to be added to this distribution list, please send us a request at arjoslotter@gmail.com.
~Arden & Joan Slotter, FMC representatives to CFCU

New Horizons Group (singles 50+): Mark your calendars for Sun, March 3 at 2pm!
Plan to join us at FMC for a movie and conversation! We will be screening *Green Book*. It tells the story of Dr. Don Shirley, a world-class African-American pianist, who is about to embark on a concert tour in the Deep South in 1962. In need of a driver and protection, Shirley recruits Tony Lip, a tough-talking bouncer from an Italian-American neighborhood in the Bronx. Despite their differences, the two men soon develop an unexpected bond while confronting racism and danger in an era of segregation.

Following the movie, we will meet for light snacks and conversation in the Community Center.

We are committed to ensuring that transportation is not an issue for anyone who wants to attend. If you need transportation or can help with transportation, please reach out to Rick at 303-757-4234 or Jan at 303-880-9117.

Finally, 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

Attendance Feb 10: Adults- 106; Children- 26; Total - 132

Sunday School

What's happening this week:

PreK, K2, Venture Club, JYF, and MYF: **No classes this week due to President's Day weekend.**

For families to do this week:

Continue learning about Native American culture through a children's book online: [Legend of the Indian Paintbrush](#)

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*)
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Caring for Each Other

Frank Ventura, John Ventura's oldest brother, passed away Monday morning in Illinois.

Please keep John, Hope, and the whole Ventura family in your thoughts and prayers.

Thank you for your many cards, emails, and phone calls during my little detour. I felt a lot of love and support from my FMC family. It's great to be back home after 22 days in the hospital but I am still quite weak and looking forward to the rehab process to regain my strength. ~Leon Stutzman

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

Happy Birthday Feb 14-20

14- Palmer Skundeski

15- Jeff Holliday

16- Nate Voth

16- Richard Wyse

17- Carol Swartzendruber

18- Symeon Delp

18- Cassie Voth

19- David North

20- Lisa Longacher

Happy Anniversary Feb 14-20

14- Bob & Louise Carlsten

20- Ardith & Colin Barnhorst

20- Aggie & Paul Polak

Upcoming Sundays

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. While the Feb 10 class looked at equity issues in the past, this Sunday's class will discuss current day education challenges, including school choice, equity within schools, student achievement, and funding sources. Our panel will include Isabelle King, Rachel Barnes, Dana Williams, and Amanda Stevens (JeffCo School Board) with Alyssa Bennett Smith and Naomi Nishi moderating. To help prepare for the class, consider reading "[When School Choice Means School's Choice.](#)"

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, FMC Sanctuary at 6:00pm

Join Bethany Worship Community and FMC for this joint Ash Wednesday service led by Jane Dick and Glenn Balzer with Andi Hagerup leading music. This will be a service of scripture, song, reflection, and the ritual of receiving ashes.

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.

March 17

Worship: Glenn Balzer will preach from Matthew 15:21-28. Jesus gets confronted and called out. What can we learn from this? (Bible Reflection 7)

Adult Education: Darren Knowles and Pastor Glenn will lead a discussion on atonement.

In the Building this Week

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

Sat, 8am-1pm- Colorado Circles For Change Restore (basement)

Sat, 8:30am-3pm- Mountain States Mennonite Conference Leadership Retreat (Community Center)

Sun, 8:30am- FMC Choir practice (Sanctuary)

Tues, 4:00pm- Colorado Circles for Change (B21 & Commons)

Tues, 6:30pm- Safonia rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Wed, 9:00-11:30am- Direct Assistance Office (Community Center)

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.

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.

Women's Retreat at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp: Plan to attend the new Women's Retreat at RMMC, March 15-17. Retreat, hike, explore, rest, fellowship, laugh, and so much more. This weekend is geared towards women ages 18 and older. The worship sessions will be led by Anita Amstutz. She will guide each session along themes from her book *Soul Tending: Journey into the Heart of Sabbath*, calling us back to the living waters that Jesus offered the Woman at the well. Some weekend activities include: a relaxed schedule, hikes, crochet and knit corner, beekeeping conversations, worship times, great food, puzzles/board games, coffee and coloring, volunteer project opportunities, and more! Online registration is available at www.rmmc.org or call 719-687-9506

Registration is open for the 2019 Faith & Life Forum: *Voices Together*

Suggested registration donation: \$30. This year's Forum focuses on congregational worship and the new Mennonite hymnal and worship resource, *Voices Together*, which will be released in 2020. Presenters from the MennoMedia hymnal project will provide keynote input. Especially for pastors, worship leaders, musicians, worship committee members, and anyone else with a passion for worship. Send a carload!

For more details, please visit mountainstatesmc.org/2019-faith-life-forum.

When: March 29-30

Where: Glennon Heights Mennonite Church, Lakewood

TiLT's Watershed Way Summer Institute is an 8-week residency this June and July aimed at young adults 18-30. Experiences include multi-day river rafting and backpacking trips, professional and spiritual direction, eco-justice, skill apprenticeships, deep discussions, community projects, and labor on the land. Tuition: \$1,995. That's about \$35/day for lodging, food, classes, programming, gear, and staff. Partial scholarships available. Early bird application (20% off) due Feb 20; standard application due March 10!

For more information or to register, contact tiltcoordinator@gmail.com

The **February Zinglet** 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

Read about the **work that has taken place in Ohio Mennonite Conference** around healing, a missional focus, and a new sense of hopefulness at mennoniteusa.org/newhopeohioconference.

Pray for **Illinois Mennonite Conference** as they hold their annual business meeting at Menno Have Camp and Retreat Center on Sat, Feb 23.

Mennonite Mission Network: requests Diana Cruz and Felipe Preciado of MMN are serving at La Casa Grande children's home in Benin. Pray for good health and open hearts as Diana and Felipe teach English, assist with gardening, and share God's love with each child.

MCC's Sharing With Appalachia People (SWAP) program is seeking volunteer

groups, individuals, and summer staff. Summer will be here before we know it, so make your summer plans now to join SWAP in Kentucky or West Virginia. Don't miss out on your chance to serve with this home repair ministry while learning about life in Appalachia. Groups or individuals can volunteer to serve as week-long volunteers. SWAP is also looking for summer staff to serve as job site coordinators and meals coordinators/cooks for three month assignments. For more information about bringin a group to SWAP or serving as summer staff, visit swap.mcc.org or contact Angela Maggard at appalachiaadmin@mcc.org or 606-633-5065.

Check out [MCC's 2018 annual report video](#) for a quick recap of MCC's work in the past year!

Everence will hold an **informative webinar** on **Social Security** and **retirement income** planning. The presentation will be on Tues, Feb 26 at 6pm. Specifics will include the best time to start taking Social Security, how benefits are calculated, spousal benefits, converting your retirement savings into retirement income and strategies to help your income last throughout retirement. To register, visit www.everence.com/retirementincome or contact Valerie Diaz at 800-222-5054 ext. 3349 or valerie.diaz@everence.com.

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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