



## **FMC Weekly - February 21, 2019**

*The weekly newsletter of First Mennonite Church of Denver*

### ***Sunday, February 24***

#### ***9:30am Worship***

Pastor Glenn Balzer will lead worship as we welcome the Goshen College Chamber Choir and Orchestra.

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.

#### ***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**

◆ **Learn more about Goshen College.** Dr. Rebecca Stoltzfus will be sharing about Goshen College and its vision and ministry. You can join her discussion with teens and their parents during Sunday School in room B8 (the old nursery).

◆ **Adult Education:** While the Feb 10 class looked at equity issues in the past, this Sunday's discussion will look at potential current day education equity issues. Our panel will include Isabelle King, Rachel Barnes, Dana Williams, and Amanda Stevens (JeffCo School Board) with Alyssa Bennett Smith moderating and Naomi Nishi assisting.

### ***Doctrine of Discovery- Winter/Lent 2019 Theme***

**Join a Lenten Group to discuss Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery!** Look for the sign-up sheets next Sunday. Study guides will be made available for this 3-part series. Join a short-term small group with a fresh mix of FMCers for engaging discussion and reflection. If your current long-term small group

decides to study this series together, let Donna Swartzendruber know and she will get you the study guide. Child care will be available at some of the sessions. Questions? Ask Candace F, Deb S, Donna S, or Jordan P

**World premiere screening of *We are Still Here: Sand Creek Massacre*** will be held on the DU campus on Fri, March 8 at 7pm. We will share more details as they become available.

## ***Our FMC Community***

**Yoditation @ FMC: Community Yoga & Meditation Class!** Join instructors Jill Schmidt and Ben Gerig for Yoditation- a flowing combination of vinyasa yoga and guide meditation, that centers your mind and body. Yoga mats and props available for use; feel free to bring your own mats. Open to all ages and abilities.

**Time:** First Sunday of the month from 10:45-11:45am (beginning March 3, 2019)

**Location:** B02/nursery (basement, room near south entrance)

**Cost:** Free-will donations accepted. Proceeds benefit the FMC Direct Assistance program.

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**Craft Weekend:** Sometimes it's hard to get motivated to work on your craft projects alone at home so we are providing an opportunity to come together and be creative. Whatever your craft is, scrapbooking, quilting, painting, knitting, etc., join us Fri, March 8 and/or Sat, March 9 at FMC to be creative alongside one another. More details to follow. If you are interested, please let Rita Balzer know at [ritamaebalzer@gmail.com](mailto:ritamaebalzer@gmail.com) or 720-234-0987.

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**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](mailto:rcbarnes22@msn.com) or 720-231-6657)

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**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. For anyone who would like to be added to our email list to receive updates and information, please send us a request at [arjoslotter@gmail.com](mailto:arjoslotter@gmail.com).

~Arden & Joan Slotter, FMC representatives to CFCU

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## **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 making sure that transportation is not an issue for anyone who wants to attend. If you need transportation or can help with transportation, please contact Rick (303-757-4234) or Jan (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

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**Attendance Feb 17:** Adults- 111; Children- 10; Total - 121

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## Sunday School

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

PreK, K2, and Venture Club: Feeding the 5000

MYF: Dr. Rebecca Stoltzfus will be sharing about Goshen College and its vision and ministry. **Everyone is welcome** to join her discussion with teens and their parents in room B8.

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

Check out this great resource with activities for helping children understand the Doctrine of Discovery:

[Reconciliation Activities for Children](#)

### **Looking ahead:**

◆March 8-10: Venture Club at RMMC (*Open to everyone! Contact Rachel Barnes for more information*)

## Caring for Each Other

**Thank you to our church family** for the prayers, calls, cards, and love that we received during the death of our brother Frank Ventura in Illinois. John was able to attend the funeral service which took place on Feb 14, 2019. Sincerely, John & Hope Ventura

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

### **Happy Birthday Feb 21-27**

21- Myrna Schmidt

22- Ella Holliday

24- Elias Wentorf-Lantz

24- Barb Wiens

25- Jacob Christensen

### **Happy Anniversary Feb 21-27**

26- Bernadette & Darren Wyse

## Upcoming Sundays

### **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. Dr. Lisa Calderon (EdD, JD) is a Denver civil rights leader and activist. As a graduate of Denver Public Schools, a parent of a DPS graduate, and an expert in education and policy, Dr. Calderon has a unique understanding of equity and inequity within DPS, past and present. During Adult Education, Dr. Calderon will discuss these issues of equity in DPS and advise us on paths toward action related to local educational equity and justice within our schools.

### **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 Gingerich 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.

## March 24

**Worship:** Zachary Martinez of Sojourn Mennonite in Greeley will preach. The SOAR Youth and Adult Choir will also perform during the service.

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

Thurs, 4pm- DOOR Denver board meeting (Office)

Thurs, 6:30pm- SOAR board meeting (B21)

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

Sat, 5:15pm- Goshen College Chamber Choir & Orchestra practice (Sanctuary)

Sat, 6:30pm- Meal for Goshen College (Community Center)

Sun, 11:00am- Security Team meeting (B21)

Sun, noon- Visitation Team meeting (Office)

Sun, 12:15-4pm- Denver Children's Choir rehearsal (Sanctuary, Community Center, Commons)

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

Mon, 5:30pm- Denver Children's Choir rehearsal (whole building)

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

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

Wed, 9:00am- Quilters (Quilt room)

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

Wed, 7pm- FMC Choir practice (Sanctuary)

--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](http://fmcdenver.org/about-us/employment) for qualifications and application information.

## ***Around Denver and Mountain States Mennonite Conference***

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**The Winter Concert for the Spirituals Project Choir** is this coming **Wed, Feb 27 at 7:30pm**. It will be in Gates Hall at the Newman Center at the University of Denver. The concert is free and parking is also complementary. Aimee and Michael Voth Siebert and Randy Friesen are current FMC singers in the choir.

A feature of this program is a composition by our director Roger Holland called "The Dream and the Dreamer," including the full wind ensemble of the Lamont School of Music as accompaniment.

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**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](mailto:melinda@dicp.org) or visit [www.dicp.org](http://www.dicp.org).

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### **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](http://mountainstatesmc.org/2019-faith-life-forum).

When: March 29-30

Where: Glennon Heights Mennonite Church, Lakewood

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**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. Application due March 10!

For more information or to register, contact [tiltcoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:tiltcoordinator@gmail.com)

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

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## ***Mennonite Church USA and Beyond***

### **Mennonite Church USA**

**Nurture your children's faith at home this Lent and Easter.** Find a **free, downloadable Lent At Home guide** at [mennoniteusa.org/lent2019](http://mennoniteusa.org/lent2019). It includes Bible readings, short litanies, songs, hands-on activities and questions to ponder from March 5 through Easter Sunday on April 21.

Prayers are requested for those participating in the **MC USA Constituency Leaders Council** meeting taking place Feb. 28 - March 2 in Hesston, KS.

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### **Mennonite Mission Network**

#### **Thank you, FMC Denver, for giving \$18,850 to Mennonite Mission Network in 2018!**

Your donations, prayers, and enthusiastic participation play a vital role in our global church. Together, we more fully experience God's kingdom on earth.

**Sent 2019, April 26-28: All** who feel *sent* to the world to be a kingdom presence are welcome. Join us as

we plant, grow, and tend to peace churches. [Register today and join us in Denver, Colorado!](#) Registration deadline is April 5.

**Ready to take your summer global?** Youth Venture is excited to offer scholarships to youth of color applying to this summer's service trips. Hurry! Scholarship application deadline is March 15. Contact [Arloa Bontrager](#) to apply. For more information, including program application, locations and stories from past trips, [click here](#).

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

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**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](http://www.everence.com/retirementincome) or contact Valerie Diaz at 800-222-5054 ext. 3349 or [valerie.diaz@everence.com](mailto:valerie.diaz@everence.com).

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### **Mennonite World Conference**

Check out MWC's [February 2019 stories and updates](#), including voices from the Andes, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Malawi, and Japan.

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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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