



FMC Weekly - February 28, 2019

The weekly newsletter of First Mennonite Church of Denver

Sunday, March 3

9:30am Worship

Come early to enjoy pre-service music from Romaine Anderson and Vicky Mierau. Pastor Glenn will preach from Deuteronomy 1:8, 25b; Matthew 18:25-33; and Romans 7:15. The experience of both domination and victimization seem to paradoxically define who we were and who we are. We will celebrate communion. Glenda Kauffman will lead worship, Ron Olson has children's time, 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:** 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.

◆ **Sunday Yoditation:** Join Jill Schmidt and Ben Gerig for a yoga and meditation class. See below for more details.

Doctrine of Discovery- Winter/Lent 2019 Theme

This is the sixth week of the Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery series. This week's serom will be based on the fifth Bible Reflection (pg 11-13) from the book produced by the the Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery Coalition. Visit www.dofdmengo.org to learn more through readings and a documentary.

Participate with FMC's Doctrine of Discovery theme!

We will be holding a **Lenten group** on March 24, March 31, and TBD after church from 12-2pm. The first week will focus on the past, the second on the present, and the third on the future. There will be a sign up sheet available after church this Sunday.

We are also looking for people willing to do their own **reflecting and research** on the theme of Doctrine of

Discovery and their own personal history to speak for five minutes during the church service. Your personal reflection will go a long way towards helping us as a community wrap our heads around this topic. If you are interested, please email Jordan Penner at jordan.fmcdenver@gmail.com.

World premiere screening of *We are Still Here: Sand Creek Massacre* will be held on the DU campus on Fri, March 8 at 7pm. [Visit the Facebook event page for more details.](#)

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 guided 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: B2/nursery (basement, room near south entrance)

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

Easter Choir: Anyone who would like to sing in the choir for the Easter service is welcome to join! We will have two rehearsal parties at our house (March 12 and April 10- dinner at 6pm, singing at 7pm). Contact Arlen if interested (303-359-9339 or arlenhersh@yahoo.com).

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 or 720-234-0987.

New books in the library! Look for new books in the library in the next couple weeks. We'll have all the books recommended by Glenn for our study on the Doctrine of Discovery, including *The Inconvenient Indian*, *No Future without Forgiveness* by Desmond Tutu, *The New Jim Crow*, and more. We also have new youth/children books, including three her-story books to highlight the impact of women on history. When available, these books will be on display in the library. To check out a book, simply write your name and the book title on the sheet on the library desk.

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

Attendance Feb 24: Adults- 255; Children- 12; Total - 267

Sunday School

What's happening this week:

PreK, K2, and Venture Club: Jesus Heals

For families to do this week:

Teach your children about what reconciliation means and start practicing honoring all cultures: [Sharing the Message of Truth and Reconciliation with Your Kids](#)

Looking ahead:

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

Caring for Each Other

Sarah Winter & Jonny Rotheram welcomed their baby girl, Wren Winter Rotheram (right), on Mon, Feb 25. She weighed in at 7lbs. Both Sarah and Wren are doing well and enjoying many cuddles!

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

Happy Birthday Feb 28-March 6

- 28- Chris Barnes
- 28- Chris Miller
- 28- William Stutzman
- 1- Andi Gingerich
- 1- Joshua Smith
- 1- Rod Stutzman
- 2- Arzella Dirksen
- 2- Robin Hegedus
- 2- Cisco Mascarenas-Moore
- 3- Arden Slotter
- 4- Ann Leonard
- 5- Ron Olson
- 5- Sherman Wenger



Happy Anniversary Feb 28-March 6

- 1- Shawn Delp & Shelva Leep
- 4- Chris & Lola Miller

Upcoming Sundays

March 6- Ash Wednesday, 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)

March 24

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

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

March 31

Worship: Glenn Balzer will preach from Mark 10:46-52. What is God like? (Bible Reflection 8) Charlie Ferguson will lead this reflective Taize service.

In the Building this Week

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

Sat, 4:30pm- FMC Babysitting Group (B2/nursery)

Sun, 12pm- Board game group (B2/nursery)

Sun, 2-5pm- New Horizons movie & conversation (Sanctuary & Community Center)

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, 12pm- Denver Children's Choir meeting (Commons)

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

Wed, 6pm- Ash Wednesday Service with Bethany Worship Community (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.

Car needed! If anyone has a car to sell, Carlene Hill needs one ASAP. She is looking for a good vehicle for driving around the city (to/from school and work). Call or text Carlene at 303-523-6328.

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.

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. Application due March 10!

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

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

Mennonite Church USA and Beyond

Mennonite Church USA

Lent begins this Wednesday, and the "Blessed Hunger, Holy Feast" downloadable at-home guide begins with activities to prepare on March 5 for Shrove or Pancake Tuesday. Select the activities that work best for you throughout Lent at mennoniteusa.org/lent2019.

In a new "Learn, Pray, Join" initiative running through April, MC USA will highlight the work of planting peace churches taking place in collaboration with Mennonite Mission Network, an MC USA agency. Visit mennoniteusa.org/news/mennonite-church-usa-to-focus-on-planting-new-peace-churches to learn more.

Mennonite Mission Network

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.

Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship (MHF) announces the 2019 Student Essay Project held in conjunction with its Annual Gathering 2019 under the theme, "Well-being for All." Any student in a program relating to health (physical, mental, or spiritual) at the undergraduate or graduate level who supports the mission of MHF is eligible. Essays are due to info@mennohealth.org by March 31, 2019. Winners may be published in the online *Mennonite Health Journal* and receive free registration to attend Annual Gathering 2019, June 21-23, at Laurelville Mennonite Church Center. For complete details, visit www.mennohealth.org/essays/.

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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