



FMC Weekly - March 7, 2019

The weekly newsletter of First Mennonite Church of Denver

Daylight Savings Time:

Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour Sat night!

Sunday, March 10

9:30am Worship

Come early to enjoy pre-service music from Jessey Hershberger-Kirk. Pastor Glenn will preach from Judges 11, examining collateral damage and the faithful response of naming the victims as we work to stop the violence. Jordan Penner will share his journey into dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery. Lynn Amstutz will lead worship, Anita Miller has children's time, the choir will share special music, and Charlie Ferguson will lead singing, including the Holden Evening Prayer.

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:** 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.

Doctrine of Discovery- Winter/Lent 2019 Theme

This is the seventh week of the Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery series. This week's sermon will be based on the sixth Bible Reflection (pg 14-15) from the book produced by the the Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery Coalition. Visit www.dofdmenno.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.

Our FMC Community

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 is here! We will be meeting Friday starting at 4pm in the Commons area downstairs and again Saturday morning at 9am. Bring your craft and join us! For more details, please contact Rita Balzer at ritamaebalzer@gmail.com or 720-234-0987.

Quilting: We have begun quilting on the Black and White Quilt. It is very nice and will be enjoyable to quilt. Daytime hours continue to be Wed morning from 9 to 12. If you do not have a key to let yourself in, then please call either Linda Wyse's or Ruth Friesen's cell and we will get you access to the building.

There has been interest in an evening opportunity to quilt so Wed from 6 to 8pm has been set up. Angie Nofziger will coordinate the evenings. The first night will be March 27. Please call Angie if you have any questions.

Hope to see you at quilting! ~Linda

Thank you from Goshen College! We so appreciate all you did to prepare for our coming and all your wonderful hospitality when we were with you. The food, the lodging and concert space preparation, and the attendance were all we could have hoped for and much more.

I am so very thankful and so are all the students. At our final home concert, all were moved by the music and the depth of the experience that you helped to bring to these Goshen College students. There were connections made that will form lifetime memories. The sense of community we gained with each other and all of you is an important gift.

Peace and joy, Marcia Yost (Director of the Arts: Engagement and Outreach)

Safety & Security Update: The FMC Safety and Security Team will be putting their plan in to effect starting this Sun, March 10. Each Sunday there will be another usher acting as the Safety Usher. This person will have sole responsibility for all safety and security issues that may come up during our Sunday morning time together.

Direct Assistance Update: Thank you again for your generous contributions to FMC and particularly Joseph's Storehouse, which in concert with a grant from Energy Outreach Colorado, funds the FMC Direct Assistance program.

Here is a snapshot of how important this program is to the community. The first two days that we were open in March (March 4 & 6), people were lined up all morning seeking assistance. On the 4th alone we were able to provide over \$4,000 in rent and utility assistance to 12 households, impacting 26 people including 14 children. By the end of the morning on the 6th, we had already awarded all of the rent money that we had budgeted for the entire month. The two days required a total of 18 volunteer hours from six FMC volunteers.

This assistance provided perhaps the only means to allow these neighbors to stay in their homes and to keep their utilities on. Because wages have not kept up with the sharply increasing cost of rent, the Direct

Assistance program is an increasingly vital means to keep our west side neighbors housed and warm. Since the need continues to far exceed the funds that are available every month, we will need to consider ways that we can expand the program. Any ideas about additional fundraising or grant sources would be welcome. If you have any suggestions or would like to volunteer, please contact Debbie Reed.

Attendance March 3: Adults- 57; Children- 11; Total - 68

Sunday School

What's happening this week:

PreK, K2, and Venture Club: Jesus Heals

For families to do this week:

If you'd like ideas of family Lenten activities to do at home, check out this resource: [Lent at Home](#)

Caring for Each Other

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

Happy Birthday March 7-13

8- Yvonne Yousey

11- Susan Falk

11- Lewis Gregory North

12- Mim Roth

Happy Anniversary March 7-13

none

Upcoming Sundays

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: (rescheduled from March 3) Part four in the WBB Equity and Education series. 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 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: What do Mennonites do with the events around Jesus on the cross? Is this a story about nonviolence or violence? Glenn and Darren will continue their discussion about the Bible centered on this Lenten theme of 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.

Adult Education: The Hmong Mennonite Church building project committee will be sharing their church building project vision and goal. They will present ways FMC can be a part of this project. The presentation will be followed by a meal catered by Hmong Mennonite Church.

April 7

Worship: Glenn Balzer will preach from multiple passages in Deuteronomy and the journey from Egypt to Birmingham to 2019 (Bible Reflection 9)

Adult Education: George "Tink" Tinker, Osage Nation, Professor Emeritus of American Indian Cultures and Religious Traditions at the Iliff School of Theology will present.

In the Building this Week

Thurs, 6:30pm- Mindful Yoga (Community Center)
Fri, 4pm- Craft Weekend (Commons)
Sat, 9am- Craft Weekend (Commons)
Mon & Wed, 9:00-11:30am- Direct Assistance Office (Community Center)
Mon, 5:30pm- Denver Children's Choir rehearsal (whole building)
Mon, 7pm- Mennonite Society for Musical Heritage meeting (office)
Tues, 4:00pm- Colorado Circles for Change (B21 & B8)
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)

DOOR will host groups (Sun, March 10- Sat, March 16) from Grace Presbyterian, Wichita KS; Marywood University, Scranton PA; Belmont University, Nashville TN; and Valleyview Mennonite, London ON

--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.

Around Denver and Mountain States Mennonite Conference

Casa de Paz Assistant Manager needs help. FMC supports Casa de Paz (a program that provides support for recently released immigrants from the detention center in Aurora) in many ways. Recently, Oliver (the Assistant Manager) was diagnosed with an aggressive form of lymphoma. His story of being a recent asylum recipient from Cameroon is gripping. Please read more about him, his wife, and his four-year-old child by [clicking here](#) and consider contributing to his medical needs. If you have questions, please ask Debbie Reed or Rachel Barnes.

International Women's Day March 8: Would you consider joining EPIC's campaign to honor inspiring

women between March 8 and our annual program updates July 20 in Nederland! See www.epicprojects.org, write Barry at barrybartel@epicprojects.org, call 303-503-7886, or visit the EPIC Facebook page.

Frontier Village Foundation is looking for new board members! It is a limited commitment with only two meetings a year and is quite fun. FVF is a ministry of Mountain States Mennonite Conference that provides grants to churches and community-based organizations working to meet human need at a local level within the Rocky Mountain region. If you have any interest or know anyone who is interested, please contact Sonia Graber at soniamgraber@hotmail.com.

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. Join us March 29 & 30 at Glennon Heights Mennonite Church in Lakewood!

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

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. Applications due April 1! For more information or to apply, contact tiltcoordinator@gmail.com

The March edition of Zing! is now available. Pick up a copy at the FMC 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

Join the Peace Church Planting webinar where church planters will share from their experience, and Mennonite Mission Network staff will introduce The Sent Network, a new online platform to support church planters. The webinar will take place on **Wednesday, March 13, 4-5:15 p.m. Mountain**, and all are invited to attend. Visit mennoniteusa.org/churchplanting to register.

Be one of the first 2,000 people to register for MennoCon19 and receive a new *Voices Together* hymnal when it's available. Registration is open now at convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration!

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 Central Committee

Returning Citizen Care Kits Needed: MCC Central States is seeking items for Returning Citizen Care kits. The full list of contents can be found on the [Material Resources](#) page of our website or by visiting our wish list on [Amazon](#) (although not all items for all kits are available on Amazon), making shipping items directly to our Material Resource Center easier. Returning Citizen Care kits are distributed to MCC partner organization Working Men of Christ in Wichita, Kansas where the kits help men and women feel supported and loved as they transition to life outside of prison. Items for kits should be sent to MCC Central States, 121 E. 30th St. North Newton, KS 67117. Questions? Please contact katemast@mcc.org or 316.283.270. Thank you for your generous support!

Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center of Goshen College is seeking an executive director. The executive director guides the development of educational and public programming, takes leadership for strategic planning, budget preparation, long-range financial planning, and master planning. The position is located in Wolf Lake IN and is available beginning July 1, 2019. [Click here for the full job description and application details.](#)

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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