



FMC Weekly - March 14, 2019

The weekly newsletter of First Mennonite Church of Denver

Sunday, March 17

9:30am Worship

Come early to enjoy pre-service music from Donna Swartzendruber. Pastor Glenn will preach from Matthew 15:21-28, where Jesus gets confronted and called out. What can we learn from this? Anne Gerber will lead worship, Linda Miller has children's time, the choir will share special music, and Charlie Ferguson 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:** (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.

Doctrine of Discovery- Winter/Lent 2019 Theme

This is the eight week of the Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery series. This week's sermon will be based on the seventh Bible Reflection, "I am a Canaanite Woman," (pg 16-18) 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.

Check out these two recent articles from Mennonite World Review:

[Land of the Kanza](#): Descendant of immigrants gives portion from sale of family land to indigenous heritage society

[Gospel of Conquest](#): How shall we repent for the Doctrine of Discovery? (editorial)

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 the second rehearsal party at our house (April 10- dinner at 6pm, singing at 7pm). Contact Arlen if interested (303-359-9339 or arlenhersh@yahoo.com).

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 to Galen Hofer! The water heater failed and the boiler decided to act up this week, as FMC hosted about 50 DOOR participants and hunkered down for the blizzard. Galen (and his assistant Glenn Balzer) came to the rescue and restored hot water and heat for the building. FMC and DOOR are both very thankful for Galen's work this week!

New way to support FMC at King Soopers! To simplify their community giving, King Soopers has launched Community Rewards. All you need to do to support FMC is link your loyalty card and shop like you always do; you no longer need to reload gift cards. This new program starts April 1, but you can sign up now. [Click here for more information from King Soopers](#) or visit kingsoopers.com/communityrewards.

[Click here for instructions on how to enroll your loyalty card to support FMC.](#) The FMC organization number is YX600.

Joann and Marie will be available on Sunday during coffee time to answer questions. They will also have a laptop available for people who would like help enrolling their loyalty card. Please make sure you have your King Soopers account login information with you (email address and password) or be prepared to create a King Soopers account.

Safety & Security Update: The FMC Safety and Security Team will put their plan in to effect starting last 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.

Child Dedication: FMC will offer child dedication on Sun, May 12 (Mother's Day). If you are interested in having your child dedicated, please reach out to Pastor Glenn.

Attendance March 10: Adults-132; Children- 7; Total - 139

Sunday School

What's happening this week:

PreK, K2, and Venture Club: The Good Samaritan/Parables

For families to do this week:

Continuing our theme of learning about Native Americans, here are some short videos that explain aspects of different tribes' cultures: [Native American Culture from PBS Learning Media](#)

Caring for Each Other

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

Happy Birthday March 14-20

- 15- Carrie Baron
- 15- Angie Nofziger
- 16- Nikki KandeLind
- 17- Alijah Hill
- 20- Claudia Popp
- 20- Sabra Wood

Happy Anniversary March 14-20

- 15- Jennifer Conder & Keith Wood
- 19- Linda & Richard Wyse

Upcoming Sundays

March 24

Worship: Zachary Martinez will preach on Mark 10:46-52, a guiding text for Sojourner Greeley and Fort Collins. He will focus on Jesus' question, "What would you like me to do for you?" What would it mean for churches to ask the same question of their neighbors and parishioners? What would it mean for churches to leave

proscription behind and take their lead from those they serve? You are welcome to review Sojourn's guiding document "[Vision - One Church in Two Cities](#)" before the service.

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: Dr. George "Tink" Tinker will preach from Deuteronomy and the journey from Egypt to Birmingham to 2019 (Bible Reflection 9)

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

April 14- Palm Sunday

Worship: Glenn Balzer will preach from Isaiah 58:1-12 and Matthew 6:10, examining the idea of "on earth as it is in heaven." (Bible Reflection 10)

Adult Education: Stories and updates from FMC featuring the Assistance Office, the Congregational Care Team, the Worship Team, and the Hiring Team.

In the Building this Week

Thurs, 6:30pm- Mindful Yoga (Community Center)
Sat, 8:00am- Colorado Circles for Change Restore program (basement rooms)
Sun, 8:30am- FMC Choir practice (Sanctuary)
Mon & Wed, 9:00-11:30am- Direct Assistance Office (Community Center)
Mon, 5:30pm- Denver Children's Choir rehearsal (whole building)
Tues, 1:00pm- CFCU Meeting (Community Center)
Tues, 4:00pm- Colorado Circles for Change (B21 & B8)
Tues, 6:30pm- Safonia rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Wed, 9:00am- Quilters (Quilt room)
Wed, 5:30pm- SOAR Choir (Community Center, Commons)

DOOR is hosting groups until 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

DOOR is participating in **Brackets for Good** as a fundraiser, and as a way to enjoy the March Madness men's college basketball tournament! Please join us. Have some fun and help support DOOR. [Click here](#) to join and then paste/use **Discovering Opportunities for Outreach and Reflection** as the organization you are supporting. Thanks, and enjoy the tournament. ~Randy Friesen

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.

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.

Please Register for the 2019 Faith & Life Forum: *Voices Together*

The event is less than three weeks away. It is important to know how many people are coming for planning purposes. Please RSVP however is easiest for you:

Online: mountainstatesmc.org/2019-faith-life-forum.

Email: administrator@mountainstatesmc.org

Phone: 970-591-2384

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

Wondering what to expect at #MennoCon19? The Gathering Place will host a chat with convention planners on what's new and answer your questions on Tues March 26, noon MDT. This will be especially helpful for youth leaders new to convention. Visit thegatheringplace.us to register.

Mennonite Mission Network

Do you know someone aged 15-22 who might benefit from MMN's Youth Venture programs in Benin, Indonesia, Japan, or Peru? Pray for participants who want to build the global church through relationships with God's people around the world.

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!

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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