



FMC Weekly - March 21, 2019

The weekly newsletter of First Mennonite Church of Denver

Sunday, March 24

9:30am Worship

Come early to enjoy pre-service music from Sonia Graber. Zachary Martinez will preach on Mark 10:46-52, a guiding text for Sojourn 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. Glenn Balzer will lead worship and children's time and Sonia Graber will lead singing. The SOAR youth and adult choir, under the direction of Emily Martin, will share special music.

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:** Join us as we take a musical journey through Atonement! 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.

Doctrine of Discovery- Winter/Lent 2019 Theme

Last Sunday to sign up for our Doctrine of Discovery small group series!

The small group series begins this Sunday at noon in the basement Sunroom (B2). Snacks will be served. Candace Fleming and Deb Schaffer will lead the discussion.

Blood Memory documentary screening at DU:

Battles over blood quantum and 'best interests' resurface the untold history of America's Indian Adoption Era- a time when nearly one-third of children were removed from tribal communities nationwide. As political scrutiny over Indian child welfare intensifies, an adoption survivor helps others find their way home through song and ceremony.

When: Thurs, March 28 at 5:30pm

What: refreshments, screening, and panel discussion

Where: Sturm Hall at DU

More info on the [Facebook event page](#).

The 45th Annual Denver March Pow Wow, March 22-24, 2019 will be held at the Denver Coliseum. One of the largest modern pow wows in the US, this gathering is largely a social occasion. It is a time for Native peoples to come together to sing and dance, and to honor the heritage that has been passed down to them from their ancestors. The Grand Entry every day at 11 am and 7 pm is not to be missed. Arrive on site an hour before for the best seats for viewing. For the schedule, parking, admission details, arts and crafts vendors, and a guide for non-Native spectators, visit www.denvermarchpowwow.org.

Our FMC Community



Birthday Celebration: In honor of Arlo Sonnenberg's 101st birthday on March 25, let's celebrate with him! You may send cards, make phone calls (do not leave a message), visit with him, and/or take him out for a meal. Visits are a special treat for him. Arlo's address is 9335 E Center Ave #3A, Denver CO 80247. His phone number is 720-859-9644. Thanks for remembering him! ~Slyvia Kreider

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).



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: Please note that starting Sun, April 7, the south foyer door will be locked at 9:45am. After that time, please use the north foyer door. Thank you!

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 17: Adults-160; Children- 16; Total - 176

Sunday School

What's happening this week:

PreK and K2: Easter I: Jesus enters Jerusalem, Jesus washes the disciples' feet, the Last Supper
Venture Club: Jesus' parables

For families to do this week:

Understanding another person's experience is one of the precursors of reconciliation. Here are some ways to help kids develop empathy:

[Seven Ways to Foster Empathy in Kids](#)

[Teaching Empathy Tips](#)

And for older children and a broader cultural perspective: www.globalonessproject.org

Caring for Each Other

Update from Leon Stutzman: I am pleased to report that I am doing well and am pretty much back to normal for routine activities. I still think I lack a little stamina and endurance but, if I'm honest, I think I'm approaching the point where I don't know if I can blame it on my "incident" or simply blame it on old age. I very much appreciate the interest and support I have received from my FMC family of friends.

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

Happy Birthday March 21-27

21- Helen Ammar

22- Cree Miller Yoder

22- Carla Stoltzfus

23- Dylan Adams

23- Lynn Williams

24- Brenda Dockery

24- Courtney Kauffman

25- Arlo Sonnenberg

26- Jessie Peters

27- Bertie Fiz

27- Jordan Penner

27- Marian Rohrer

27- Andrea Wiens

Happy Anniversary March 21-27

none

Upcoming Sundays

March 31

Worship: Glenn Balzer will preach from Genesis 47:13-22, considering economics and faith. (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.

April 19- Good Friday (6:30pm)

There is no Easter Sunday without Good Friday. Join us as we remember the crucifixion of Jesus.

April 21- Easter (10:00am)

Worship: Glenn Balzer will preach from Luke 24:1-12 as we celebrate Easter.

Adult Education: none

In the Building this Week

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

Thurs, 6:30pm- SOAR Board Meeting (B21)

Thurs, 7:00pm- Leadership Board Meeting (Office)

Sun, 12:00pm- Doctrine of Discovery Lenten Group (Community Center)

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

Tues, 4:00pm- Colorado Circles for Change (B21 & B8)

Tues, 6:00pm- Worship Team Meeting (Office)

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

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

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

Wed, 6:00pm- Quilters (Quilt room)

Wed, 7:00pm- FMC Choir rehearsal (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.

Around Denver and Mountain States Mennonite Conference

Gun Violence Prevention Conference: 20 Years from Columbine to Parkland. GVPedia will host this conference in downtown **Denver April 5-7**. It will cover a wide range of important topics like urban gun violence, police violence, and differing GVP strategies. Other topics covered will be gun suicide, domestic gun violence, gun myths, new research, gun law implementation and enforcement, and a history of the gun violence prevention movement over the last 20 years. Best yet, it's **free (including meals)** and it's possible to register for specific days, if you aren't able to attend the entire conference.

[Registration and more info here](#). Space is limited.

Email penny@gvpedia.org for more information

Child Care for Conference: Would you consider being available to provide child care at conference activities? We would like to develop a "bench" of people interested in helping that we can call on for conference events. This is a very important ministry for the conference to allow young parents the opportunity to full participate. We have two conference events coming up- the Forum at the end of March and the Assembly in August. If you are interested and willing to be available, please email Barry Bartel at barryb@mountainstatesmc.org or Brenda Bartel at brendalynbartel@gmail.com. Thank you!

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

The event is next week, March 29-30! 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 Zinglet! 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

May God's face shine through us and make us a blessing even after we blow out this third Lent candle. This prayer for today comes from the "**Blessed Hunger, Holy Feast**" **Lent at-home resources**. Find more prayers, readings, activities and pondering thoughts at mennoniteusa.org/lent2019.

Mennonite Mission Network

Anne Garber Kompaoré of MMN helped plant the seeds of the 40-year-old Mennonite Church in Burkina Faso and continues to live in the country, working as a global Bible-translation consultant. Pray for her and her husband, Daniel, as they also provide leadership for congregations and schools.

The Mennonite World Conference March newsletter is now [available online](#). This month features stories from India, Zimbabwe, Canada, and more.

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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