



## FMC Weekly - March 28, 2019

*The weekly newsletter of First Mennonite Church of Denver*

### ***Sunday, March 31***

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

Come early to enjoy pre-service music from Sonia Graber. Glenn Balzer will preach from Genesis 47:13-22, exploring the relationship of economics and faith. For this reflective Taize service, Charlie Ferguson will lead worship and singing, with Sonia Graber, Arden Slotter, and Mary Alderfer helping with music. Sarah Winter has children's time.

#### ***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 & Meal:** 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.**

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

This is week nine of the Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery series. This week's sermon will be based on the eighth Bible Reflection, "Global Market Capitalism and the Image of God," (pg. 19-21) from the book produced by the Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery Coalition. Visit [www.dofdmverno.org](http://www.dofdmverno.org) to learn more through readings and a documentary.

#### **Tonight: *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](#).

## 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! ~Sylvia Kreider

**Arlo Sonnenberg and Wren Rotheram**, FMC's oldest and youngest members, enjoyed a lunch out together earlier this week!

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**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](mailto: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. [Click here for more information from King Soopers](#) or visit [kingsoopers.com/communityrewards](http://kingsoopers.com/communityrewards).

[Click here for instructions on how to enroll your loyalty card.](#) FMC's 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.

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**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!

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**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.

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**Attendance March 17:** Adults-147; Children- 9; Total - 156

## Sunday School

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

PreK and K2: Easter II: Jesus is betrayed, denied, and crucified

Venture Club: Jesus enters Jerusalem, Jesus washes the disciples' feet, the Last Supper

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

As we learn more about the history and current reality of Indigenous Peoples in North American, we as adults sometimes struggle with knowing how to reconcile and restore relationships. Here are some ideas to help kids go beyond an automatic and insincere "sorry":

[What to Say to Little Kids Instead of "Say Sorry"](#)

[Genuine Apologies](#)

[A Better Way to Say Sorry](#)

## ***Caring for Each Other***

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

### **Happy Birthday March 28-April 3**

29- Deb Schaffer

31- Aidan Barnes

31- Tim Kauffman

1- Marylou Shelly

2- Walker Wood

### **Happy Anniversary March 28-April 3**

2- Kristine Friesen & Trevor Meeks

3- Larry & Nina Rupp

## ***Upcoming Sundays***

### **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)**

**8:30am- MYF Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser**

**10:00am- Worship:** Glenn Balzer will preach from Luke 24:1-12. Even when we are not sure what we are looking for, Christ comes. Christ lives. Christ is present. We are not alone, both life and love win! We will celebrate with Communion.

### **April 28**

**Worship:** Charlene Epp, Mountain States Mennonite Conference Regional Minister, will preach.

**Adult Education:** The Leadership Board will host adult education featuring Charlene Epp.

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

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

Sun, 11:30am- Meal catered by Hmong Mennonite Church (Community Center)

Sun, 12:00pm- Doctrine of Discovery Lenten Group (B2/Sunroom/Nursery)

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

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

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

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

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

Wed, 5:30pm- Pastor Search Committee meeting (Office)

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

--Contact [Marie](#) to list your team meeting in this section.

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

### ***This weekend is the 2019 Faith & Life Forum: Voices Together***

***The event is March 29-30 at Glennon Heights Mennonite!*** This is a great opportunity to get to know the new hymnal and worship resource *Voices Together*, to be released in 2020.

**A conference hymn sing will close out the Forum on Sat, March 30 at 6:30pm.** This special evening is open to all, even if you don't participate in the whole Forum. Come sing familiar hymns and explore new music from

Please RSVP however is easiest for you:

Online: [mountainstatesmc.org/2019-faith-life-forum](http://mountainstatesmc.org/2019-faith-life-forum).

Email: [administrator@mountainstatesmc.org](mailto:administrator@mountainstatesmc.org)

Phone: 970-591-2384

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**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](mailto:penny@gvpedia.org) for more information

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### **MSMC Creation Care RoundTable:**

In August our conference was inspired to witness creation care activities and advocates in Taos, motivated by TiLT and Todd Wynward. Then in September we held a successful RoundTable in Ft. Collins on the theme of immigration. Might you be interested in joining a RoundTable about creation care sometime in the next year? We would gather people already passionate about and involved in creation care, as well as people wanting to learn more. As we did for the immigration event, we are gathering a list of people who might be interested so we can conduct a survey about topics, resource people, and dates. If you have interest, please email Barry Bartel at [barryb@mountainstatesmc.org](mailto:barryb@mountainstatesmc.org).

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**TiLT's Watershed Way Summer Institute is a 8-week residency in June-July** aimed at young adults 18-30. TiLT stands for [Taos Initiative for Life Together](#). Experiences include multi-day river rafting & backpacking trips, professional & spiritual direction, eco-justice, skill apprenticeships, deep discussions,

community projects, & labor on the land. Tuition: \$1,995 That's about \$35/day for lodging, food, utilities, classes, programming, gear and staff. Partial Scholarships available. **Applications due April 1!** For more info, email [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)

## **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.*

**Church Administrator Job Opening:** Boulder Mennonite Church (BMC) is looking to hire a **part-time Church Administrator**. Main duties include updating and printing weekly bulletins, email, ordering supplies, answering phones, scheduling, and taking meeting minutes. This is a fun part-time job at 12 hours per week. You'll get to serve and know the Boulder-Mennonite community better, grow and deepen your Christian/Anabaptist/Mennonite identity, and work closely with Pastor Randy Spaulding, deacons, small groups, nature gods, etc. Sound good? Email your interest to Church Chair Berit Jany at [beritjany@aol.com](mailto:beritjany@aol.com) with a copy of your resume attached.

## **Mennonite Church USA and Beyond**

### **Mennonite Church USA**

Is there such a thing as a Mennonite song? Read a series of reflections from committee members of the **Voices Together new hymnal project** on the Menno Snapshots blog: [mennoniteusa.org/tag/voices-together](http://mennoniteusa.org/tag/voices-together).

**Pray for the Executive Board** as they meet March 31-April 2 in Kansas City, Missouri.

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### **Mennonite Mission Network**

**Attention youth ages 15-22:** Wishing your summer looked a little more global? Join a team of peers to explore and engage in the movement of God in Peru, Benin, and Indonesia. **Youth Venture** still has openings available for trips in July. Ready to jump in? Check out [mennonitemission.net/youthventure](http://mennonitemission.net/youthventure) or contact Lauren at 574-523-3022 for more information. **Hurry! Application deadline is April 1.**

**Your graduate's first year after high school is crucial**, and **Service Adventure** is a sure way to make it count. Service Adventure is a 10-month program where young adults gain real-world experience through placements with nonprofit organizations, and learn to live and grow in household community with peers and a mentor. Call Lauren at 574-523-3022 or visit [mennonitemission.net/serviceadventure](http://mennonitemission.net/serviceadventure) to learn more.

**You are invited!** Be part of a gathering of missional leaders interested in being and making Jesus disciples and the Great Commission. The Sent conference will take place in Denver, April 26-28. Sent 2019 registration deadline is April 15. Check it out at [mennonitemission.net/events/sent-2019-conference](http://mennonitemission.net/events/sent-2019-conference).

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### **Mennonite Central Committee**

**Responding to Cyclone Idai in Mozambique and Malawi: You can help provide emergency assistance today.** Cyclone Idai destroyed 90% of Beira, one of Mozambique's largest cities, and has affected nearly 3 million people in its path. As the storm surged through southern Africa, bridges, roads, fields, farms, and millions of homes were violently washed away. It was one of the worst tropical cyclones ever to hit the southern hemisphere. Your gift will help MCC and our partners provide emergency assistance to those in dire

need. Donate by calling 888-563-4676 or at [mcc.org/cyclone-idai](http://mcc.org/cyclone-idai).

**SWAP volunteers urgently needed:** MCC's Sharing With Appalachia People (SWAP) program has an urgent need for volunteer groups and individuals. Summer will be here before we know it, so make your summer plans now to join SWAP in Kentucky or West Virginia. Don't miss out on your chance to serve with this home repair ministry while learning about life in Appalachia. Individuals or groups, including families, adults or youth can volunteer to serve for week-long opportunities. For more information, visit [swap.mcc.org](http://swap.mcc.org) or contact Angela Maggard at [AppalachiaAdmin@mcc.org](mailto:AppalachiaAdmin@mcc.org) or 606-633-5065.

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## Mennonite Disaster Service

**Flooding in the Midwest** (primarily Nebraska, Iowa, and Wisconsin) came on the heels of the massive bomb cyclone. It brought heavy rain and snow. This, mixed with a sudden warm up, has resulted in rapid snow and ice melt causing massive flooding. 80 cities/towns and 67 counties in Nebraska and 42 counties in Iowa have issued emergency declarations. Local MDS volunteers are actively responding with cleanup/muck out crews in Nebraska.

Please consider making a donation to support hardworking MDS volunteers and the long term recovery effort. [Donate online](#) and choose 2019 Midwest Flooding as your designation.

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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 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 on the 9News app.

**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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