



FMC Weekly - April 4, 2019

The weekly newsletter of First Mennonite Church of Denver

Sunday, April 7

9:30am Worship

Come early to enjoy pre-service music from Charlie Ferguson. Dr. Tink Tinker (wazhazhe/Osage Nation), Clifford Baldrige Emeritus Professor of American Indian Cultures and Religious Traditions at Iliff School of Theology will preach as part of our Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery series. Glenn Balzer will lead worship, Charlie Ferguson will lead singing, Glenda Kauffman has children's time, and the choir will provide 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:** (Sanctuary) Dr. Tink Tinker will lead a discussion during adult education.

◆ **Sunday Yoditation:** (B2/nursery) Join Jill Schmidt and Ben Gerig for Yoditation- a flowing combination of yoga and guided meditation that centers the mind and body. The yoga portion will be a fun chair yoga session to more easily accommodate the possible church clothes situation and be accessible to all skill levels. You may still want to wear or bring something comfortable for yoga. This is free! But there will be a donation jar in case you are interested in donating money towards the MYF summer trip.

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 14- 9:30am service

Good Friday, April 19- 6:30pm service

Easter Sunday, April 21- 8:30am MYF pancake breakfast fundraiser
10:00am service

Doctrine of Discovery- Winter/Lent 2019 Theme

This is week ten of the Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery series. This week we will consider the ninth Bible Reflection, "Lessons from Deuteronomy in Communal Justice and Solidarity," (pg. 22-24) from the book produced by the Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery Coalition. Visit www.dofdmenno.org to learn more

through readings and a documentary.

Article in *The Mennonite*

Last Sunday Glenn incorporated the article "Right Relationship Means Giving Up Power" by Sarah Augustine in his sermon. You can find the article in the April 2019 print issue of *The Mennonite* or online: themennonite.org/feature/right-relationship-means-giving-power

Our FMC Community

Evening Quilting: Reminder of Wednesday evening quilting from 5 to 8 pm. We invite all of you who are not able to make the morning time to consider the evening. Angie Nofziger will be there to open the door and quilt with you. It is a lot more fun to have 2 or more people quilting so please let Angie know if you will be there. The quilt is easy to quilt on and amazing to look at. We outline each block and then allow each person to decide the best way to quilt the block. Please call me if you have questions. ~Linda Wyse (303-399-1428)

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).

Safety & Security Update: Please note that the south foyer door will be locked at 9:45am on Sunday mornings. 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 31: Adults-125; Children- 7; Total - 132

Sunday School

What's happening this week:

PreK and K2: Easter III: The Resurrection, walk to Emmaus, and Ascension

Venture Club: Easter II: Jesus is betrayed, denied, and crucified

For families to do this week:

We are just two weeks away from Easter! Beyond the bunnies and egg hunts it can be difficult to know how to explain and help kids participate in the entirety of this holy time. Here is an idea similar to an Advent calendar that, with repetition, will improve their understanding: [Easter Activity for Kids](#)

If you and your kids want to review the Easter elements we talk about in Sunday School, they are:

Lesson 1: Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday), Jesus washing the disciples' feet, the Last Supper

Lesson 2: Jesus being betrayed, denied, and crucified

Lesson 3: The Resurrection, the walk to Emmaus, and the Ascension

Caring for Each Other

Prayer Request: Remember Ivanna Johnson this week as she has a heavy heart from the deaths of two friends in the last two weeks. Also remember the families of those friends in New Orleans and Los Angeles.

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

Happy Birthday April 4-10

5- Mary Helen Friesen
5- Carolyn Stjernholm
6- Michael Harrington
7- Randy Mast
7- Lola Miller
8- Glenn Balzer
8- Greg Stauffer
8- Roxanne Thompson
10- Michael Falk
10- Samuel Falk

Happy Anniversary April 4-10

none

Upcoming Sundays

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, Regional Conference Minister of MSMC will preach on Luke 5:1-11, placing this passage in the context of our larger and specific Christian story. What might contemporary daring discipleship mean for First Mennonite?

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

May 5

Worship: Darren Knowles will preach.

Adult Education: *Stories from DOOR-* DOOR Denver City Director Heather Gordon and DOOR participants will share stories about the program and their experiences.

In the Building this Week

Thurs, 6:30pm- Mindful Yoga (Community Center)
Sat, 4:30pm- FMC Babysitting Group (B2/Sunroom/Nursery)
Sun, 8:30am- FMC Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Mon & Wed, 9:00-11:30am- Direct Assistance Office (Community Center)
Mon, 5:30pm- Denver Children's Choir rehearsals (whole building)
Mon, 7:00pm- Mennonite Society for Musical Heritage meeting (Office)
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

DICP Annual Fundraising Auction April 26: Join Denver Inner City Parish for their annual fundraising auction. All proceeds will be used for the benefit of Denver's under-served community. Auction items include dinner with DICP's Executive Director, Larry Martinez; membership to the Pie of the Month club; trip to Ireland; featured artwork by artists in the under-served community; and more!

When: April 26, 5:30-9:30pm

Where: Space Gallery Annex (95 Cherokee St)

Tickets: \$55

RSVP by April 22 at www.dicp.org

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.

Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp: Spend the day on **Sat, April 27 working in the woods** at RMMC to care for the spruce trees. We need your help to hang small packets of spruce beetle repellent to keep beetles from attacking more trees this spring and summer. Bring your hiking boots and a T50 stapler, if you have one. There's a chance we might need snowshoes and camp has some, but bring yours if you have them. We'll begin at 8:30am. You can sign up online at www.rmmc.org or call the camp at 719-687-9506. Thank you for considering this way to help.

Restorative Church gathering: On Monday, June 17, you are welcome to join this post-National Association of Community and Restorative Justice Conference event that will explore the intersectionality of restorative justice, restorative theology, and restorative practices in church communities. There will be a presentation on restorative dialogue realms for faith communities, sharing of challenges and opportunities, learning about theologians who engage restorative justice concepts, and learning about new resources for advancing the Restorative Church network and promoting peacemaking practices within churches.

When: Mon, June 17 from 9am to 1pm

Where: Central Presbyterian Church (1660 N Sherman St)

Registration & Info: contact Ted Lewis (tedlewis76@gmail.com or 715-205-5945)

Cost: donation (\$5-15) to cover food and building usage (pay cash/check at event)

For more information about our conference and latest issue of ZING!, go to 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 with a copy of your resume attached.

Mennonite Church USA and Beyond

Mennonite Church USA

Read Menno Snapshots stories this month from church planters throughout MC USA, including a story from the archives highlighting urban church planting in the 1980s: mennoniteusa.org/tag/churchplanting.

Now is the time to register for MennoCon19. Join us July 2-6 in Kansas City for an engaging experience suited for everyone! Register here: convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration.

Make plans to come to convention early for a large selection of pre-convention training opportunities: mennoniteusa.org/pre-con-training.

Mennonite Mission Network

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 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.

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-idaj.

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 or contact Angela Maggard at AppalachiaAdmin@mcc.org or 606-633-5065.

Mennonite Disaster Service

Response to flooding in the Midwest (primarily Nebraska, Iowa, and Wisconsin): 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.

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 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 on the 9News app.

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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