



FMC Weekly - April 11, 2019

The weekly newsletter of First Mennonite Church of Denver

Palm Sunday, April 14

9:30am Worship

Come early to enjoy pre-service music from Romaine Anderson and Vicky Mierau. Pastor Glenn will preach from Isaiah 58:1-12. On earth as it is in heaven- a pipe dream or a real possibility? Robert George will lead worship, Nikki Kandelind will lead singing, Anita Miller 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:** Stories and updates from FMC featuring the Assistance Program, the Congregational Care Team, the Worship Team, the Hiring Team, and more!

Holy Week Schedule

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 the 11th and final week of the Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery series. This week we will consider the 10th Bible Reflection, "Justice is the Fast that God Requires," (pg. 25-27) from the book produced by the Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery Coalition. Visit www.dofdmunno.org to learn more through readings and a documentary.

Our FMC Community



Please help make the Easter service beautiful! Bring any of your Easter lilies or other flowers/plants (marked with your name) to the Easter service. Lola Hershberger will receive them pre-service and arrange them around the altar and stage. After the service, remember to collect your plants to take home.

MYF Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser- 8:30am Easter Sunday

The MYF is raising money for their June MCC learning tour to Guatemala. Bring your generous donation and come to church hungry to enjoy a pancake breakfast prepared and served by your MYF!

Save the date: spring work day on May 11! Join fellow FMCers to spruce up the church and grounds. There will be inside and outside projects for all skill levels. Stay tuned for more details.

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 April 7: Adults-110; Children- 19; Total - 129

Sunday School

What's happening this week:

PreK and K2: Pentecost

Venture Club: Easter III: The Resurrection, walk to Emmaus, and Ascension

For families to do this week:

Palm Sunday is on the way- marking the beginning of Holy Week! Find some Holy Week activities here: buildingfaithmecn.weebly.com/holy-week

Looking Ahead:

Sun, April 21: Easter- no Sunday School

Sun, May 12: Mother's Day- no Sunday School

Sun, May 19: last day of Sunday School

Sun, June 2: MYF event

Caring for Each Other

Betty Schmidt health update: After several months of rehabilitation (after partial hip replacement) and many doctor office visits with scans, x-rays, and evaluations, two growths in Betty's abdomen were identified. These abnormalities are scheduled to be surgically removed next Tuesday afternoon at Littleton Adventist Hospital. Betty and I covet your thoughts and prayers for a good outcome! ~Clint, Betty, and family

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

Happy Birthday April 11-17

12- Brad Shelly

13- Abigail Popp

15- Sonia Graber

Happy Anniversary April 11-17

none

Staff out of the office:

Marie will be out April 17-22

Glenn will be out April 22-May 4

Upcoming Sundays

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

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 from John 12:1-8: the language of beauty. God speaks through beauty. How do we listen? And how do we learn the vocabulary?

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

May 12- Mother's Day

Worship: Glenn Balzer will preach.

Adult Education: none

In the Building this Week

Thurs, 6:00pm- Denver Children's Choir rehearsal (Sanctuary)

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

Thurs, 7:00pm- SOAR choir rehearsal (Commons)

Sat, 1:00-8:00pm- Denver Children's Choir rehearsal and performance (Sanctuary & Community Center)

Sun, 8:30am- FMC Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Sun, 12:30pm- Denver Children's Choir rehearsal (Sanctuary & Community Center)

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)

Tues, 7:00pm- FMC Leadership Board Meeting

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

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

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--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

Discouraged about the world these days? The Denver Children's Choir is putting on a concert May 11 from 3:30-4:45pm at the Newman Center entitled "Harmony of Children: Who We Are." This special concert will feature over 300 voices of children ages 6-18 singing songs that showcase who we are: diversity, inclusivity, equity, fun! To watch a video of the choir rehearsing "Freedom Train," to learn more about the concert, or to buy tickets, go to www.denverchildrenschoir.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)

Columbine Remember and Renew: Join CFCU for a series of activities the weekend of April 26-28 to mark the 20th anniversary of the Columbine mass shooting. Along with honoring lives taken by gun violence and deepening our understanding of the gun violence prevention issue, these activities provide a special opportunity to connect with others that share values of building communities of peace, free from gun violence. [Click here for a full list of events.](#)

The April issue of Zing! is available [online](#). You may also pick up a paper copy on the welcome table.

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.

Mennonite Church USA and Beyond

Mennonite Church USA

Find special Holy Week worship activities to hold with your families in the Lent At Home resources: mennoniteusa.org/lent2019.

Meet some of the MennoCon19 worship band and hear music they are preparing for worship at mennoniteusa.org/worshipteam. And follow MC USA Convention on Facebook for the latest scoop on convention: www.facebook.com/MCUSA.Convention

"As I travel around MC USA, I am always amazed at the great work happening in the various places I visit."

Read reflections from MC USA Executive Director Glen Guyton on his visit to Virginia Mennonite Conference: mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/that-they-may-be-one.

Mennonite Mission Network

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.

MMN is looking to fill the following Service Adventure positions. Youth ages 17-20 can apply today at MennoniteMission.net/SERVE:

- [Art store assistant in Anchorage, Ak](#): Anchorage re:MADE is a resale store, helping people help themselves by repurposing donated and landfill-rescued items. Come volunteer with others to sort, clean, repurpose, paint or repair items to be sold.
- [Easter Seals assistant in Johnstown, PA](#): Easter Seals is a non-profit organization that works with hearing impaired persons. Volunteer responsibilities would include administrative office duties, customer service, event planning and development.
- [Mentorship program assistant in Albuquerque, NM](#): First Nations Community Healthsource is a clinic that is committed to providing health services to American Indian families and other under-served populations residing in Albuquerque and surrounding areas. Volunteers will help to facilitate the mentorship program at First Nations.

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.

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.

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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