



## **FMC Weekly - April 18, 2019**

*The weekly newsletter of First Mennonite Church of Denver*

### ***Good Friday, April 19***

#### ***6:30pm Service***

There is no Easter Sunday without Good Friday. Join us as we remember the crucifixion of Jesus. Glenn Balzer and Dave Harguth will lead worship, Arlen Hershberger will lead singing, Romaine Anderson and Vicky Mierau will provide music, and there will be eight guest readers.

### ***Easter Sunday, April 21***

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

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! A gluten-free option will be available.

#### ***10:00am Worship***

Come early to enjoy prelude music from Romaine Anderson and Vicky Mierau. Pastor Glenn will preach from Isaiah 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. Liz Holdeman will lead worship, Arlen Hershberger will lead singing, Roberta Kandel has children's time, and the choir will provide special music.

***No youth or adult Sunday School.***

### ***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.

**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.

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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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***What the Tree Remembers:*** Ivanna Johnson-McMurry recently had one of her pieces published in the Center for Mennonite Writing Journal. Ivanna reflects on times the church has not been a safe place for her: [www.mennonitewriting.org/journal/11/2/what-tree-remembers](http://www.mennonitewriting.org/journal/11/2/what-tree-remembers)

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**Attendance April 14:** Adults-159; Children- 19; Total - 178

## ***Sunday School***

***No classes this week due to Easter.***

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

Celebrate Easter together!

### ***Looking Ahead:***

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***

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

### **Happy Birthday April 18-24**

18- Anne Friesen Birky

18- Vicky Mierau

18- Joseph Monzon

18- Reberta Shirk

19- Elias Gomez

19- Harlan Unrau

21- Wanda Brotherton

21- Darcey VanWagner

22- Shawn Delp

23- Lola Hershberger

24- Colin Barnhorst

24- Tom Friesen

24- Greta Lindecrantz

24- Alejandro Monzon

24- Nicolas Monzon

### **Happy Anniversary April 18-24**

none

**Staff out of the office:**

Marie is out April 17-22

Glenn will be out April 22-May 4

## ***Upcoming Sundays***

### **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:** Charlene Epp will lead a discussion around support structures for healthy pastoral teams. We will review possible multi-staff team structures, how a Pastoral Congregation Relations Committee (PCRC) can provide support, and perceptions of FMC's role within MSMC and MCUSA

### **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:** Jonathan Moyer will share about the upcoming MCUSA Convention and lead a discussion about convictions and voting.

### **May 19**

**Worship:** Glenn Balzer will preach from John 13:31-35. It's a new day! John's call opens the possibility of a new life, a new outlook, a new hope, and the freedom to love widely.

**Adult Education:** Sunday School year-end picnic

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

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

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

Sat, 8:00am-1:00pm- Colorado Circles for Change (Commons, B21, B2/Sun Room)

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)

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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](http://www.dicp.org)

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**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](http://www.denverchildrenschoir.org).

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**Columbine Shooting 20th Anniversary:** April 20 marks the 20th anniversary of the Columbine mass shooting that took the lives of 12 students and a teacher. Because this date coincides with Passover and Easter, Columbine Remember and Renew activities sponsored by the Episcopal Peace Fellowship have been scheduled for the following weekend, April 26-28. Colorado Faith Communities United to End Gun Violence, of which FMC is a member, has been participating in this planning effort as a co-sponsor.

A wide range of events are scheduled for the April 26-28 weekend. FMC members are encouraged to attend as many of these as possible, especially the Interfaith Service at St. Andrew Methodist on Sun, April 28 4-6pm (9203 S University Blvd). For other events, visit [www.bnaihavurah.org/columbineafter20](http://www.bnaihavurah.org/columbineafter20)

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## **Come Volunteer at RMMC**

Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp relies on the help of volunteers to keep the ministry going. Help is needed in all areas of camp (kitchen, maintenance, housekeeping) for the following dates:

- May 20-24: Mennonite Disaster Service (felling, limbing, & moving beetle-killed trees; kitchen help)
- June 2-8: Colorado Roots Music Camp (specifically help needed in the kitchen)
- June through August: have a week you can offer to volunteer this summer? Let's find a way to fit your skills in with camp's needs.

If you can volunteer, give camp a call (719-687-9506) or send an email ([info@rmmc.org](mailto:info@rmmc.org)).

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The April Zinglet! 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](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.*

## **Mennonite Church USA and Beyond**

### **Mennonite Church USA**

**Join The Gathering Place for a "Planning Your Baptism Instruction Class" webinar on**

Tuesday, April 23, 2:30 p.m. EDT. Hear from pastors Andrea Wall, Danilo Sanchez, Paula Snyder Belusek and Daniel Yoder, look at curriculum options and ask questions. Sign up by April 22 at [thegatheringplace.us](http://thegatheringplace.us).

**Pray for church planters and pastors** who are attending the Sent conference in Denver, Colorado, April 26-28. Learn more about how to join in and support peace church planting in MC USA at [mennoniteusa.org/churchplanting](http://mennoniteusa.org/churchplanting).

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## Mennonite Mission Network

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