



FMC Weekly - April 25, 2019

The weekly newsletter of First Mennonite Church of Denver

Sunday, April 28

9:30am Worship

Come early to enjoy pre-service music from Ethan and Isabel Mullett and Sonia Graber. 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? Barb Stutzman will lead worship, Sonia Graber will lead singing, and Roberta Kandel has children's time.

After worship 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:** 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.

Our FMC Community

The MYF thanks you! A big thank you to everyone who joined the Easter Sunday pancake breakfast and shared generous donations! We raised \$7,502 on Sunday, bringing our total to \$8,702. You can still donate towards our goal of raising \$10,000 for our June 2019 Guatemala Learning Tour with MCC. Contact Jordan Penner or Marie Voth if you have questions about donating.

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.

Children's cancer research fundraising

Dear FMC - As many of you know, we are approaching two years since the passing of a wonderful young man, Cooper Deming, who was a friend of Simon's and whose mom is a friend of mine. I am riding in the Courage

Classic this July in his honor to raise funds for children's cancer research. If you are inclined, I would greatly appreciate your support - any amount is welcome. Please see my fundraising page at this link. With Gratitude,
Cindy Eby

[Cindy's Courage Classic Fundraising Page](#)

Attendance April 21: Adults-223; Children- 19; Total- 242

Sunday School

What's happening this week:

PreK and K2 classes: Peter and the Early Church

Venture Club class: Pentecost

For families to do this week:

This week's lesson is about Pentecost and the start of the Christian church, with an emphasis on relying on the Holy Spirit to continue guiding and shaping God's people and the importance of God's people loving each other and sharing with each other. Talk about churches you've been part of and their history. Identify ways people at First Mennonite love and share with each other. Here is another resource about sharing God's gifts:

buildingfaithmecn.weebly.com/its-all-gods.html

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

Thank you: We would like to thank you all for your prayers, care, and concern. Brad was released from the hospital on Monday, April 22, 2019, one week following his accident. He is recovering from his surgery and taking it one day at a time. ~Brad and Katrina Schrock

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

Happy Birthday April 25-May 1

25- John Ventura

26- Norm Dewhurst

27- Susan Burkholder

27- Les Hjelmstad

28- Elsa Kaczor Lantz

29- Ruth Friesen

29- Charlene Hostetler

29- Keith Mullett

Happy Anniversary April 25-May 1

none

Staff out of the office:

Glenn is out until May 4

Upcoming Sundays

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

May 26

Worship: Glenn Balzer will preach from John 5:1-9. Do you want to be made well? We will celebrate communion.

Adult Education: none

In the Building this Week

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

Fri pm to Sun am- Hesston College students (JYF & MYF rooms)

Sun, noon- Doctrine of Discovery Lenten Group (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)

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

Around Denver and Mountain States Mennonite Conference

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.

Columbine Shooting 20th Anniversary: April 20 marked the 20th anniversary of the Columbine mass shooting that took the lives of 12 students and a teacher. Because this date coincided with Passover and Easter, Columbine Remember and Renew activities sponsored by the Episcopal Peace Fellowship are scheduled for 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

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).

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

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

Register for MennoCon19 by April 30 at convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration to make sure your registration includes lunch, t-shirts and a servant project. This is the last day to receive these additions and benefit from a lower registration rate.

Pray for Franconia Conference & Eastern District Conference as they gather for a joint Delegate Assembly on May 4.

Mennonite Mission Network

Matthew and Toni Krabill are preparing for ministry through Mennonite Mission Network where they will work alongside Janie and Neal Blough at the Paris Mennonite Center. Pray for the Krabills as they raise support for a life of faithful discipleship in France.

Mennonite World Conference

The April issue of the *Courier* is [available online](#) or in the FMC Library.

You can also [find recent news and stories online](#), featuring voices from Colombia, West Africa, 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 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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