



## **FMC Weekly - May 9, 2019**

*The weekly newsletter of First Mennonite Church of Denver*

### ***Sunday, May 12***

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

Come early to enjoy pre-service music from Sarah Winter and Sonia Graber. Glenn Balzer will preach from John 2:1-11. We will look at this text from the perspective of Jesus' mother. We will also celebrate child dedications during the service. Debb Reed will lead worship, Linda Miller has children's time, and Sonia Graber will lead singing with accompaniment from Sarah Winter and Nikki KandeLind.

#### ***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***

- ◆ **No Sunday School for PreK, K2, and Venture Club**
- ◆ **Adult Education:** (Sanctuary) Jonathan Moyer will share about the upcoming MCUSA Convention and lead a discussion about convictions and voting.

**Nursery Note:** Babysitters will be in the nursery this Sunday for Mother's Day from 9:30 to 11:30am. There will also be toys available in the Community Center.

### ***Our FMC Community***

**Spring work day is this Saturday, May 11!** Work starts at 8am and there will be a mid-morning break. Join fellow FMCers to spruce up the church and grounds. There will be inside and outside projects for all skill levels. Contact Matt Barron with questions.

**Missing a coat, a beloved travel mug, or a serving dish?** It might be part of FMC's lost & found collection. Check out the lost & found table in the Community Center this Sunday to collect your items.

#### **Elsa Lantz will join MCC's SALT program in Vietnam!**

Hi! My name is Elsa Lantz and I recently graduated from Goshen College. Starting in August, I've decided to participate in MCC's SALT program! I will be spending a year doing manuscript editing at a publishing house in Hanoi, Vietnam. I am very excited for this new adventure. Right now, I need help raising money for the service year. If you would like to donate, you can do so through the link. Any size donation is welcomed. If you would prefer to send in a check, email me on where to send it. And if you would like to talk more with me about SALT and my plans, send me an email at [kaczorlantz@gmail.com](mailto:kaczorlantz@gmail.com). Thank you!

Donate here: [donate.mcc.org/registry/elsa-lantz-vietnam](https://donate.mcc.org/registry/elsa-lantz-vietnam)

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**You're invited: Ron & Lorraine Birkey** will be in town for the graduation of their granddaughter. We thought it would be fun to give us all a place to visit with them. You are invited to an open house on Thurs, May 23, from 4 to 8 pm at Richard and Linda Wyse's. Address: 1655 Monaco Parkway, Denver

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**Attendance April 28:** Adults-108; Children- 11; Total- 119

## ***Sunday School***



**Sunday School Celebration!**

**Save the Date!**

**What:** Sunday School Celebration & End-of-Year Picnic

**When:** Sunday, May 19

**Where:** First Mennonite Church

**More details coming soon!**

**Contact Anita with questions.**

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

PreK, K2, and Venture Club: no class

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

As we look forward to Mother's Day, here is a blessing for all caregivers, and an interesting activity to do with kids: <http://buildingfaithmecn.weebly.com/revealed-to-infants.html>

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

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 May 9-15**

- 9- Jesse Smith
- 11- Andrew Gibson
- 11- Anika O'Brian
- 12- Steven Bontrager
- 12- Bernadette Wyse
- 13- Marco Monzon Paz
- 14- Brett Birky
- 15- Ezra Penner-Smith
- 15- Adam Popp

## Happy Anniversary May 9-15

11- Elizabeth & Evan Miller

12- Jordan Penner & Jennifer Regier

14- Len & Sherri Toews

## Upcoming Sundays

### 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. We will celebrate the end of the Sunday School year and students transitioning from high school to their next adventures.

**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.

### June 2

**Worship:** Glenn Balzer will preach.

**Adult Education:** Mennonites, Vietnam, & FMC: a presentation by Dan Wessner and Elizabeth Holdeman

### June 9

**Worship:** Glenn Balzer will preach.

## In the Building this Week

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

Sat, 8:00am- FMC Spring Work Day

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)

Tues, 6:30pm- Doctrine of Discovery Small Group (B2/Sun Room)

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

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**The Spirituals Project Choral Festival on Fri, May 10** at 7:30pm with guest conductor Roland Carter. Featuring: The Colorado Children's Chorale; The Bennie L Williams spiritual Voices, and the Spirituals

Project Choir. At the Gates Concert Hall at the Newman Center at DU. The concert is free, as is parking. Aimee and Michael Voth Seibert and Randy Friesen sing in the Spirituals Project Choir.

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The May 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](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**

**"How has God called you to co-create bridges in your church and community with new imagination and understanding?"** Read "Looking to the Bridge Builders" from Sue Park-Hur, MC USA denominational minister for Leadership Development, on the Menno Snapshots blog: [mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/looking-to-the-bridge-builders](http://mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/looking-to-the-bridge-builders)

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### **Mennonite Mission Network**

**Help your young adults take the next step in faith formation and practical experience with service!**

A study of 280 students showed that the biggest outcomes of a gap year were a better sense of self, a broader understanding of different people, cultures, and lifestyles, and the attainment of skills and knowledge that helped in academic pursuits and future careers. Through Service Adventure, young adults ages 17-20 grow in leadership and real-world experience by living in community and serving with a local nonprofit in locations across the country. Openings are still available for placements beginning in August. Call Lauren at 574-523-3022 or visit the web to find out more: [MennoniteMission.net/ServiceAdventure](http://MennoniteMission.net/ServiceAdventure)

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### **Mennonite Central Committee**

**Opportunities to serve with MCC Nicaragua and Honduras** - Do you excel in an admin support role, helping to create & implement plans? Want to contribute to MCC's community development work in the Central America context? ¡Entonces, venga! Bring your organizational expertise, assessment tools, accompaniment experience, Spanish language skills and a desire to learn -- right this way! MCC has 2 opportunities for you to consider, starting either **July 15, 2019** (in Nicaragua) or **January 6, 2020** (in Honduras). Read more [here](#) or [here](#), the close date for these positions is May 26. Or visit [mcc.org/serve](http://mcc.org/serve), contact [heidihuber@mcc.org](mailto:heidihuber@mcc.org) for more information.

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### **International Guest House in Washington DC,**

"I was a stranger and you took me in." Matthew 25:35. The International Guest House (IGH) in Washington DC (under the auspices of Alleghney Mennonite Conference) seeks to put these words into action through its mission of Christian hospitality. Volunteers are needed for short stints of four to six weeks this summer and beginning in January to help the hosts in cleaning, cooking, gardening, and interacting with guests who may come from all parts of the world. Room and board are provided with two days off each week. The house is located near bus routes, bike paths, and there are ample parking spaces. For inquiries or an application, please call IGH (202-726-5808) or email [sfretzgoering@yahoo.com](mailto:sfretzgoering@yahoo.com).

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**Mennonite Disaster Service** has short term and long term volunteer opportunities available all summer across the US and Canada. [Click here for a full list.](#)

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**Love Crosses Borders:** *A Mennonite Men immersion experience with immigrants.* Love is the greatest of all virtues. But what does love look like in times of cynicism and polarization? Borders are not only social constructs, they're also spiritual ones. Who's included? Who's excluded? How do we reconcile God's call to welcome the stranger with so much fear-filled rhetoric and policies? What can unwelcomed immigrants teach the Church about love? How can the legacy of the Civil Rights Movement inform and inspire us to a love that crosses borders? July 28 to August 3, Mennonite Men will provide a week-long immersion experience with immigrants to engage these issues. To register or for more information, visit [MennoniteMen.org](http://MennoniteMen.org) or contact Steve Thomas at [SteveT@Mennonites.org](mailto:SteveT@Mennonites.org).

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**Mennonite World Conference:** The latest issue of MWC's *Courier* is now available online at: [www.mwc-cmm.org/courier](http://www.mwc-cmm.org/courier).

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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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