



## FMC Weekly - May 16, 2019

The weekly newsletter of First Mennonite Church of Denver

### Sunday, May 19

#### 9:30am Worship

Come early to enjoy pre-service music from Nikki KandeLind. 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. Anita Miller will lead worship, Glenn Balzer has children's time (featuring a video call from the world-traveling Burkholders), Nikki KandeLind will lead singing, and the choir will share special music.

#### 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 Celebration & Picnic for all ages:** see below for details

**The Colfax Marathon is this Sunday.** [Click here for road closure information and a map.](#)

## Celebrating FMC's High School Seniors

We will be celebrating our high school seniors during the service this Sunday. Please take time before or after the service to stop by the Community Center and sign a hymnal for each senior.

**Dylan Adams** will finish his senior year at North High School. This summer he will determine what's next.



**Tristian Sommers** will graduate with honors from Rangeview High School in Aurora. He will spend the summer working and playing golf before heading to the University of Tampa in the fall where he plans to pursue

a double major in marine science and biology.



**Trevor Stutzman** will graduate from Littleton High School and will spend the summer in an internship. This fall he will attend Goshen College.



**Nick VanWagner** will graduate from Thomas Jefferson High School on May 29. In the fall he will attend Kansas State University where he plans to study computer science.

## ***Our FMC Community***

### **Celebrate church family members moving to new adventures this summer!**

Brad Miller and Jessica Yoder and their children will be leaving for experiences abroad. Candace Fleming will be moving to Maine to be with her daughter and grandson.

You are invited to sign the two wall hangings that Linda Wyse created as sending gifts. The hangings will be in the Community Center the next two Sundays- May 19 & 26.

We will present the hangings to Candace and Brad & Jessica to bless them on their new journeys.

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**Thank you** to everyone who contributed to the church work day last Saturday! Folks pulled weeds, washed windows, turned on the coolers, and much more. Check out the FMC Facebook page for pictures.

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### **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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**Do you have a King Soopers loyalty card?** Did you know that you can support FMC every time you shop at King Soopers by enrolling your card in the Community Rewards program? It only takes a few minutes to sign up for the King Soopers Community Rewards program. You only need to go through the process one time. [Click here for instructions.](#) You can contact Marie Voth or Joann Roupp with questions.

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**Attendance May 12:** Adults- 116; Children- 8; Total- 124

## ***Sunday School***

## Everyone's Invited!

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

**When:** Sunday, May 19

**Where:** Sunken Gardens Park/FMC

**To bring:**

- A side dish or salad to share
- Your own dishes, cups, and flatware
- Blankets or chairs



## Sunday School Celebration!

The whole congregation is welcome to join our potluck picnic this Sunday to honor this year's child and youth program volunteers! **Please bring a side dish or salad to share, and your own dishes, cups, flatware, and blankets or chairs.** If it's chilly we'll be inside. Steve Stutzman will be grilling hamburgers and hot dogs and will supply buns and condiments. Feel free to bring something to throw on the grill if you'd like.

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

All classes: participate in the End-of-Year Celebration Potluck/Picnic!

### ***For all of us to do this week:***

Take a moment to appreciate this year's Child and Youth Program volunteers:

Emily Gingerich - Nursery

Katie Hegedus - Children's Time Coordinator

Susan Falk - 2 Year Old Class Teacher

Roberta Stutzman - 2 Year Old Class Teacher

Rita Balzer - PreK Class Teacher

Glenda Kauffman - PreK Class Teacher

Rita Sommers - PreK Class Teacher

Kim Kauffman - Kinder-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Class Teacher

Ann Leonard - Kinder-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Class Teacher

Stephanie Phibbs - Kinder-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Class Teacher

Candace Fleming - Venture Club (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade) Class Teacher

Dana Williams Hosman- Venture Club (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade) Class Teacher

Darcey VanWagner - Venture Club (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade) Class Teacher

Dawn Voth - Junior Youth Teacher

Ben Gerig - MYF Teacher

Stephanie Miller - MYF Teacher

Jordan Penner - MYF Teacher

Jill Schmidt - MYF Teacher

Subs: Linda Miller, Peter Conrad

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

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 16-22

16- Marin Delp  
16- Tessa Holliday  
19- Melba Miller  
20- Rick Rogers  
20- Kerry Stutzman  
21- Moses Martin

## Happy Anniversary May 16-22

20- Greg & Rhonda Polizzotto  
22- Del & Mim Roth  
22- Darcey & Mark VanWagner

## Upcoming Sundays

### 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.

### June 16

**Worship:** Genn Balzer will preach.

## In the Building this Week

Thurs, 6:30pm- SOAR Baord Meeting (B21)  
Sat, 8:00am- Colorado Circles for Change Restore Program (Commons, 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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DOOR Groups May 19-24: Grosse Pointe Academy, Grosse Pointe MI and First Baptist Church, Iola KS

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

## Around Denver and Mountain States Mennonite Conference

Join us Saturday, May 18th 2-4pm for an Afternoon Tea Party at Invisible City ([1545 Julian St, Denver](#)) for Project Worthmore with Ron Otsuka, and Jonny 5 (Jamie Laurie) of the Flobots. There

will be a brief program around 3pm, where you will hear directly from refugees who are working at Project Worthmore. In addition, Jamie may perform multilingual rap or even amateur stand-up comedy.

At the event, we will be inviting you to join our circle of [careholders](#), people who sustain programs serving refugees with a consistent monthly contribution, of any amount. Whether it's \$1 or \$1000, our hope is to count you as part of our circle. Please rsvp by May 16 to [ronald.otsuka@gmail.com](mailto:ronald.otsuka@gmail.com). Feel free to invite others!

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**Save the Date! Huge Yard Sale!** Glennon Heights Mennonite Church will be hosting its 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Yard Sale on **Saturday, June 1, 2019 from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm (rain or shine) at 11480 West Virginia Ave in Lakewood**. All proceeds will go towards the renovation of GHMC to make the church facilities more welcoming. Come check out the hundreds of bargains on furniture, household items, plants, books, and children's items. Baked goods, breakfast burritos and BBQ hot dogs will be available to snack on (while they last!). For more information, call 303-985-3606 or [glennonheightsmenno.org](http://glennonheightsmenno.org). Or check us out on Facebook at [facebook.com/GlennonHeightsMennoniteChurch](https://facebook.com/GlennonHeightsMennoniteChurch).

We are also accepting donated items if you would like to make GHMC part of your spring cleaning: please contact Debbie Miller at 720-982-5250 if you have items to donate. Hope you can join us for the fun!

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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**

**Meet the MennoCon19 worship speakers through video** and hear a bit about what they are preparing for worship at [mennoniteusa.org/speaker-videos](http://mennoniteusa.org/speaker-videos). **There's still time to register to attend MennoCon19** in Kansas City this summer at [convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration](http://convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration).

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### **Mennonite Mission Network**

Tomorrow through Friday, the JCS International board of directors and other administrators are gathered for meetings. Pray for safe travel, smooth logistical arrangements, and fruitful discussions so that God will be honored through the ministries that take place in Mongolia. Mennonite Mission Network partners with JCS International.

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### **Mennonite Central Committee**

**You are invited to an MCC Open House with Bruce and Betsy Headrick McCrae on Saturday, June 22 from 2-4 p.m. at First Mennonite Church of Denver!** This is a casual come-and-go event with refreshments provided. Bruce and Betsy will give a presentation at 3 p.m. about their current work as MCC Area Directors for Central and West Africa. We would love to see you at this event! Please RSVP to this event by June 19 to [jordanpenner@mcc.org](mailto:jordanpenner@mcc.org)

**Opportunities to serve with MCC in Haiti** - Tired of 'cubicle-based' work? Here's a chance to use

your storytelling, writing, photography, creativity, listening and learning in a different setting! MCC Haiti is looking for a communications coordinator to use their multi-media skills to share the context, challenges and solutions of local partners more broadly. For more info about the role and to see what MCC Haiti is doing currently with their communications work, visit [www.haitimcc.org](http://www.haitimcc.org). Then, dust off your language learning skills and apply today!! The close date for this position is July 26, with a starting date of Oct 28, 2019. [mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings/communications-coordinator-mcc-haiti](http://mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings/communications-coordinator-mcc-haiti)

**MCC needs your help to replenish supplies in our Material Resources Center!** The following items are running low: black and white spools of all-purpose thread, minimum 250 yards, for Sewing Kits (each kit has 3 spools of each color in it). Lotion, minimum 10 oz, for Returning Citizen Care Kits and sanitary napkins, thin maxi, any count, for Relief Kits. MCC only distributes complete kits, so when we are low on one item the processing of the entire kit comes to a halt. Items for kits can be dropped off or shipped to MCC Central States, 121 E. 30<sup>th</sup>, PO Box 235, North Newton, KS 67117. Questions? Check out the kits page at [mcc.org/kits](http://mcc.org/kits) or contact [katemast@mcc.org](mailto:katemast@mcc.org).

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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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