



FMC Weekly - May 23, 2019

The weekly newsletter of First Mennonite Church of Denver

Sunday, May 26

9:30am Worship

Come early to enjoy pre-service music from Vicky Mierau. Glenn Balzer will preach from John 5:1-9. Do you want to be made well? It is important to be responsive to the Spirit's leading. It is also equally important to know what we are seeking! Bob Carlsten will lead worship, Katie Hegedus has children's time, Emily Martin will lead singing, and Romaine Anderson will provide special music as we celebrate Communion.

After worship in the Community Center

- ◆ Join us for refreshments and support our youth
- ◆ Purchase grocery cards to help support the FMC Ministry Plan

No Sunday School

The FMC Office will be closed on Mon, May 27 for Memorial Day.

Our FMC Community

Celebrate major transitions for FMC family members!

We have a number of folks facing major transitions in the next few weeks:

- FMC's high school seniors (Dylan Adams, Tristan Sommers, Trevor Stutzman, and Nick VanWagner) will be transitioning out of high school and on to their next adventures
- 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
- Alyssa Bennett Smith and Joshua Smith will be moving to Missouri for new job opportunities and to be closer to family

You are invited to sign hymnals for the high school seniors and wall hangings for those moving as sending gifts. The hymnals and hangings will be in the Community Center this Sunday.

Thank you to Linda Wyse for creating the wall hangings!

Interested in leading or helping with the children's time during worship? Individuals or groups are needed to lead the children's time during worship for Sundays in the summer months. Please sign up here: <https://bit.ly/2VAJhnK>. If you have questions, contact Katie Hegedus (catherinee.dunn@gmail.com).

In need of a sleeping bag to borrow for an 18 year old refugee boy from Central African Republic to use to attend Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp the week of June 9-15. Contact Trinda or Tom Bishop at ttbishop@earthlink.net.

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. Thank you!

Donate here: donate.mcc.org/registry/elsa-lantz-vietnam

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

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.

Outreach Grants Available! It is time again to apply for FMC outreach grants. FMC allocates \$8,000/year in outreach grants, with each recipient eligible for up to \$2,000, dependent on the number of applicants. Eligibility criteria include having a FMC member sponsor and a program that is in line with Mennonite values, including an orientation to hospitality, orientation, justice, and/or peace. Please submit an application by July 1 using this Google form: <https://bit.ly/2JwAvpe>. Awards will be made by August 1, if not earlier.

Questions? Contact Deb Reed or Stephanie Phibbs

Sunday School

No child/youth Sunday School until September.

Summer Faith Formation

Although Sunday School is over until September, summer is a great time for families to read and talk about Bible stories. Suggestions for moving through the Bible Storyline will be provided over the next 12 weeks. This week, recall the overall flow of the biblical narrative: Creation, Fall Stories, Matriarchs and Patriarchs, Moses and the Exodus, Judges, Kings, Prophets, The Exile and Return, Advent, Jesus' Ministry, Easter, and The Church Begins and Grows. See if you can remember a story from each section? Which are you least familiar with?

Looking Ahead:

Sun, June 2: MYF event

Caring for Each Other

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

Happy Birthday May 23-29

- 24- Carlene Hill
- 25- Ellie Knowles
- 26- Trevor Meeks
- 27- Jennifer Regier
- 27- Nick VanWagner

Happy Anniversary May 23-29

- 27- Brad Miller & Jessica Yoder
- 28- Carrie & Matt Baron
- 29- Alyssa Bennett Smith & Joshua Smith

Attendance May 19: Adults- 119; Children- 17; Total- 136

Upcoming Sundays

June 2

Worship: Glenn Balzer will preach. Have you ever wondered what comes next? What do you do when left with unfinished business? And whose job is it to finish the job anyway? This week we will explore these questions from the perspective of Acts 1:1-11; so now what?

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

June 9

Worship: Glenn Balzer will preach. Does God have an agenda? In the Pentecost story we catch a glimpse of God's dream for us and the world. Join us as we consider Acts 2:1-21 and examine what it means to speak in tongues!

June 16- Father's Day

Worship: Glenn Balzer will preach from Genesis 22:1-14, a Father's Day story.

June 23

Worship: Moses Simbeye, MCC IVEP participant, will preach.

In the Building this Week

- Thurs, 6:30pm- Mindful Yoga (Community Center)
- Sat, 12-7pm- DCC Student Recital (Sanctuary & Community Center)
- Mon, all day- FMC office closed
- Tues, 4:00pm- Colorado Circles for Change (B21 & B8)
- Wed, 9:00-11:30am- Direct Assistance Office (Community Center)
- Wed, 9:00am- Quilters (Quilt room)
- Wed, 6:00pm- Quilters (Quilt room)
- Wed, 6:30pm- Worship Team Meeting (Office)

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

Around Denver and Mountain States Mennonite Conference

Save the Date! Huge Yard Sale! Glennon Heights Mennonite Church will be hosting its 6th 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. Or check us out on Facebook at 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!

The May 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

Read Ruben Chupp's reflections on "Seeking Silence" this month on the Menno Snapshots blog at mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/seeking-silence and subscribe to receive MC USA e-publications in your inbox at mennoniteusa.org/publications.

Mennonite Mission Network

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the people of Venezuela. Pray for peace and that God would pour out abundant blessings as Mennonite congregations share what little they have with their neighbors.

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

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. 30th, PO Box 235, North Newton, KS 67117. Questions? Check out the kits page

at mcc.org/kits or contact katemast@mcc.org.

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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