



FMC Weekly - May 30, 2019

The weekly newsletter of First Mennonite Church of Denver

Sunday, June 2

9:30am Worship

Come early to enjoy pre-service music from Andi Gingerich. 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. Darren Knowles will lead worship, Glenda Kauffman has children's time, and Charlie Ferguson will lead singing.

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

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

Our FMC Community

Sunday Yoga moved to June 9. The regularly scheduled first Sunday of the month yoga with Ben and Jill has been moved from June 2 to June 9.

Summer Music Opportunity: Summer is here and we are looking for musicians for worship services. If you would be interested in doing something musical for pre-service music and/or offertory OR you are interested in leading hymns, please contact Charlie Ferguson at Charles.ferguson@ucdenver.edu or 303-809-9969. We would especially like to encourage our youth to participate in this. It is a safe, fun way to get some experience and to enhance our worship services.

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).

Undocumented families seeking asylum need our help!!

Recently three busloads of 55 people (mostly from Guatemala) seeking asylum arrived in Denver from the El Paso Detention Center. Our El Paso neighbors at **Annunciation House** have been trying to help large numbers

of undocumented families with housing, clothing, food and transportation plans to help them reach their sponsors in other parts of the U.S. They have been overwhelmed with up to 600 people being released into the streets daily. The Annunciation House director contacted Denver's American Friends organization and they arranged with three area churches for 55 people to be helped once they were bussed here. It is a possibility busloads of undocumented families will be transported to Denver on a regular basis and on short notice. If you would like to be on a volunteer list and be contacted to help (in a variety of ways) please send an email to Anne Kleinkopf from First Plymouth Congregational church at: AnneKleinkopf@msn.com. They especially need Spanish speakers to help families make travel arrangements to their sponsors in other parts of the U.S.

***The most immediate and sustainable need is money donations to [Annunciation House](#) to help our neighbors at the border.

If you have more questions please contact: Debb Reed (303-229-5332)

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 Debb Reed or Stephanie Phibbs

Sunday School- Summer Faith Formation

No child/youth Sunday School until September.

MYF Guatemala Pre-Trip Learning Session: Mon, June 3 at 7pm at FMC

Summer Faith Formation: Week 1/12 Creation

For the next twelve weeks, I'll be highlighting sections of the Bible that help us walk through it and understand it as one story of God's interaction with God's people.

When I can, I will also suggest DVDs and websites for families to review together. These will vary in theological underpinnings - apply your judgment and talk with your kids about what you agree and disagree with.

I recommend taking a look at the "What's In the Bible?" DVDs by the creators of VeggieTales (whatsinthebible.com/witb - available at some libraries). There are thirteen videos that explain sections of the Bible in a funny and kid-oriented way.

Another wonderful resource that can be adapted for families is Brian D. McLaren's Anabaptist-compatible book *We Make the Road By Walking*. Weekly essays, reflection questions, and suggestions for action guide readers through the whole Biblical story.

Questions? Contact Anita Miller.

This week read the two creation stories: Genesis 1:1-2:3 and Genesis 2:4-25.

The Genesis lessons begin to trace the elusive presence of the mystery of God in the story of God's People. We begin to play Hide-and-Seek with the Holy One and ask, "What can we know of the Giver by the gift?" [*The Complete Guide to Godly Play, Vol. 2* by Jerome W. Berryman]

Reflection questions (from Brian D. McLaren's book *We Make The Road By Walking*):

For families: What is the most beautiful place you have ever seen? What was so special about it?

For children: What is your favorite animal? Why?

Caring for Each Other

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

Happy Birthday May 30-June 5

31- Arlen Hershberger

1- Charlotte Derstine

2- Cash mcMurry

2- Marie Voth

3- Millie Bennett

3- Lydia KandeLind

4- Joanna McCreedy

4- Jennifer Miller

4- Ralph Nafziger

Happy Anniversary May 30-June 5

3- Jane & Mervin Dick

3- Mary & Ron Olson

Attendance May 26: Adults- 67; Children- 5; Total- 72

Upcoming Sundays

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

June 23

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

June 30

Worship: Jordan Penner will preach.

In the Building this Week

Thurs, 6:30pm- Mindful Yoga (Community Center)
Fri, 4:30pm- Denver Children's Choir Tour Kickoff Concert (Sanctuary & Community Center)
Sat, 4:30pm- FMC Babysitting Group (B2/Nursery & Commons)
Sun, noon- New Horizons lunch & conversation (Community Center)
Mon & Wed, 9:00-11:30am- Direct Assistance Office (Community Center)
Mon, 7:00pm- MYF Guatemala Trip Prep (Office)
Tues, 4:00pm- Colorado Circles for Change (B21 & B8)
Wed, 9:00am- Quilters (Quilt room)
Wed, 11:30am- Denver Children's Choir meeting (Community Center)
Wed, 6:00pm- Quilters (Quilt room)

DOOR Group (June 2-7): St. Andrews Presbyterian, Boulder CO

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

Around Denver and Mountain States Mennonite Conference

Huge Yard Sale this Sat, June 1! 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!

Restorative Church gathering: On Monday, June 17, you are welcome to join this post-National Association of Community and Restorative Justice Conference event that will explore the intersectionality of restorative justice, restorative theology, and restorative practices in church communities. There will be a presentation on restorative dialogue realms for faith communities, sharing of challenges and opportunities, learning about theologians who engage restorative justice concepts, and learning about new resources for advancing the Restorative Church network and promoting peacemaking practices within churches.

When: Mon, June 17 from 9am to 1pm

Where: Central Presbyterian Church (1660 N Sherman St)

Registration & Info: contact Ted Lewis (tedlewis76@gmail.com or 715-205-5945)

Cost: donation (\$5-15) to cover food and building usage (pay cash/check at event)

"Reading the Bible with Jesus" lead by Bryan Moyer Suderman, is coming to Pueblo, October 4-6, 2019. He has "spent the past 25 years finding creative ways to engage all ages in the scriptural drama of God's love for the world. Since 2011 Bryan has been engaged in focused reading, writing and teaching about Jesus' use of scripture as portrayed in the gospels." It's a look at how Jesus interpreted and debated scripture and how that might help us look at scripture today. We will have a number of teaching sessions with Bryan over the weekend. We hope many of you from the conference can join us. (Click on "teaching" at [Small Tall Ministries | engaging all ages in the scriptural story of God's love](#))

Bonus for the weekend will be a concert featuring Bryan's amazing all ages music about God's love. Fireweed will open for him and we may even find some music to play together. This is now Bryan's third trip to Pueblo and each time has been more fun than the last!

Contact Dave Foncannon with questions or for more information (719-214-1176 or blindpossum2@yahoo.com).

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

There's still time to register for MennoCon19! Come for a couple days or the whole time. Get more info and register at convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration.

The latest MennoCon19 newsletter is now available in Spanish.

En esta edición del boletín de la convención, tenemos la información de los oradores de los cultos y de los seminarios especiales, los programas para niños y jóvenes, y eventos y actividades especiales. ¡En MennoCon19 hay algo para todos! mennoniteusa.org/con-boletin-abril

Find the most recent **staff transitions within Mennonite Church USA** at mennoniteusa.org/news/mc-usa-staff-transitions.

Mennonite Mission Network

June is a busy month for DOOR, a Mennonite Mission Network partner. Pray for youth groups as they experience their faith in new ways in urban settings through the Discover program.

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

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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