



## **FMC Weekly - June 6, 2019**

*The weekly newsletter of First Mennonite Church of Denver*

### ***Sunday, June 9***

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

Come early to enjoy pre-service music from Donna Swartzendruber and Mary Alderfer. 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! Judi Nafziger will lead worship, Anita Miller has children's time, and Aimee Voth Siebert 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***

**MYF Guatemala Pre-Trip Learning Session** with Jordan Penner and Jenny Regier

**Sunday Yoditation:** (B2/nursery) Join Jill Schmidt and Ben Gerig for Yoditation- a flowing combination of yoga and guided meditation that centers the mind and body. The session is accessible to all skill levels and will be church clothes friendly. You may still want to wear or bring something comfortable for yoga. This is free!

**Yoga in the Park's first 2019 session is this Sunday.** There will be a lot of extra folks parking in the FMC neighborhood. Allow a few extra minutes on Sunday to find parking and possibly walk a few blocks to church.

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

**You are invited to an MCC Open House with Bruce and Betsy Headrick McCrae on **Saturday, June 22 from 2-4 pm 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 pm 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)**

**Subscribe to The Mennonite!** The Mennonite magazine is a monthly magazine featuring voices from across the Anabaptist-Mennonite world. Through Bible studies, feature articles, columns and more, they host a robust conversation about what it means to be an Anabaptist follower of Christ today. You can join the FMC group subscription to The Mennonite for the annual rate of \$37. Contact Marie by June 21 to subscribe. ([marie.fmcdenver@gmail.com](mailto:marie.fmcdenver@gmail.com) or 303-892-1038)

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**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](mailto: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.

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### **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](mailto: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)

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**Do you have extra bedding in your linen closet?** My niece's nephew Shawn and his wife Karlie Day and their two children recently moved to Westminster from Naples FL. They moved here with very little and are in need of twin mattresses and bedding along with bedding for a queen mattress. If you are able to help, please call Karlie at 239-220-0511. Thank you, Richard Wyse

**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:** Sun, June 9 after the worship service

**Summer Faith Formation Week 2/12: The Fall Stories**

The Fall stories describe sin, a failure to love God and others with the honor they deserve.

In *God's Story, Our Story*, Michele Hershberger says that these four stories show different angles of the human problem of sin:

1. **Adam and Eve** sin by trying to be like God (Genesis 3)
2. **Cain and Able** sin by pursuing violence (Genesis 4: 1-16)
3. **Noah** is called to save the world from human wickedness (Genesis 6:5-9,17)
4. The **Tower of Babel** story describes alienation (Genesis 11:1-9)

Reflection questions for children: What are the rules in your home that you are expected to follow? How do they help you live together with love and peace?

Reflection for adults: Learn more about the concepts of "sin," "transgression" and "inequity" through animated videos in the Bad Word series at The Bible Project. The creators say, "through these words, the biblical authors offer us a deeply profound diagnosis of human behavior." ([thebibleproject.com/explore/bad-word-series/](http://thebibleproject.com/explore/bad-word-series/)).

## ***Caring for Each Other***

**Jerry Weaver is in the hospital this week** after having surgery to remove a tumor on his spine. This particular kind of cancer is quite treatable and responds well to radiation. Jerry should be going home from the hospital soon and will face a difficult recovery. Please keep Jerry in your prayers.

**Follow the Burkholder Family** blog at: [wonderwandertw.wordpress.com](http://wonderwandertw.wordpress.com)

## **Happy Birthday June 6-12**

- 6- Karen Parks
- 6- Camille Nygaard Stauffer
- 7- Ernest Bennett
- 7- Meredith Egli
- 7- Elias Moyer
- 8- Glenda Kauffman
- 8- Diane Polizzotto
- 9- Nancy Gregory
- 9- Brian Nishi
- 9- Dave Sidwell
- 10- Dana Williams Hosman
- 12- Cindy Kraybill

## **Happy Anniversary June 6-12**

- 9- Greta Lindecrantz & Dave Sidwell
- 10- Elizabeth Holdeman & Dan Wessner
- 12- Chris & Rachel Barnes
- 12- Ruth & Tom Friesen

**Attendance June 2:** Adults- 94; Children- 10; Total- 104

## ***Upcoming Sundays***

**June 16- Father's Day**

**Worship:** Glenn Balzer will preach. In Genesis 22:1-14 we uncover a Father's Day story. Through this text we will explore how certainty and guilt shape our faith.

## June 23

**Worship:** Join us as we hear from MCC IVEP participant Moses Simbeye. He will be speaking on "The Church's Missionary Work" using Isaiah 58:6-7 as his text.

## June 30

**Worship:** Jordan Penner will preach, considering the following questions: Why am I always talking about Mennonites to strangers? What does it mean to be a church and faith community? Why is church relevant to our lives today?

## July 7

**Worship:** The MYF will report on their experiences and learnings from their MCC Learning Tour to Guatemala focused on the root causes of migration. We will celebrate Communion.

## *In the Building this Week*

Thurs, 6:30pm- Mindful Yoga (Community Center)  
Sun, 10:45am- Care/Visitation Team meeting (office)  
Mon & Wed, 9:00-11:30am- Direct Assistance Office (Community Center)  
Mon, 7:00pm- Mennonite Society for Musical Heritage meeting (office)  
Tues, 4:00pm- Colorado Circles for Change (B21 & B8)  
Wed, 9:00am- Quilters (Quilt room)  
Wed, 5:00pm- Leadership Board meeting (conference call)  
Wed, 6:00pm- Quilters (Quilt room)

DOOR Group (June 9-15): Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Olathe KS

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

## *Around Denver and Mountain States Mennonite Conference*

**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](mailto:tedlewis76@gmail.com) or 715-205-5945)

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

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**"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](mailto:blindpossum2@yahoo.com)).

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The June 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**

**Step Up, a program that invites youth to be part of the Delegate Assembly, is especially important at MennoCon19** because a vote could make youth full delegates. Meet some of the youth who have participated in Step Up: [mennoniteusa.org/youth-delegates](http://mennoniteusa.org/youth-delegates)

**Youth can still be designated as Step Up participants** for MennoCon19 by having them or their sponsors email [SarahC@MennoniteUSA.org](mailto:SarahC@MennoniteUSA.org). Visit [convention.mennoniteusa.org/step-up-2019](http://convention.mennoniteusa.org/step-up-2019) for more info.

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### **Mennonite Mission Network**

On Tuesday, seven participants in Mennonite Mission Network's Youth Venture program will depart for Japan with leaders Del and Michele Hershberger for three weeks of learning and service. Pray for them as they work alongside Akiko Aratani and Ray Epp at Menno Village, an agricultural initiative of the Hokkaido Mennonite churches.

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### **Mennonite Central Committee**

**MCC urgently seeks host home in Denver:** Esther Lee, a 28 year old from South Korea, will be serving through MCC's International Volunteer Exchange Program (IVEP) beginning in August. She will be working at Women's Bean Project for her one year service term. Curious to learn more? Check out the flier on the Welcome Table or contact Kelly D. Bell at [kellyb@WomensBeanProject.com](mailto:kellyb@WomensBeanProject.com) for details.

**MCC Central States is hiring for a Young Adult Program Coordinator.** This position is available starting on August 5 within the 16-state Central States region. The Young Adult Program Coordinator coordinates and recruits for MCC Central States' young adult programs, including the International Volunteer Exchange Program (IVEP), Summer Service Worker (SSW) program, the Serving and Learning Together (SALT) program, and Seed. This position connects with Central States' young adult alumni, especially using social media, and creates opportunities for young adults from the Central States region to serve and develop leadership skills. The full job description is available at [serve.mcc.org](http://serve.mcc.org). Please contact Heidi Huber at

[heidihuber@mcc.org](mailto:heidihuber@mcc.org) for more information. Application close date: July 5, 2019

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**Mennonite Disaster Service: Save the Date!** The 2020 All-Unit Meeting will be held in Goshen IN from Feb 7-8, 2020 at Maple City Chapel. The [All-Unit Meeting \(AUM\)](#) is MDS' annual meeting in which all units, volunteers, and MDS staff come together to worship, learn, and fellowship. Anyone is welcome to attend.

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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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