



FMC Weekly - June 13, 2019

The weekly newsletter of First Mennonite Church of Denver

Sunday, June 16

9:30am Worship

Come early to enjoy pre-service music from Vicky Mierau. Glenn Balzer will preach. In Genesis 22:1-14 we uncover a Father's Day story. In this text we will explore how certainty and guilt shape our faith. Stephanie Phibbs 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: Outreach Opportunity – Denver Inter City Parish Immigration House

Stephanie Phibbs and Steve Stutzman will present an opportunity for FMC to be involved with development of the DICP Immigration House. The Immigration House will be located at the DICP 910 Galapagos building (one block from our church). The immediate goal of the Immigration House is to aid asylum seekers released from ICE detention outside of Colorado and then transported to Denver. From time to time asylum seekers arrive in Denver and need a staging area that will put them on a path to be united with their sponsors in Colorado or elsewhere in the country. Immigration House will be one of several staging areas in Denver. The purpose of this adult education is to further explain the Immigration House immediate needs and understand the longer-term vision.

No youth education.

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**

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 or 303-892-1038)

FMC Staff Schedules

Pastor Glenn Balzer

June 21-30: travel with the MYF to Guatemala

July 2-6: attend MCUSA convention in Kansas City

Marie Voth

June 21: out of the office

July 4-5: out of the office/office closed

Attendance June 9: Adults- 102; Children- 13; Total- 115

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.

Summer Faith Formation Week 3/12: The Great Family

The first part of Genesis is an account of how everything was created and then what went wrong. In the second half, stories of the Great Family (Genesis 12-45), sometimes called the Patriarchs, we identify Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Rebekah, Jacob, Esau, Leah, Rachel, Joseph and his brothers. This section tells us that God

- 1) is everywhere, not embedded in one place,
- 2) has a plan to save the world,
- 3) wants a relationship with people,
- 4) makes a covenant, or binding contract, with those who trust God, and
- 5) takes the bad things of life and works them into good.

(*The Illustrated Bible Story by Story*, editor-in-chief Father Michael Collins.)

The *Shine On Story Bible* presented to First Mennonite kindergartners has several stories about the Great Family.

Here are the stories we cover (quickly) in the 3rd-5th Grade class

1. Abraham's travels – Genesis 12-13
2. Hagar with Isaac – Genesis 16
3. Sarah laughing and three strangers visit – Genesis 18:1-15
4. Abraham about to sacrifice Isaac – Genesis 22:1-18
5. Isaac's servant finds Rebekah – Genesis 24
6. Isaac gives Jacob Esau's blessing – Genesis 27

7. Jacob's ladder dream – Genesis 28:10-22
8. Jacob meets Leah and Rachel – Genesis 29
9. Jacob wrestles the angel – Genesis 32: 22-32
10. Joseph's coat and dreams – Genesis 37:1-24
11. Joseph being taken from well – Genesis 37:25-36
12. Joseph interprets dreams in jail – Genesis 40
13. Joseph interprets Pharaoh's dreams – Genesis 41:1-36
14. Joseph's cup is found in Benjamin's bag – Genesis 44
15. Joseph and his father and brothers in Egypt – Genesis 46

Reflection for children:

- Tell about someone who asks you for help. How does helping someone make you feel?
- Tell about someone you had a chance to forgive.

Reflection for adults:

- Think about a time when you observed or participated in a group that saw itself as blessed *to the exclusion of others* rather than *for the blessing of others*.
- What are some critical issues in today's world – or in our personal lives – where we might say "It's too late" or "It's impossible"?
- Think about how a conflict or rivalry with a family member, friend, or colleague challenged you to face yourself... and God.
- Respond to the idea that in revenge, we seek to imitate the person who has wronged us, and that in reconciliation, we imitate and reflect God.

Reflections from "We Make the Road By Walking" by Brian McLaren.

Learn more about Genesis and how it sets the stage for the rest of the Bible: thebibleproject.com/explore/genesis-12-50/

Caring for Each Other

Zola Mae Graber Chao was born Fri, June 7 to Sonia Graber and Dan Chao at Rose Hospital. She was 7lbs 5oz and 20 inches long.

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

Happy Birthday June 13-19

- 14- Ernie Kandel
- 14- Clint Schmidt
- 15- Henry Dumbleton
- 16- Cheyenne Chupp
- 17- Mel Birky
- 17- Jonathan Moyer
- 18- Mervin Dick
- 19- Gabriel Baron



19- Ben Gerig
19- Elena Stutzman

Happy Anniversary June 13-19

13- Anne Friesen Birky & Brett Birky
15- Ray & Charlotte Derstine
15- Judi & Ralph Nafziger
15- Lynn & Margaret Williams
17- Glenda & Jeff Kauffman
17- Lois Keener & Jerry Winter

Upcoming Sundays

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.

July 14

Worship: Pastor Glenn Balzer will preach. A man walks up to Jesus and asks him what he must do to inherit eternal life. He wanted to know the rules. Instead of providing a list of regulations, Jesus tells a story about a traveler, some religious people, and a Samaritan. Join us as we explore Luke 10:25-37.

In the Building this Week

Thurs, 6:30pm- Mindful Yoga (Community Center)
Sat, 8:00am-1:00pm- Colorado Circles for Change Restore program (basement)
Mon & Wed, 9:00-11:30am- Direct Assistance Office (Community Center)
Tues, 4:00pm- Colorado Circles for Change (B21 & B8)
Wed, 9:00am- Quilters (Quilt room)
Wed, 6:00pm- Quilters (Quilt room)

DOOR Group (June 16-21): First Presbyterian Church, Bentonville AR

--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 or 715-205-5945)

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

Stay tuned, registration for MSMC Assembly is coming very soon! Save the date for the weekend of Aug 2-4 to be in Boulder. *By the power of the Holy Spirit, Embracing the Impossible!*

Soul Tending Retreat July 14-20 at Ghost Ranch: Ghost Ranch is offering up to ten \$300 discount/scholarships for anyone interested. Contact stephenp@ghostranch.org for this discount.

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

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

Experience God through the beauty around us with a session in *visio divina*, which invites viewers into a slow, careful interaction with the divine through images and other visual forms, from SaeJin Lee on the Menno Snapshots blog: mennoniteusa.org/language-of-the-soul

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 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. Please contact Heidi Huber at heidihuber@mcc.org for more information. Application close date: July 5, 2019

Everence

The future is yours; picture it, share it, save for it! Youth can jump start their savigns during Youth Savings Week, July 8-12! They can earn an extra \$5 when they deposit \$15 in one new or existing account with Everence, a faith-based financial services partner of our church. Its youth savings account is currently at 4% APY for the first \$1,000. Find details at everence.com/youth-savings-week.

Graduating from school? Learn how to get off on the right financial foot so you can become independent, explore new experiences, and still share generously with the world. Follow basic small steps at everence.com/getting-started.

Make Medicare an esy step. Gain confidence and clarity about moving to Medicare with guidance from Everence. Get information about key steps, enrollment, and how to move from yoru employer plans. Visit everence.com/easy-step.

Mennonite Women USA is raffling off four handmade quilts! A ticket purchase of \$20 will buy you a chance for one of four quilts especially made for the MW fundraiser. The drawing will begin at noon on Fri, July 5 at the MCUSA Convention in Kansas City. You do not need to be present to win! The winner of he first drawing will be contacte to choose a quilt and then the second drawing will be held, etc. To learn more about the quilts and to purchase raffle tickets, please visit mennonitewomenusa.org. You may also purchase a ticket directly from Jeni Hiett Umble (jeni.umble@gmail.com) or by calling the MWUSA office (Berni Kaufman at 316.281.4396).

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.

If you no longer wish to receive these emails, please reply to this message with "Unsubscribe" in the subject line or simply click on the following link: [Unsubscribe](#)

First Mennonite Church
430 W 9th Ave
Denver, CO 80204
US

[Read](#) the VerticalResponse marketing policv.

vertical DELIVERED BY
response
Try It Free Today!

[Read](#) the Vertical response marketing policy.