



FMC Weekly - July 11, 2019

The weekly newsletter of First Mennonite Church of Denver

Sunday, July 14

9:30am Worship

Come early to enjoy pre-service music from Arlen Hershberger. 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. Linda Wyse will lead worship, Arlen Hershberger will lead singing, and we will celebrate Del Roth's 80th birthday with a special hymn.

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 Adult Education

This Sunday's Adult Education will be a facilitated interview of the Pastoral Search Committee. Join us to learn more about their impressions of the search process and our final candidate!

No youth education.

Our FMC Community

Pastor Candidate Dates & Info: The Pastoral Search Committee and Leadership Board recommend that FMC call Claudia Aguilar Rubalcava to serve as pastor. You can find the full announcement on the Active Participants page of the FMC website. Please mark your calendars with the following dates:

Fri, July 19 & Sat, July 20: Opportunities to meet Claudia around Denver. Specifics will be announced.

Sun, July 21: Claudia will preach during the worship service and share during adult education. If you are not able to attend, we will make the sermon and presentation available for you to watch online.

Sun, July 28: Congregational vote on Claudia's candidacy. We will allow electronic votes for those not able to be present.

Recordings from Sun, July 7: Want to listen to the worship service led by the MYF or the adult education session hosted by the Leadership Board? You can find both recordings on the Active Participants page of the FMC website.

Delegates Needed! Are you interested in representing FMC as a delegate at the Mountain States Mennonite Conference Annual Assembly? The assembly will be held in Boulder Aug 2-4 (see below for more details). Please contact a Leadership Board Member if you are interested (Angie Birky, Eric Boschmann, Tom Bishop, Jonathan Moyer, Barb Stutzman).

FMC Staff Schedules

Pastor Glenn Balzer

July 22-28: out of the office

Marie Voth

July 26: out of the office

Aug 5-6: out of the office

Attendance July 7: Adults- 111; Children- 13; Total- 124

Sunday School- Summer Faith Formation

No child/youth Sunday School until September.

Week 6/12 – Kings

Every week this summer Anita presents a different section of the Bible storyline. You are encouraged to read these stories directly from the Bible, talk about them with your families, and think about what they mean for us today.

This part of the Bible tells the story of Israel's dramatic transformation from a weak confederacy of twelve often divided and bickering tribes at the end of the dark days of the Judges, to a stable and strong nation. Not only were the remaining Canaanite enclaves captured, but Israel's boundaries were also pushed to their farthest limits and the surrounding nations responded by treating Israel with respect. However, the price of this transition was a move from theocracy to monarchy.

Several significant motifs emerge. One is that, although people may judge others based on attributes such as social class, looks, or stature, God accepts and approves by looking "at the heart" (1 Samuel 16:7), as he did when choosing David – an unpromising youngest child – to be king. Second, God's eternal covenant with David is made clear: his descendants would be on the throne "forever" (2 Samuel 7:16). A third message is that obedience to God leads to God's blessing; disobedience always brings disaster. Any sin can be forgiven, provided it is confessed to God – as David did over his sin with Bathsheba. (*The Illustrated Bible Story by Story*, editor-in-chief Father Michael Collins.)

In the Kings section, we teach children second grade and younger about the ark of the covenant being placed in the temple. The Israelites' experience of God was shifting, from walking with them, nomadic and free while they wandered in the wilderness, to being restricted by God's people when the temple became God's location. Instead of being a God abiding with the people, God was measured out to people in liturgical acts and prayers by an organization of priests. The tendency for the people to think of God as being only in the temple will grow and distort the people's search for the true, living God. (*The Complete Guide to Godly Play, Vol. 2* by Jerome W. Berryman.)

Children third grade and older learn the following stories:

- 1 Samuel 8:4-22 – The people demand a king from Samuel
- 1 Samuel 9-10 – Saul becomes king
- 1 Samuel 13 – Saul doesn't trust God
- 1 Samuel 16:1-13 – David is chosen as the next king
- 1 Samuel 16:14-23 – David soothes Saul with the lyre
- 1 Samuel 17 – David and Goliath
- 1 Samuel 20 – David and Jonathan
- 1 Samuel 23:15-24:22 – David spares Saul's life
- 1 Samuel 31 – Saul's death
- 2 Samuel 6 – David brings the ark to Jerusalem
- 2 Samuel 11 – David and Bathsheba
- 2 Samuel 12 – Nathan condemns David
- 1 Kings 2:10-12 – David dies and Solomon becomes king
- 1 Kings 3:1-15 – Solomon prays for wisdom
- 1 Kings 3:16-28 – Solomon decided which woman is the mother
- 1 Kings 5-8 – Solomon builds the temple
- 1 Kings 12 – The Kingdom splits into Israel and Judah

Reflection for children:

Samuel, Saul, David and Solomon were all chosen by God. What does it feel like to be chosen for an important job?

For adults - Learn more about this section of the Bible with the following videos.

thebibleproject.com/explore/1-samuel/

thebibleproject.com/explore/2-samuel/

thebibleproject.com/explore/1-2-kings

Caring for Each Other

Care Line: 720-345-7722 (call or text)

The Care Line will connect you with a member of the Congregational Care Team. Reach out to request prayer, a visit, or other support. All care is kept confidential. Questions? Contact Marylou Shelly or Glenn Balzer.

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

Happy Birthday July 11-17

- 11- Beyeler Dumbleton
- 11- Robert George
- 11- Heidi Swartzendruber Hine
- 15- Sari Vilen-Bontrager
- 17- Kristin Kraybill-Voth

Happy Anniversary July 11-17

- 11- Kim & Tim Kauffman
- 13- Julia & Ron Weaver

Upcoming Sundays

July 21

Worship: Claudia Aguilar Rubalcava will preach from Acts 2:43-47. After Pentecost, the followers of Jesus make bold decisions about how to live out his teachings. Are we willing to follow Jesus with such boldness?

Adult Education: An opportunity to get to know Claudia more.

July 28

Worship: Zachary Martinez from Sojourn Fort Collins/Greely will preach.

Adult Education: Congregational vote on Claudia Aguilar Rubalcava's candidacy for pastor.

August 4

Worship: Glenn Balzer will preach. Luke 12:13-21 calls us to be a people of generosity, love, and selflessness.

August 11

Worship: Glenn Balzer will preach. It is 2019. Is faith even a thing anymore? If so, what does it mean to be a person of faith? Join us as we look at Hebrews 11:1-3, 29-12:2.

In the Building this Week

Thurs, 6:30pm- Mindful Yoga (Community Center)

Sat, 4:30pm- FMC Babysitting Coop (B2 & Commons)

Mon & Wed, 9:00-11:30am- Direct Assistance Office (Community Center)

Tues, 4:00pm- Colorado Circles for Change (B21 & B8)

Wed, 9:00am- Quilters (Quilting Room)

DOOR Group (July 14-19): Westminster Presbyterian Church, Sioux Falls SD

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

Around Denver and Mountain States Mennonite Conference

MSMC Assembly registration is open! Check out all the details and register on our website: mountainstatesmc.org/assembly-2019/. There will be limited host-home lodging and camping available, so reply soon! Otherwise, hotel options in the area will be posted on our website. Bring the whole family to this wonderful weekend event - meet new MSMC participants and reconnect with others!

Assembly for kids! Hey kids (ages 5-13)- Join us for a fun time on Sat, Aug 3. While your parents attend the adult sessions, we will be having our own fun time without them! In the morning, we'll have a fun arts and crafts time together. In the afternoon, we'll be taking a field trip around Boulder. The activity will either be Gateway Fun Park (Mini golf, arcade games, etc.) or going to Chautauqua Park for a picnic, games, and a light hike. We hope that you'll join us for a fun day! -Lindsey & Asher Fast-

Service project: MCC hygiene kits. Our goal is to assemble 2,000 kits on Saturday morning! Here are the supplies needed for each kit (new items only):

- 1 adult-size toothbrush (in manufacturer's packaging)

- 1 large bar of bath soap (leave in wrapper)
- 1 nail clipper (good quality)
- 1 wide-toothed comb (6-8 in.)
- 1 hand towel (medium weight, dark or bright colors; approx. 16 in. x 24 in.)
- *Thank you for limiting your generosity to the items listed. Due to strict regulations some countries have on the expiration date of toothpaste, MCC no longer asks for toothpaste to be donated with the kits. Instead, we will provide toothpaste with the kits when they ship from our warehouse.*

Please use our [online signup](#) to indicate what items you will contribute. Any extra supplies will be donated directly to the MCC resource center in North Newton, KS. We also appreciate any MCC drawstring bags that you can provide (sewing instructions at mcc.org/get-involved/kits). If you would like to donate money towards items we need to purchase to fill out the kits, please donate online at mountainstatesmc.org/donate. Indicate "Assembly Service Project" in the special instructions field. Contact Jeni Hiatt Umble (jeni.umble@gmail.com) with any questions

EPIC Program Annual Gathering: Please join us for an exciting culmination to the Ecumenical Project for International Cooperation's Inspiring Women's Campaign on Sat, July 20, at the Hub Ned at 80 Big Springs Dr in Nederland, CO at 10:30, followed by a potluck. The program updates will feature a presentation by Soila Luna Pineda, general coordinator of our partner, Fundación Sergio Mendez Arceo, in Cuernavaca, Mexico, whose life calling has been work for social justice in Mexico. She will also be speaking in Boulder, Ft. Collins, and Greeley (5:00 at Sojourn Greeley) on Sun, July 21, and at Boulder Mennonite Church at 7:00 Mon evening, July 22, on "The Roots of the Migration Crisis. Why are People Coming North?" For more information contact Executive Director Barry Bartel at 303-503-7886 or BarryBartel@EPICProjects.org.

Building for BCV Expansion has started! CVC's project includes building eight more tiny homes for the expansion of Beloved's Community Village. We will be building panels for the homes this week, and would love if you could participate! Our days of work include Wednesday-Saturday from 9:30am-5pm. This will be at the village (4400 N Pearl St). We estimate this build to continue throughout July and August. There are many ways you may participate in this such as construction (does not necessarily involve heavy lifting), supplying food and water, and getting the word out to friends who might be of interest. If you are wanting to find a time/times to volunteer or have any further thoughts or questions, please reach out! (coloradvillagecollaborative.org)

Petition to help workers- IT'S ABOUT TIME! My work, Towards Justice, is petitioning improve CO regulations to expand minimum wage, overtime, and workday break protections to approximately 400,000(!) more workers in our state. Can you help FMC? We need people to comment at the links below AND we need help connecting with workers who may be interested in commenting. At the 2 links below you'll find an explanation of the issues - including 2 short videos! - and just 5 questions to answer. We also have a nonprofit petition (link 3!)

1. Workers in construction, agriculture, or other industries that do not benefit from the protections of the Colorado Minimum Wage Order at all, should use this comment portal [HERE](http://protectworkersco.paperform.co/) to explain why they deserve protection: protectworkersco.paperform.co/
2. Salaried workers earning less than \$62,400 who work more than 40 hours per week or more than 12 hours per day without earning overtime pay should use this comment portal to explain why they deserve overtime pay when they put in overtime hours: otcolorado.paperform.co/
3. Know nonprofit workers? Send them this link to our petition: actionnetwork.org/petitions/strengthen-colorado-workers-rights/ (We'd also love their comments.)

Can you help me share this info!? Deb Schaffer deb@towardsjustice.org for questions.

The July 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.

FMC Denver seeks a part time Facility Manager. Position includes building and property maintenance, security, and janitorial duties. Requires living in on-site apartment and ability to work flexible hours. Visit www.fmcdenver.org/employment for more information and to apply.

EPIC Seeks Bookkeeper: The Ecumenical Project for International Cooperation based in Colorado seeks a part-time (5-10 hours per week) bookkeeper familiar with QuickBooks to record donations and other data, process payroll, and prepare reports in conjunction with the Executive Director. Familiarity with non-profit accounting and a commitment to the mission of EPIC are important. See www.epicprojects.org. Please submit a resume, references, and letter of interest. For more information and a job description, or to suggest another candidate, please contact Executive Director Barry Bartel at 303-503-7886 or BarryBartel@EPICProjects.org.

Mennonite Church USA and Beyond

Mennonite Church USA

"The presence of Christ's peace in a world where violence seems to be winning — this is our work." Read reflections from Sue Park-Hur, MC USA denominational minister for Leadership Development, on being present and proclaiming the gift of peace: <http://mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/peace-be-with-you/>

You're invited to donate to the projects for the special offering at convention, even from a distance!

Read about the initiative for Peace Church Planting and the Peace Academic Center (formerly Hopi Mission School) and find ways to support these ministries of MC USA at mennoniteusa.org/news/convention-offerings-at-mennocon19.

Mennonite Central Committee is now collecting Immigration detainee care kits. Please visit mcc.org/immigrationkit for all the details of what goes into the kit and how the kits will be distributed. It is one small way we can share Christ's love with our neighbors.

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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