



FMC Weekly - July 18, 2019

The weekly newsletter of First Mennonite Church of Denver

Sunday, July 21

8:15am Potluck Breakfast

Bring a dish to share and join in causal conversation with other congregants and Claudia and Doug.

9:30am Worship

Come early to enjoy pre-service music from Sonia Graber. 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? Anne Gerber will lead worship, Charlie Ferguson will lead singing, and Glenda Kauffman has children's time.

After worship in the Community Center

◆ Join us for refreshments and support our youth

10:30am JYF & MYF

Claudia will meet with the JYF & MYF in the sanctuary for an informal conversation and introduction.

10:45am Adult Education

Question and answer session with Claudia (and Doug) in the sanctuary.

Childcare will be available in the basement from 9:30am to noon.

No youth education.

Yoga Rocks the Park will be in Sunken Gardens Park 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

Pastor Candidate Weekend: Below are the events for Claudia Aguilar Rubalcava's pastor candidate weekend at FMC. Please take the opportunity to attend at least one of these events, and connect with Claudia and her husband Doug to get to know them better!

Fri, July 19, 6-8:30pm: [Mango House](#) (10180 E Colfax Ave). Gather, mingle, and grab food between 6-7pm and at 7pm the conversation will get started with Claudia and Doug. No RSVP needed.

Sat, July 20, 9:30-11:30am: **Roberta & Ernie Kandel's home.** Join for light refreshments, coffee, and conversation with Claudia and Doug. **If you plan to join, please RSVP to Angie** (angie.birky@gmail.com) by Friday afternoon.

Sat, July 20, 4-6pm: **Carol & Dave Harguth's home.** Join for light refreshments and conversation with Claudia and Doug. **If you plan to join, please RSVP to Angie** (angie.birky@gmail.com) by Friday afternoon.

Sun, July 21: See full schedule above. Video and audio recording of Claudia's sermon will be available on the FMC website early next week.

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

Delegates Needed! Are you interested in representing FMC as a delegate at the Mountain States Mennonite Conference Annual Assembly? The delegate session will be the morning of Sat, Aug 3 at Boulder Mennonite Church. See the MSMC information below for full assembly details. Please contact a Leadership Board Member if you are interested (Angie Birky, Eric Boschmann, Tom Bishop, Jonathan Moyer, Barb Stutzman).

Cassie Voth will join Mennonite Voluntary Service in Washington D.C. in August!

Hello! My name is Cassie Voth and I grew up in the FMC congregation and I recently graduated from Bethel College. I have accepted a Mennonite Voluntary Service placement in Washington D.C. During the next year, I will be working to help ensure that patients at a federally qualified health center in D.C. are able to access the medication and additional services that their health provider deems necessary (www.communityofhopedc.org). I am very excited about the opportunity to serve and learn in the D.C. area. Your prayers, encouragement, and financial support over the next year are all needed. If you would like to donate you can do so through the following link: <http://igfn.us/vf/VothC>. I would be happy to talk with you more about my plans and I would love to hear from you over the course of the next year. If you are interested in contacting me feel free to email me at cassandravoth@gmail.com. Thank you!

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 14: Adults- 88; Children- 3; Total- 91

Sunday School- Summer Faith Formation

No child/youth Sunday School until September.

Week 7/12 – Prophets

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 is how we explain prophets to the 3rd-5th grade kids:

- There are many people in the Bible who served as prophets.
- Prophets are like alarm clocks - they try to wake people up to what is going on around them and tell people to get ready for God in their lives. And, just like alarm clocks, many people did not like hearing the prophets.
- The Prophets were the ones who kept up the relationship with God and were God's spokespeople (there were female prophets).
- Prophets were more than doom and gloom fortune-tellers. Prophets tried to get the leaders and people back to really living out God's love for each other, not just going through the motions at the Temple.
- Mennonites have particular interest in the example of the prophets because of their willingness to speak to social justice issues and stand up to the establishment when necessary.

In Sunday School we focus on the stories of Elijah, Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel.

1 Kings 18:16-46 – Elijah and Baal's Prophets

Isaiah 6: 1-8 – Isaiah is Called

Jeremiah 1 – Jeremiah is Called

Ezekiel 37: 1-14 – Ezekiel in the Valley of Dry Bones

Reflection for children:

- How do you feel when someone tells you something you don't want to hear?
- Can you identify who is a 'modern day' prophet?

Reflection and resources for adults:

- How do you respond to the Bible as a library full of difference of opinion, yet carrying on an essential conversation about what it means to be alive? Which set of voices do you identify with most – priests, prophets, poets, sages, or storytellers? (from "We Make the Road by Walking," by Brian McLaren)
- A goofy video, but it describes the timeline of prophets and why they arose in a particular cultural situation: whatsinthebible.com/video-archive/prophet-timeline/
- This is a worksheet of the prophets timeline described above: whatsinthebible.com/activity-library/prophet-timeline/
- The Bible Project video about Isaiah: thebibleproject.com/explore/isaiah/
- The Bible Project video about Jeremiah: thebibleproject.com/explore/jeremiah/
- The Bible Project video about Ezekiel: thebibleproject.com/explore/ezekiel/

Caring for Each Other

Greetings from Sarah (Sally) Newcomer: I am receiving good care at Hover Senior Community. My daughters are my saviors for medical care. I hope you all have a gracious summer.

--Sarah Newcomer

Jane Dick fell and broke her hip in early July. She had surgery and is recovering at home with help from her daughter. This injury and recovery presents some additional challenges since Jane is the primary caregiver for Merv, who is diagnosed with Alzheimer's. They welcome cards, prayer, and visits (please call ahead before visiting).

Jim Parks is improving since his two shoulder surgeries. He continues with physical therapy.

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 18-24

18- Del Roth

19- Noah Polizzotto

21- Randy Friesen

21- Mark Longacher

22- Julia RM Boschmann

23- Andrew Wahl

Happy Anniversary July 18-24

21- Eric Lantz & Erin Wentorf

22- Susan & Thomas Falk

24- Bev & Sam Snyder

Upcoming Sundays

July 28

Worship: Zachary Martinez from Sojourn Fort Collins/Greeley will preach. In 2017, the Washington Post reported that, given declining trends in church attendance, the mainline Protestant Church has 23 years until its attendance is effectively zero. How does the Church confront this information with hope? Is it possible that hope doesn't mean everything turns out "okay"?

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.

August 18

Worship: Naomi Nishi will preach.

In the Building this Week

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

Thurs, 6:30pm- SOAR Board Meeting (B21)

Sat, 8am-1pm- Colorado Circles for Change Restore program (Commons, B2, B21)

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

Mon, 5:30pm- Denver Children's Choir rehearsal (Community Center)

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

DOOR Groups (July 21-26): Holmeswood Baptist Church, Kansas City MO and St Peters UCC, Elmhurst IL

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

Around Denver and Mountain States Mennonite Conference

MSMC Assembly: Aug 2-4 in Boulder

Registration is still open for the upcoming Annual Assembly, to be held at Boulder Mennonite Church, August 2-4. Come join the fun! We have added a lot of details online, where you can register: mountainstatesmc.org/assembly-2019/.

We have childcare available all weekend! There will be fun activities for older kids Saturday morning and afternoon. Assembly is a family event!

Assembly begins with a concert Friday night. What a fun, social way to start the weekend! The concert starts at 7:30 and all are welcome, bring your friends!

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! (coloradovillagecollaborative.org)

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.

Do you have extra landscaping materials? I am finishing up a backyard project and I don't have enough materials. I am looking for any flagstone, or pavers that you may have lying around that you don't need anymore. I am happy to pick them up. Thank you. ~Ivanna Johnson

Mennonite Church USA and Beyond

Mennonite Church USA

Mennonite Church USA is currently seeking to hire two Communications positions, Communications Production Coordinator and Multimedia News Editor. Find the job descriptions and contact information at mennoniteusa.org/who-we-are/employment.

The third and final *Voices Together* sampler includes some revisions of familiar songs and new items spanning many styles, geographic locations and historical eras. It appears in the Spring 2019 issue of Leader Magazine, available from MennoMedia. Read about the included songs: mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/voices-together-summer-sampler.

Are you looking for a summer sewing project? Mennonite Central Committee is running low on school kit bags! You can review the guidelines and instructions at mcc.org/get-involved/kits/bag. Please contact Kate Mast at katemast@mcc.org or 316-283-2720 with any questions

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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