



## **FMC Weekly - Aug 1, 2019**

*The weekly newsletter of First Mennonite Church of Denver*

### ***Sunday, Aug 4***

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

Come early to enjoy pre-service music from Andi Gingerich. Pastor Glenn Balzer will preach. Our text, Luke 12:13-21, calls us to be a people of generosity, love, and selflessness. Eli Longacher and Jordan Penner will lead worship, Glenn 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 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!

**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***

**Pastoral candidacy vote:** It is with great pleasure that we announce that the **congregational vote results were overwhelmingly in support of affirming Claudia for the role of Pastor at FMC.** We have asked Claudia to serve as our Pastor and she has enthusiastically accepted the position!

After we finalize details of the position and a start date we will communicate those to you.

This marks an important step in the growth of our congregation. We have been thankful for the thoughts, prayers, and feedback received from many of you as we have moved through this long and complicated process. We also want to thank the Search Committee for their hard work, time, and dedication in identifying the right candidate.

Thank you, the Leadership Board

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## Cassie Voth will join Mennonite Voluntary Service in Washington DC in Aug!

Hello! My name is Cassie Voth. I grew up in the FMC congregation and recently graduated from Bethel College. I have accepted a MVS placement in Washington DC. During the next year, I will be working to help ensure that patients at a federally qualified health center in DC are able to access the medication and additional services that their health provider deems necessary ([www.communityofhopedc.org](http://www.communityofhopedc.org)). I am very excited about the opportunity to serve and learn in the DC area. Your prayers, encouragement, and financial support over the next year are all needed. If you would like to donate you can do so at this 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 [cassandradvoth@gmail.com](mailto:cassandradvoth@gmail.com). Thank you!

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## Local and Global Giving Projects- School Supply Collections

This coming year the Sunday School kids and families will be trying something new- collecting needed material goods for local and global communities! We will be expanding our support for MCC school and hygiene kits by collecting and donating similar items to metro area organizations.

Our fall project will be collecting supplies for Denver metro area schools and putting together MCC School Kits. You can drop off any of the following materials to the box in the church office. If you'd like to help make school kit bags or transport donations, please contact Anita Miller. If you'd like to donate funds toward these drives and let our youth do the shopping, please submit a check made out to FMC with "school supplies" in the memo line.

Metro Area School Supplies	<a href="#">MCC School Kits</a>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● lined paper</li><li>● markers</li><li>● glue sticks</li><li>● scissors</li><li>● backpacks</li><li>● used crayons</li><li>● dry erase markers</li><li>● post-it notes</li><li>● highlighters</li><li>● tissues</li><li>● paper towels</li><li>● gently used books for infants to young adults</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● spiral or perforated-pages notebooks (<i>70 pages</i>)</li><li>● new unsharpened pencils</li><li>● rulers (<i>flat, good quality, must indicate 30 cm</i>)</li><li>● 12 colored pencils (<i>in packaging</i>)</li><li>● large erasers</li><li>● new black or blue ballpoint pens</li></ul>

**We also need bags to be sewn for the MCC School Kits.** You can find the [directions online](#).

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## Save the Dates!

Sun, Aug 11: Get-together for families with kids 3rd grade & yonger, contact Anita Miller for more details

Sun, Sept 8: Sunday School Opening Day & Party

Sun, Sept 15: Sunday School Service Day

Sept 20-22: Great Get-Away at RMMC

Sun, Oct 6: Group event for mentor/mentee pairs

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## FMC Staff Schedules

**Pastor Glenn Balzer**

Aug 12-20: out of the office

**Marie Voth**

Aug 5: out of the office

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**Attendance July 28:** Adults- 100; Children- 18; Total- 118

## **Sunday School- Summer Faith Formation**

**No child/youth Sunday School until September.**

### **Week 10/12 – Jesus' Life and Ministry**

*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.*

In *We Make the World by Walking*, Brian McLaren writes: "In the Old Testament we explore what it means to be alive in the story of creation... a story that includes crisis, calling, captivity, conquest, and conversation [between God and humans]. In the New Testament we explore what it means to be alive in the adventure of Jesus." What an exciting way to imagine our relationship with Jesus! We are all engaged in a life-long journey of trying to understand who Jesus is, what his lessons mean, and how we will follow his example.

While there is no way to sum up the impact of Jesus' life and ministry, these, along with the Advent story, are the lessons we teach the kids, 5th grade and younger:

- John Baptizes Jesus – Matt. 3
- Jesus is Tempted – Luke 4
- Jesus Calls Disciples – Matt. 4 & 9
- Sermon on the Mount: The Beatitudes – Matt. 5
- Jesus Feeds the 5,000 – Matt. 14, Mark 6, Luke 9, John 6
- Jesus Heals – Matt. 8, John 9
- Jesus the Good Shepherd – John 10:1-18
- Jesus' Parables of the Lost Being Found – Matt. [18](#), Luke [15](#)
- A Series on Easter

Other stories of Jesus' life include:

Jesus Studying at the Temple – Luke 2:41-52

Jesus & the Wedding at Cana – John 2:1-11

Jesus & the Samaritan Woman – John 4:1-42

The Man Who Came Through the Roof – Mark 2:1-12

Jesus Walks on Water – Mark 6:45-52

The Transfiguration – Matt. 17:1-9; Mark 9:2-9; Luke 9:28-36

Mary & Martha – Luke 10:38-42

Jesus Blesses the Children – Mark 10:13-16

Jesus Raises Lazarus – John 11:1-44

Mary Anoints Jesus – John 12:1-19

Jesus in the Temple – Matt. 21:12-13; Mark 11:15-18; Luke 19:45-48

Jesus Refuses to Cast Stones – John 7:53-8:11

Other stories of Jesus' parables and teaching include:

Jesus Brings Good News – Luke 4: 14-30

Give, Pray, Fast – Matt. 6:1-18

Don't Worry – Matt. 6:25-34

The Sower & the Seed – Mark 4:1-20

The Mustard Seed & Yeast – Luke 13:18-21

Come to the Banquet – Luke 14:1-24

The Rich Man – Mark 10:17-31

Love Your Neighbor – Mark 12:28-34

The Widow's Offering – Mark 12:41-44

Caring for Those In Need – Matt. 25:31-46

The Vine & the Branches – John 15:1-17

All these stories can be found in *Shine On: A Story Bible* that First Mennonite gives to our children when they begin kindergarten. There are many Explore, Reflect, and Wondering prompts in that resource.

Reflection for adults:

- Try to articulate what Jesus means to you: [thirdway.com/love-jesus/who-is-jesus-to-you-2/](http://thirdway.com/love-jesus/who-is-jesus-to-you-2/)
- Think about how where we put Jesus in the context of our work for social justice: [themennonite.org/following-jesus/](http://themennonite.org/following-jesus/)
- As followers of Jesus, what message can we carry to other Americans?: [www.barna.com/research/what-do-americans-believe-about-jesus-5-popular-beliefs/](http://www.barna.com/research/what-do-americans-believe-about-jesus-5-popular-beliefs/)
- In describing an Anabaptist Christian, Mennonite Mission Network says that one of our three core values is that Jesus is at the center of our faith. Do you agree?: [assets.mennonites.org/Downloads/DL.MissioDei18.E.pdf](http://assets.mennonites.org/Downloads/DL.MissioDei18.E.pdf)

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

Dear FMC family:

Thank you for the wall hanging! We are excited to bring this along with us to our first post to Rabat, Morocco. We also want to say thank you for all the friendship and support during our time in Denver. A faith-based community of support like FMC really hit at a core need we had while in Colorado. Even though we have left the country, we still have a need for a community like FMC. Please keep us in your prayers, keep us on the email chain and above all, let us know if any of you are ever in Morocco! We would love to stay in touch with you all.

You can follow our lives in the Foreign Service at: [www.NormalAmericanLife.com](http://www.NormalAmericanLife.com)

Grace and Peace, Brad Miller & Jessica Yoder

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**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](http://wonderwandertw.wordpress.com)

## Happy Birthday Aug 1-7

- 2- Elizabeth Holdeman
- 3- Sarah Winter
- 4- Keith Nofziger
- 6- Nick Falk
- 7- Gina KandeLind
- 7- Rita Sommers

## Happy Anniversary Aug 1-7

- 2- Ernest & Millie Bennett
- 3- David & Karen Ammar
- 3- Dawn & Mike Voth
- 4- Mary Helen & Randy Friesen
- 4- Arlen & Lola Hershberger
- 6- Jane & Mel Birky
- 6- Joseph Fretz & Ann Forese-Fretz
- 7- Angela & Keith Nofziger
- 7- Del & Sharon Preheim

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## Farewell from Moses S:

Dear Brethren,

As a result of my inability to stand before everyone of you and share my goodbyes in a reasonable manner as anyone could have done, I carried a sense of guilt with me. When my feet had the first feel of the Zambian soil, I could still get a reverberation of guilt from time-to-time. My heart is filled with joy and happiness to get to share my appreciation through this letter.

Today as I sit to reflect of the profound love you generously shared with me under my home's mango tree, under which I can hardly escape the intensive scorching sun which somewhat seems concentrated only in the southern hemisphere, but, that's what sporadically instigate an impression of being home. And as I begin to build a whole new company of friendship/relationships within an already existing company, I cannot express my gratitude enough for the respect, love, knowledge, and honor you showed.

The growth my life is progressing right now is as a result of the role each one of you played. I have learnt many things from all of you. You've demonstrated what Christian call to nonviolence looks like; you've shown what serving compassionately is; you've taught me what hospitality is like; you've proven what a home should be like and above all, you've proven that indeed you live according to the guiding principles of God's gospel and that of Mennonite life as a whole. Thank you for sharing your homes, your time, plus your knowledge with me, as well as caring and loving me by who I am. I will miss every one of you! Bye, your distant friend, Moses!

## *Upcoming Sundays*

### **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's mediation will discuss the missing voices of women from the church, historically and currently. She will explore the barriers we all face in listening to and learning from women, and offer spiritual lessons shared by women in our community. Join us as we consider Ruth 1:16-17.

## **August 25**

**Worship:** Glenn Balzer will preach. Faithful service may necessitate acts of (dis)obedience in inconvenient settings! Luke 13:10-17 is one interesting example. We will celebrate communion.

**Adult education:** Congregational meeting led by the Leadership Board

## **September 1**

**Worship:** Glenn Balzer will preach. Have you ever experienced an uncomfortable moment or situation? Maybe it happened at a dinner party for all your friends and co-workers to see. This week we will find out how Jesus managed to create his own awkward moment in Luke 14:1, 7-14.

## ***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)

DOOR Group (Aug 4-9): First Christian Church, Platte City MO

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

## ***Around Denver and Mountain States Mennonite Conference***

### **MSMC Assembly: Aug 2-4 at Boulder Mennonite Church**

Come join the fun! Check out the details online: [mountainstatesmc.org/assembly-2019/](http://mountainstatesmc.org/assembly-2019/).

**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!

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The July 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](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**

**At MennoCon19, delegates approved the addition of youth delegates and passed the Churchwide**

**Statement on the Abuse of Child Migrants resolution.** Catch up on our compiled MennoCon19 news, photos and highlights at [mennoniteusa.org/kcsauce](http://mennoniteusa.org/kcsauce).

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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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