



FMC Weekly - Aug 22, 2019

The weekly newsletter of First Mennonite Church of Denver

Sunday, Aug 25

9:20am Pre-Service Music

Come early to enjoy pre-service music from Vicky Mierau and Faye Yoder. They will be playing piano arrangements based on Baroque pieces.

9:30am Worship

Faithful service may necessitate acts of (dis)obedience in inconvenient settings! Luke 13:10-17 is one interesting example. We will celebrate communion. Jenae Stutzman will be recognized for receiving a scholarship from Everence. Darren Knowles will lead worship, Anita Miller 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
- ◆ Help celebrate Jenae's scholarship achievement with a special reception

10:45am Adult Education

The annual FMC Congregational meeting will be led by the Leadership Board. Agenda items will include: affirming new board members, board annual report, Pastor Glenn's annual report and PowerPoint, setting an agenda for the year ahead, and a brief update on the budget process.

To prepare for the congregational meeting, you can visit the [Active Participants](#) page to preview the annual reports from Pastor Glenn and the board.

No youth education.

Great Getaway

The Great Getaway Weekend is coming up! Please join us **Sept 20-22** at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp for a weekend full of fun and fellowship! Registration will be completed online this year at this link (rmmc.campbrainregistration.com) until Sept 9. Rachel is available after church to help you pick out lodging. [Click here for more info about the weekend and registration.](#) Please contact Rachel with any questions:

rcbarnes33@msn.com or 720-231-6657

Our FMC Community

Memorial Service for Sarah (Sally) Newcomer will be held at FMC on Sun, Aug 25 at 2pm. All are invited.

If you are interested in helping with the reception after Sarah Newcomer's service on Sunday, please contact Angie Nofziger at 303-478-3740 or ankenof@msn.com. You could help with preparation work at 1pm or with serving or cleaning after the reception. Thank You.

Walking the Watershed Way: I am considering attending some or all of this gathering (see below) and wondering if anyone else from FMC is interested as well. It would be great to do this with a small group from our community! Contact me at jemcanuck@gmail.com or 303-815-2104 - Thanks, Jennifer Miller

Join with allies in NM and CO to delve more deeply into creation care and environmental justice through the framework of Walking the Watershed Way- Sept 27-29 in Alamosa CO.

Registration & more information: see the [MSMC website](#) or the [August/September Zing](#)

Working against violence

Our Moms group will be supporting **GRASP (Gang Rescue and Support Project)** and marching in the Eastside Peace March on Sat, Aug 24 at 11am. Please come join us. RSVP and find more information with this link: every.tw/2xVWNc2

If you have questions, please contact Rachel Barnes: rcbarnes33@msn.com

Thursday morning coffee on the west side will now meet at Kyla's Koffee, part of the Co-Op at 1st (5054 W 1st Ave).

Local and Global Giving Projects- School Supply Collections

This coming year the Sunday School kids and families will be trying something new- collecting needed items for local and global communities!

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

Bring supplies by Sun, Sept 15.

Metro Area School Supplies	MCC School Kits
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● lined paper● markers● glue sticks● scissors	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● spiral or perforated-pages notebooks (<i>70 pages</i>)● new unsharpened pencils● rulers (<i>flat, good quality, must indicate 30 cm</i>)● 12 colored pencils (<i>in packaging</i>)

- backpacks
- used crayons
- dry erase markers
- post-it notes
- highlighters
- tissues
- paper towels
- gently used books for infants to young adults

- large erasers
- new black or blue ballpoint pens

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

Facility Manager hired! We are happy to announce that **Paul N Johnson** will be FMC's new Facility Manager. He will move in to the church apartment next week and begin his duties after Labor Day. As FMC's Facility Manager, Paul will be responsible for building maintenance, property appearance and safety, security, cleaning, and helping to host meeting and events. Help welcome Paul to the FMC Community as you meet him in the next few weeks!

Attendance Aug 18: Adults- 78; Children- 7; Total- 85

Sunday School- Summer Faith Formation

Child and Youth Faith Formation

I hope the beginning of a new school year is going well for all our children – kindergarten through high school! We are busy preparing classrooms, lessons and extra activities before our program year begins on September 8. I'm very excited to report that we have filled all the slots for our younger kids' Sunday School classes:

2- and 3-year old class – Susan Falk and Roberta Kandel

PreK Class (4-Year olds) – Amy Conrad, Glenda Kauffman and Doug Reed

Kindergarten – 2nd Grade Class – Ligia Gibson, Lisa Longacher and Linda Miller

Venture Club Class – Darcey VanWagner and Dawn Voth

Please encourage and thank these wonderful teachers the next time you see them!

Everyone is invited to help our Nursery and Sunday School programs this year! We have fewer young families in the last few years and traditionally they've been asked to staff the nursery and help in Sunday School classes. I'd like to give these parents more opportunity to be involved in broader aspects of congregational life. I will be seeking more volunteer help from all members of the congregation. If everyone pitched in just one Sunday a year we'd be well covered. **If you are interested in being a nursery or classroom helper, please let me know.** Thanks - Anita Miller

Save the Dates!

Sun, Sept 8: Sunday School Opening Day & Party

Sun, Sept 15: Sunday School Service Day

Sun, Sept 29- First day of Sunday School classes

Sun, Oct 13: Group event for mentor/mentee pairs

Caring for Each Other

Thank you: We wish to express our most sincere appreciation for your support for us during these last 2 months. Your prayers, thoughts, phone calls, cards, visits, and lunches to us have been a great encouragement and support to us. The fractured hip is slowly healing and the Alzheimers disease continues to progress so your continued interest and prayers mean so much to us. Hope to be back with you in the near future. With appreciation and love, **Mervin and Jane Dick**

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.

Happy Birthday Aug 22-28

25- Rachel Toews

26- Gina O'Brian

28- Liz Miller

Happy Anniversary Aug 22-28

23- Glenn & Rita Balzer

23- Joe Fretz & Maxine Martin

24- Andi & Emily Gingerich

27- Leon & Marla Graber

Upcoming Sundays

Sept 1

Worship: 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.

Sept 8

Worship: We will celebrate the start of the Sunday School year by recognizing students entering kindergarten and high school.

Adult Education: The Finance Committee will facilitate a discussion about pledging at FMC.

Sept 15

Worship: Pastor Glenn will preach.

Adult Education: Outreach grant recipient Bending Bamboo will give an update on their work and plans for the upcoming trip to Vietnam in January 2020. Come hear from Elizabeth Holdeman and Dan Wessner.

Sept 22- Getaway Weekend

Worship: One service, two locations. Pastor Glenn will preach.

In the Building this Week

Thurs, 6:30pm- Mindful Yoga (Commons)

Sun, 2pm- Sarah Newcomer Memorial Service and Reception

Sun, 6pm- Interculturality Event (Commons)

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

Mon, 5:30pm- Denver Children's Choir rehearsals (whole building)

Tues, 4pm- Colorado Circles for Change (B21 & Commons)

Tues, 6:30pm- Safonia Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

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

Around Denver and Mountain States Mennonite Conference

Thanks to all who volunteered in many ways to make our Assembly at BMC a wonderful event: the planning committee, conference staff, Boulder Mennonite hosting, session leaders, worship participants, those who spent hours with our children, the Hmong for lunch and many more. Thanks also to everyone for participating – our conference is more vibrant thanks to your involvement.

Service Project for Annual Assembly: Volunteers assembled 174 complete hygiene kits for Mennonite Central Committee and another 84 kits were missing just one or two items. All have been transported to North Newton! Thanks for your participation.

Coming... In September look for our special Post-Assembly Zinglet! If you have photos or reflections to share for possibly inclusion, please submit to administrator@mountainstatesmc.org by Friday, August 30. Deadline for submissions for the October Zing! is Monday, September 30.

The Aug/Sept 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.

Peace Mennonite is selling **Western Slope peaches** as a fundraiser. An 18lbs box is \$36. Contact Barb Swartzendruber by Aug 24 to order (303-344-1731).

Mennonite Church USA and Beyond

Mennonite Church USA

"Your donations should be and must be used to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ, bring peace to our communities and facilitate the transforming work of the Holy Spirit." Executive Director Glen Guyton reflects on money matters within MC USA: mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/money-matters-mc-usa.

Makes plans to attend **the fall webinar series from MC USA for pastors and congregational leaders, Putting Jesus on the Ballot: Anabaptism and American Politics**, led by Scott Peterson, leadership pastor at Trinity Mennonite Church in Glendale, Arizona. It begins on Tuesday, Sept. 17. Learn more and register at thegatheringplace.us.

Mennonite Central Committee

Get involved with something BIG – record breaking BIG! MCC is celebrating our 100th anniversary and attempting to collect 6500 comforters to deliver to people in need all around the world. Get

involved by tying a comforter on Jan 18, 2020 (mark your calendars now!). We are looking for people to host a comforter tying event in their community. Contact Kate Mast at 316.283.2720 or katemast@mcc.org for details, supplies and resources. It's more than a warm blanket – it's a message of love and compassion.

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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