



FMC Weekly - Aug 29, 2019

The weekly newsletter of First Mennonite Church of Denver

Sunday, Sept 1

9:30am 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. Ardell Swartzendruber will lead worship, Jennifer Miller has children's time, and Sonia Graber 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

No youth or adult 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

Young Adult Service Years: Four FMC young adults are taking this year to serve around the country and the world! A service year can be a life-changing experience, full of both unexpected challenges and joys. You can support these young adults on their journeys through cards/notes/emails, prayer, and by making space for them to share when they are back in the area. Some have also been asked to raise money to support their year; you can give at the links below.

Elsa Kaczor Lantz, daughter of Dawn Kaczor & Steven Lantz

Serving in Hanoi, Vietnam through the [MCC SALT](#) program. Elsa is editing manuscripts at Gioi Publishing House.

Donate to support Elsa here: donate.mcc.org/registry/elsa-lantz

Andrew Longacher, son of Lisa & Mark Longacher

Serving with Mennonite partners in Nanchong, China by teaching English at a university.

Emma Schrock, daughter of Brad & Katrina Schrock

Serving with a Catholic Volunteer Network program in Chicago. Emma is working at [Misericordia](#) which serves adults with mental and physical disabilities.

Cassie Voth, daughter of Dawn & Mike Voth

Serving in Washington DC through [Mennonite Voluntary Service](#). Cassie is working at [Community of Hope](#), helping to ensure that patients are able to access the medication and services that their health provider deems necessary.

Donate to support Cassie here: <http://igfn.us/vf/VothC>

New Horizons Group: Sun, Sept 15, following Adult Education

Plan to join us for a train ride and lunch! After Adult Education we will make our way to the 10th & Osage Light Rail Station and take the train to Union Station for lunch. After lunch we will board the A Line to Denver International Airport and return by train to 10th & Osage.

This is an opportunity to experience Denver's Light Rail system with FMC friends and Pastor Glenn. You should budget about \$25-30 per person, to cover the all-day train pass (\$5.25/person) and lunch.

As always, we are committed to ensuring that transportation is not an issue for anyone who wants to attend. We will arrange for transportation to and from FMC and the 10th & Osage station. If you have additional transportation needs, please reach out to Rick (303-757-4234) or Jan (303-880-9117).

Finally, if you have any comments, questions, or concerns, please reach out to anyone on the New Horizons team – Jan Griffin, Rick Rogers, Barb Wiens, or Pastor Glenn.

Local and Global Giving Projects- School Supply Collections

The fall Sunday School 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 |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">● lined paper● markers● glue sticks● scissors● backpacks● used crayons | <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>)● large erasers● new black or blue ballpoint pens |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">● dry erase markers● post-it notes● highlighters● tissues● paper towels● gently used books for infants to young adults | |
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We also need bags to be sewn for the MCC School Kits. You can find the [directions online](#).

Welcome the new Facility Manager! Paul N Johnson will be FMC's new Facility Manager. He moved in to the church apartment this week and will 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 meetings and events. Help welcome Paul to the FMC Community as you meet him in the next few weeks!

Attendance Aug 25: Adults- 111; Children- 9; Total- 120

Sunday School- Summer Faith Formation

Child and Youth Faith Formation

As we settle back into school and work routines, I found this article from the Anabaptist Faith Formation website helpful: [Four Keys to Nurturing Faith in the Family](#)

It suggests four ways to nurture faith in the family:

1. Caring conversations
2. Family devotions
3. Family service
4. Family rituals and traditions

Each week, I will post suggestions that relate to one of the areas above. My hope is that each of us find new meaningful ways to live out our faith every day.

Service for children to do this week:

With your parents' help, purchase and donate something for the school supply drive.

Service for adults to do this week:

Support and get to know the kids and young families of our congregation. Talk to Anita about taking a turn in the church nursery or being a helper in the Sunday School classrooms.

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

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 29- Sept 4

29- Sharon Preheim

30- Janna Parks

31- Vic Esch

31- Thomas Falk

31- Larry Rupp

31- Darren Wyse

2- Rachel Barnes

3- Paul Polak

Happy Anniversary Aug 29- Sept 4

29- Carolyn & Mel Stjernholm

31- Kerry Stutzman & David Armitage

2- Amy & Peter Conrad

3- Eric Boschmann & Jennifer Miller

Upcoming Sundays

Sept 8

Worship: Why is Luke 14:25-33 even included in scripture? The call Jesus issues in this text seem shockingly out of character. It is as if Jesus wants to intentionally drive people away. Why? Join us as we explore another of the difficult texts. 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: What do we do with our past, especially the actions we deeply regret? As we read in 1 Timothy 1:12-17, Paul struggled with this. Join us this Sunday as we explore with Paul a path filled with mercy that leads from regret to life!

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)

Mon- Labor Day- Church office closed

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

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

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

Wed, 3pm- Leadership Board meeting (B2)

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

Around Denver and Mountain States Mennonite Conference

Reading the Bible with Jesus – Gospel of Mark: A teaching (& music) weekend with [Bryan Moyer Suderman](#) Oct 4-6 at Alive With Grace Fellowship in Pubelo. Contact Pastor Dave (719-214-1176 or blindpossum2@yahoo.com) or [click here for a brochure](#) with more information.

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.

Do you have excess Concord grapes? Al Zook is looking to purchase 1/2 to 3/4 of a bushel of Concord grapes. Call Al at 303-864-1591.

Mennonite Church USA and Beyond

Mennonite Church USA

Join the MC USA Faith Formation fall webinar series: Putting People on the Ballot: Anabaptism and American Politics. The first session, Foundations: Setting Our Theological Bearings, will take place on Tues, Sept 17. Sign up and find more information 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.

The New Rules of Money: Navigate the new economy like a pro! Everence will host this informative webinar on Tue, Sept. 10 at noon and 6 pm MDT. Participants will learn about new resources to manage debt, about the impact of credit scoring, and how to avoid those ever-changing scams. For more information, or to register, visit www.everence.com/national or contact Melissa Short at 800-348-7468 ext. 3392 or melissa.short@everence.com

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 Wed 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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