



FMC Weekly - Sept 5, 2019

The weekly newsletter of First Mennonite Church of Denver

Sunday, Sept 8

9:30am Worship

Come early to enjoy pre-service music from Stephanie Miller. 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 and take time to thank Tom Bishop and Barb Stutzman for their time on the Leadership Board. Simon Mast and Nick Falk will lead worship, Anita Miller has children's time, and Nikki KandelLind 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 Adult Education

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

Great Getaway- Register by Sept 15

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 15. 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

MCC Sale Christmas Booth: Summer is almost over and it is time again to think about the Rocky Mountain Mennonite Relief Sale in Rocky Ford, October 18 and 19, and the FMC Christmas Booth.

As in previous years, we are asking you to consider creating handmade items for the Booth - Christmas ornaments, placemats and napkins, wall hangings to name a few. The only limitation is that the item(s) reflect the Christmas season.

Please contact Vicky Mierau (720-352-1737 or vickymierau@hotmail.com) with any questions. Thanks!

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

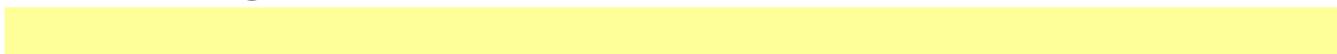
The fall Sunday School project is collecting supplies for Denver area schools and putting together MCC School Kits. You can drop off any of the following items in the church office. If you'd like to help make school kit bags or transport donations, please contact Anita Miller. To donate funds toward 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
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● lined paper● markers● glue sticks● scissors● backpacks● used crayons● dry erase markers● post-it notes● highlighters● tissues● paper towels● gently used books for infants to young adults	<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

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

Attendance Aug 25: Adults- 76; Children- 3; Total- 79



Sunday School- Summer Faith Formation

Child and Youth Faith Formation

We're looking forward to Opening Day parties this Sunday! Teachers, middle-schoolers and high-schoolers will be helping the younger kids with a variety of activities: carnival games, outside games, and crafts! **You're all invited to come down and join the fun!**

This week's suggestion for nurturing faith at home:

Talk about why your family goes to church. What do you get out of the service? What are the different elements of the service and why do we include them? Which are your favorite parts and those you don't like or understand as well? Why does church happen on Sunday mornings? Would it still be church if the same group of people gathered in another place?

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

Gratitude

Sarah "Sally" Newcomer is at rest at First Mennonite Church following an August 25 memorial service that was a true reflection of FMC's devotion to compassion, forgiveness, faith, respect for the past and commitment to a better future (as well as the church's openness to other voices, referring to the unscripted rendition of Danny Boy provided at the end by a retired lawyer, Sarah's first boss at the law firm where she worked after arriving in Denver in 1956). We are forever grateful to Pastor Glenn and everyone at FMC. There are things in life that no amount of money can buy. And this is one of those.

~Sarah's kids, Kris, Ida, and Ed Newcomer Jr.

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 Sept 5-11

6- Katie Hegedus

6- Brad Miller

6- Owen Miller

7- Leon Graber

7- Keaton Skudneski

8- Ron Schmucker

8- Brian Toews

8- Eloise Wentorf-Lantz

9- Caden Robinson

11- Kristine Friesen

11- Kim Kauffman

Happy Anniversary Sept 5-11

5- Arden & Joan Slotter

6- Glenn & Reberta Shirk

9- Dana Williams Hosman & Timothy Hosman

Upcoming Sundays

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.* Nelson Mandela is credited with saying that “something always seems impossible until it’s done.” Sometimes our pursuit toward peace seems unrealistic. Sometimes we cannot imagine how it might be achieved. And yet, we are called to pursue peace even if and when it does not make sense. And sometimes amazing and wondrous things happen when our conduct is worthy of the gospel of Christ (Philippians 1:27). September 22 has been set aside as Peace Sunday. We will focus on those times when the peace of Christ surpasses what we may perceive as impossible – in short, a peace that surpasses all understanding.

Adult Education: none

Sept 29

Worship: How are we supposed to treat others? Does God’s love really extend to all? When given a choice we are called to love radically and inclusively. Join us as we explore Luke 6:27-28.

Adult Education: Outreach grant recipient Ivanna Johnson will give an update on the school supply drive for local students and classrooms.

Oct 6

Worship: Claudia Aguilar Rubalcava will be installed as Pastor at FMC.

In the Building this Week

Thurs, 4:00pm- Finance Committee meeting

Thurs, 5:30pm- Facility Team meeting

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

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

Sun, 8:30am- Mennonite Education Fund meeting (B21)

Sun, noon- Congregational Care Team meeting (office)

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

Mon, 7:00pm- Women Bridging Borders meeting (office)

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

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

Wed, 5:30pm- SOAR Choir (Community Center)

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

Around Denver and Mountain States Mennonite Conference

Colorado Circles for Change will be celebrating 25 years of serving the community on Thurs, Nov 7 at the Studio Loft at the Ellie Caulkins Opera House.

In the past 25 years, CCFC has served over 3,800 youth and families of which 98% identify as people of color and 96% qualify for free or reduced lunch. Youth participants have expressed experiencing healing, increased resiliency, ability to make better choices rooted in empathy and understanding consequences, decreased feelings of depression and anxiety and feeling empowered, valued and having found their voice.

CCFC is serving more youth this year than in any other year in our 25 year history. In 2018, CCFC served over 300 youth and their families and our recidivism rate for youth who were referred by the juvenile justice system was under 4%.

Join the Transcending Justice fundraising event to celebrate this important work! Visit ccfcdenver.org/25years for tickets and info.

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 special Assembly 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

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

Peace Academic Center, formerly Hopi Mission School, began classes for pre-K and kindergarten students in August. "We are very thankful and grateful for everyone who has been involved and sent us their prayers, past and present. It's with their support that they are able to open the school again," said Lance Polingyouma, cultural liaison. Read more: mennoniteusa.org/news/peace-academic-center-begins-prek-kindergarten-classes.

Mennonite Mission Network

Ruben Fellmann, Carissa Mast, Delia Mielke, and Cindy Headings (unit leader) make up Mennonite Mission Network's Service Adventure unit in Colorado Springs. Pray for them as they work with people with disabilities, families in homeless situations, and affordable housing organizations.

Mennonite Disaster Service

A greater number of weekly volunteers are needed this fall to respond to storm, flood and fire damage across Canada and the United States. Please consider serving if you are able to offer a week of your time to help people get back home in places like South Dakota, Texas and California. MDS is excited to launch a new [online scheduling system](#) for the fall season (September through December). Interested in serving? Visit the [Weekly Volunteer Calendar](#), email dfrey@mds.mennonite.net, or call 800-241-8111.

And, if you are unable to serve, but would like to support the efforts of MDS volunteers, a [financial gift](#) will give them a place to stay, food to eat and the tools and equipment needed to get the job done.

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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