

THIS WEEK

Events open to all. Details at http://www.fmcdenver.org/Community_Life/FMC_Weekly

Sunday (Today)

- Outreach Potluck, Noon
- Blessing of the Animals, 4:00 PM

Monday & Wednesday

- Tae Kwon Do, 5:45 PM

Thursday

- Round Table, 10:15 AM
- Thursday PM "Circle of Trust" Worship, 7:00 PM

About First Mennonite Church

First Mennonite Church is affiliated with the Mennonite denomination. The Mennonites are named for Menno Simons, one of our early church leaders, and are rooted historically in the "Anabaptist" movement (Switzerland, 1525). Some primary Anabaptist values then and now are following Jesus Christ in life through service, rejection of violence, living simply and joy in participatory worship.

Pursuing God's dreams by the power of the Holy Spirit, in the way of Jesus Christ.
~ *Vision of Mountain States Mennonite Conference*

Vision: Healing and Hope

God calls us to be followers of Jesus Christ and, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to grow as communities of grace, joy and peace, so that God's healing and hope flow through us to the world.

~ *Vision Statement of Mennonite Church USA*



First Mennonite Church of Denver

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For more information about our congregation, please visit our Welcome Table in the foyer. If you are not receiving the FMC Weekly, a weekly e-newsletter from the church, go to the church's website at www.fmcdenver.org to subscribe.

Look for the box in the upper right corner and enter your information.

If you would like a pastoral visit or if you have something you want the congregation to be notified about, please contact the church office.

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Welcome to

First Mennonite Church

Denver, Colorado



October 9, 2011

Worship 9:30 AM

Education Hour 10:30 AM

Congregational Discussion 11:20 AM

May this be a place of hope and transformation for all who enter here.

Gathering

Music Meditation

God, whose giving – HWB 383

Welcome

Opening

Call to Worship – *Lift Thine Eyes*, Choir

II Corinthians 9:7-8 *The Message* version

Invocation

Introit

(The prayer cloth will be given to someone in our congregation as a sign of our prayers for them.)

Children's Time

(While children collect coins, please join in singing Guide my feet)

Centering

Chimes sound three times:

For what is old, for change, for that which is new

Exploring

II Corinthians 9:7-8 *New Revised Standard Version*

ALL: Each of you must give as you have made up your mind,

Men: not reluctantly,

Women: or under compulsion,

ALL: for God loves a cheerful giver.

Women: And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance,

Men: so that by always having enough of everything,

ALL: you may share abundantly in every good work.

Meditation

Living

Commissioning of the Leadership Council

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

Offering

Introductions

Greeting each other in the Quaker Tradition: "Good Morning, Friend"

Reading Together—II Corinthians 9:7-8 *New Living Translation*

You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully." And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others.

Glorious things of thee are spoken – HWB 619 (vs. 2)

Benediction

** When congregation is asked to stand, please stand if you are able.*

Leadership for this Service

Worship Leader – Roberta Kandel

Meditation – Vern Rempel

Song Leader & Choir Director – Charlie Ferguson

Children's Time – Tory Doerksen

Music Meditations – Sara Michael

Flowers – Lola Hershberger

Thank you to all who have given generously of their attention and talents to make this service a time of encouragement and a challenge in our walk of faith.

We welcome our visitors today. You will find visitor cards in the pew racks.

If you would like to request pastoral care for yourself or someone else, you will find request cards in the pew racks.

Join us after the service for coffee, donuts and fellowship in the Community Center.

Education Hour – 10:30 AM

Children and Youth, ages 2-18 - Basement

Adults – Peace and Justice with Dan Wessner, in B-21

"Circle of Trust" Silent Meditation

Facilitated by Vern Rempel & Susan Kaplan, in Sanctuary

Leadership Council Member Statements October 2011

Glenda Kauffman, Education Commissioner - I have always been drawn to helping with the Christian education part of church, even before my kids were born. I have helped teach Sunday School, I have helped with the opening time downstairs, I have been the superintendent of the Sunday School program in the past, and this is my second time serving on the council with this commission. I am committed to ensuring that our kids have a good experience in Sunday School, and that they hopefully leave our church with a sense that they are valued and cared for by the larger community. I prefer helping behind the scenes and in the background, encouraging the teachers and helping to problem solve when necessary. I was especially excited to serve again at this time in order to be able to work more closely with Tory. We have worked hard to get the Faith Formation pastor filled, and I am looking forward to helping Tory define and establish that position. I also enjoy working with the council as a whole because it is a great opportunity to see the thoughtfulness and serious consideration that the members of the council and the pastoral staff employ on a daily basis when making decisions.

David North, Facilities Commissioner – My life is busy. Work, family, fun and poof, my time is gone. First Mennonite Church is a very important part of that busy schedule, yet it is easy to feel disconnected and like FMC is just one more event that keeps me running. I have served on a variety of committees and have found that doing this is an important part of staying connected to this vibrant community. Being part of the Leadership Council connects me intimately to the others who are serving, it gives me insight into the inner working of FMC and it gives me a sense of pride in being part of the daily life of this community.

Anne Gerber, Fellowship Commissioner - Serving on the Leadership Council makes me feel invested in the church and the future of FMC. I also like that it allows me to meet and work with people that I might not have gotten to know if I wasn't on the Council. I enjoy planning and being a part of all of the fun events that happen at FMC!

Dawn Kreider, Finance Commissioner - I want to be stretched and I want to put my faith into action. For me, that means getting involved and sharing my gifts in this faith community.

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Lynn Amstutz, Member at Large - First Mennonite Church may be the church I was raised in, but more importantly, it is the faith community which I have chosen. I care deeply about this congregation and its members so I am pleased to serve in a variety of ways; leadership selection, administrative tasks and liaison. I have found that when I move out of my comfort zones, either with others or with my own spirit, “heaven breaks through” occasionally and those are sacred moments. For me, the context of church gives added meaning to those times. I have enjoyed the sense of community growing in this church and within the Council. I look forward to seeing this church recommit to loving service—not only among ourselves but also reaching out into our larger community in relevant, relational ways.

Rachel Moyer, Pastoral Partners Representative to Leadership Council - I am motivated to participate on the church council because it affords me an opportunity to give and receive within this church community. I value this space, these people and the relationships that I experience here.

Margaret Williams, Worship Commissioner

1. What brought me to this role: Long discussions with Lynn Amstutz, information from the prior Worship leader, and some arm-twisting!
2. What do I value: I value the experience I'm receiving and the feeling of contribution that I'm able to give to the Commission.
3. What do I look forward to: Continuing to be an active member on the Council, and having the opportunity to get many of the members of the congregation involved in using their creative abilities in organizing the format of a given service. Also, being able to work with Kevin Martin as he “shadows” and is learning the “ropes” of the Commission responsibilities.
4. What I hope for: That this year the Worship Commission will provide a variety of worship experiences that are meaningful to FMC.

Kevin Martin, Worship Commissioner in Training - I am motivated to work at making the time of worship a meaningful, worshipful, and spiritual one for people at First Mennonite. It's very rewarding to work with others and their ideas in contributing to the structure of worship at the church.