



FMC Weekly

January 15-21

Worship this Sunday, January 17

Worship at 9:30 am. "Ministry Network: Gifts." Part 2 in a three-part series on Ministry Network. Biblical text is I Corinthians 12:1-11. Pastor Vern Rempel preaching.

Education this Sunday, January 17

For Children

The title for the lesson is "Nicodemus visits Jesus." The Scripture/Bible story is John 3:1-21. Nicodemus comes at night to talk to Jesus about what it means to be born of the Spirit. Jesus says those who believe in the Son of Man will have eternal life. The faith focus for younger children is "God gives us new life;" for older children, "believe and be born again."

For Adults

Jonathan Moyer will lead the second of a three-part discussion based on a video about Afghanistan. Meets in the Sanctuary.

Vern Rempel will lead the first of three classes on "Introduction to the Bible" (What is where in the Bible, how is structured, how did it develop, what is the basic "flow" or narrative arc of the Bible). Meets in B-21.

Events January 15-21

January 17

8:30 am Choir practices in the Community Center

January 18

Martin Luther King Parade from City Park to Civic Center. Join the Parade with others from FMC. Look for the FMC banner at the King memorial in City Park at 10 am.

January 20

7:00 pm FMC Leadership Council

January 21

10:15 am Round Table

Prayer Requests

We welcome your requests for prayer. Please e-mail your prayer request to the church office with "Prayer Requests" in the subject line. Also, if you would like prayer for any reason and do not want it to be published, feel free to contact Pastors Vern or Annie.

Clint and Betty Schmidt's

daughter, Juanita McKinzie, incurred a sudden episode of cardiac arrest early last Sunday morning. She was taken to Olathe Medical Center in Olathe KS where she was put on life support until Tuesday evening when she passed away. They request your thoughts and prayers as they grieve.

I have a prayer request for the country of Haiti. **Meredith Egli**

Happy Anniversary

17 - Alma and Willis Groff

Happy Birthday

15 - Luke Hansen
17 - Emily Stuckey Weber
19 - Jan Brenneman
20 - Carol Harguth
20 - Steve Popp
21 - Soren Howard
21 - Linda Miller
21 - Mike Voth

Attendance January 10

Adults - 234
Children - 40
Total - 274

Sermon

Vern Rempel's January 10 sermon is posted at www.fmcdenver.org/Worship/Sermons. Hard copies of recent sermons are available in the literature rack in the Community Center.

Menno Focus

January *Menno Focus* is available on the FMC website or on the Welcome Table in the foyer.

Our FMC Community

Haiti Response

Dear FMCers, As we have so wonderfully done in the past, we would like to create a donation initiative from our congregation for Mennonite Central Committee's (MCC) relief work in Haiti in response to the devastating earthquake that struck near Port-Au-Prince on Tuesday afternoon. What we have done, and what we would like to do this time, is simply track donations as we make them. These are generally to MCC, but we would like to track all earthquake-related donations that come from our congregation. This helps inspire us to remember and participate during this time of need. We invite you to make a donation at the MCC website - <http://mcc.org/> - (or another charity of your choice) and then report the amount to Linda Welty. You may also make out checks to FMC with the memo "Haiti." We will keep names anonymous, and only report the amount of our congregational total as it grows. Thanks for considering your participation in this collection for some of the most impoverished folks in the world in this time of their great need. - Vern Rempel

Monday is Martin Luther King Day. If you would like to join other FMCers in the 5K Martin Luther King Parade, meet at 10:00 am in City Park at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. I HAVE A DREAM MEMORIAL. Look for the FMC banner. The parade kicks off at 10:45 am and goes to the Civic Center.

2010 Young Voices for Peace kicks off on February 7. Children third through ninth grade are invited to participate. Click here for rehearsal schedule and registration forms. If you have questions, please contact Emily Martin at emsam@indra.com or Roberta Kandel at rokandel@comcast.net.

Joy to Share: I have a joy that I've been hired to teach Elementary and Secondary Art at Hulstom Options School in the Adams 12 school district. Thanks to everyone for their good wishes and encouragement! Cathryn Bay-Fowler

Thank You: We would like to thank the people who expressed their sympathy in person, by phone or card at the death of my father, Don Brotherton, who died January 6. Thank you, Martin and Wanda Brotherton

Thank You: The Christian Education Committee and the Sunday School classes are happy to announce that the fall fundraiser for the BAC Christmas care packages was a great success. Supplies for over sixty kits were organized by the 4th and 5th grade class. Any cash gifts were spent on adding additionally needed supplies. All of the materials were then delivered to the BAC before the holiday and were so appreciated. Thank you to all of you who participated in our project.

Progressive Dinners: This year's Regional Progressive Dinners will be held on Saturday, February 27, beginning at 6 pm. The annual progressive dinners are organized by regions in the Denver metro area and surrounding suburbs and will include three courses: an appetizer, a main dish, and a dessert. Each general region will have a few small groups of about 10-12 people that move from course to course throughout the evening. We are looking for willing cooks to host a course in their homes and many more people to sign up to eat! Sign ups to either host a course or attend the event begin this Sunday, January 17th, in the Community Center after the service and will continue January 24th and January 31st. If you are interested in attending or hosting and wish to RSVP via email or have further questions, please contact Anne Gerber

Links

For Mountain States Mennonite Conference
www.MountainStatesMC.org

For Mennonite Church USA:
www.MennoniteUSA.org

Contact Us

FMC General Mailbox:
fmcdenver@aol.com

Emergency Closure

When weather or any other emergency event necessitates last minute cancellation of worship or other events here at FMC, the following procedure will be followed: 1) The cancellation will be posted on the FMC website. 2) A message will be left on the FMC Worship and Activities Line. Call 303-892-1038 and press 1 at the prompt. 3) Email will be sent to all known FMC email addresses. If you receive the email and know someone who does not have email, please call them to let them know. 4) If possible, we'll post the info on Channels 4, 7 & 9.

Market Square

If you want to sell, buy, trade, get a ride, find a roommate, find an employee, find a job, find sponsors or advertize an event requiring purchase of tickets, this section is for you! Please e-mail your request to the church with "Market Square" in the subject line. It will run one time. Deadline is midnight Wednesday.

(agerber78@gmail.com). The event is being coordinated by the Nurture Commission and the Membership and Fellowship Commission.

Food Drive: For the next several months, the children's education program will be collecting canned foods to be taken to the Broadway Assistance Center. We would welcome the donations from everyone in the congregation. Canned protein items are especially helpful. Broadway Assistance Center is located several blocks from FMC, and provides assistance for those living in our area. There will be a box in the foyer where items can be left. Let's make this a nice boost for their program in a time of year where traditionally food banks run low. Thanks!

Ministry Networks: The Nurture Commission is currently developing ministry networks to provide support, encouragement and resources in the FMC community around specific needs identified within our congregation. Similar in structure to the existing Caregivers and the Health Ministries Team, the intent of the networks is to develop teams of individuals who have life experience, passion or skill in the areas listed below and would be open to responding, in conjunction with the pastors, to the many needs or areas of concern that arise within in the congregation. Agreeing to be part of a ministry network would involve a general time commitment of 1-2 contacts per month or 2-3 hours of time giving support through personal contacts such as phone calls, meeting for coffee or lunch, prayer, cards or emails. There will be two informational/orientation sessions during the adult education hour on January 31st and February 7th about the formation and logistics of these networks. If you wish to express interest in being part of a network or have questions, please contact Linda Bontrager or Annie Lengacher Browning. We will also be available after the worship services in the foyer on January 17th and 24th with sign up sheets and more information as well. In addition to Caregivers and the Health Ministries Team, ministry networks that are being developed currently include the following:
*Please note that the descriptors are not intended to be exhaustive but rather to give an overview of each network.

Food Ministry (preparing food for families with new babies or for others who are facing illness, losses or other challenges)

Visitation (visiting those who are ill, shut in or facing other challenges)

Relationships (support for newly weds, addressing marriage challenges, singleness, family conflicts or estrangements, conflict resolution)

Grief and Loss (death of family or friends, bereavement, general losses in life)

Stewardship and Financial Management

Emotional and Spiritual Health (stress management, work/life balance, physical well-being, mental health, spiritual guidance, questions of life identity and purpose, sexuality)

Life Transitions (young adult mentoring, empty nesting, retirement, job loss or job changes)

Family Life (parenting, adoption, blended families, caring for aging parents, caring for grandchildren, infertility) (debt counseling, managing finances, time management, use of resources)

Around Mountain States Mennonite Conference

MEDA (Mennonite Economic Development Associates) Meeting, Dinner and Program: Sunday, January 31 at First Mennonite Church: 5:00pm-Meeting with MEDA projects, updates, etc. 6:00 pm- Dinner will be catered by Pasquinis. (\$15) Guest speaker: Figaro Joseph, PhD candidate at DU's Josef Korbel School of International Studies studying international political economy. Mr. Joseph will present a global perspective on the roots of the financial crisis, with an emphasis on US involvement and effects on Haiti. RSVP to Tim Kauffman:

mail@kauffmans.biz or 303.439.8136.

Happy New Year and Greetings from the Mennonite Society of Musical Heritage! We're excited to announce "Gloria!" our 8th "Same Spirit – New Song" weekend retreat in Denver, June 25 - 27, 2010. (Please note the dates for the weekend are earlier in the summer than in the past. We hope these dates will allow more of you to participate.) We're so pleased that Ron Garber, from Kansas, will be our director. Ron is an instructor of music at Butler County Community College, a former director of the Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus, and currently the musical director/conductor of the Newton Chorale. He'll be leading us through a musical exploration of "Gloria" in various styles. This will be a great opportunity for good music making, fellowship, and praising God through song. We hope you can join us! We'll be sending out our registration brochure soon. You can also find some additional details, and a complete bio for Ron Garber on our website, www.mennomusic.org.

Frontier Village Foundation, a ministry of the Mountain States Mennonite Conference, is now accepting grant applications for 2010. The deadline for completed applications is March 1, and funds will be disbursed in late spring. Priority is given to organizations connected to Mennonite Churches, and to new and creative projects working to meet local needs. Grant sizes generally range from \$500 - \$7,000. For more information, click on the Frontier Village Foundation link at www.mountainstatesmc.org or email Larry Leaman-Miller at korilarry@msn.com

Mennonite Church USA

From Mennonite Mission Network: From Mennonite Mission Network: Pray that radio listeners and Web site visitors who find Third Way Media's Shaping Families program may find insight for the challenges they face in their own lives.

Women in Conversation: Living a Life of Gratitude is coming to Crosswind Retreat Center in Hesston, KS April 30-May 2, 2010. Featuring keynote speaker Megan Ramer of Chicago IL, and worship leader Treva Greaser of Wichita, KS, this women's retreat is an opportunity to focus on your spiritual journey - body, mind, soul and spirit. Women of all ages and walks of life are invited for a time of conversation, worship, laughter, prayer and renewal. Keynote sessions have Spanish translation headsets available. One workshop will be given in Spanish with English translation headsets. Register by March 1 to receive early discount, visit www.laurelville.org or call 800.839.1021. (Commuter registration is \$110 and includes all meals; additional rooms are blocked at Econo-Lodge. A limited number of scholarships are available and requests will be processed after March 1, with priority given to young women and women of color.) The retreat will also be held at Laurelville in Mt Pleasant, PA, April 9-11, 2010. Women in Conversation retreats are co-sponsored by Mennonite Women USA and Laurelville.

Mennonite Central Committee is responding to the devastating earthquake that struck Haiti late Tuesday afternoon. MCC committed \$100,000 for immediate needs and anticipates a response of at least \$1 million over multiple years. MCC is planning its response which will include short-term relief plus recovery efforts over the medium and long term. Donations to MCC's response in Haiti are welcome and can be made online at mcc.org, or by sending a check, designated Haiti Earthquake, to MCC Central States PO Box 235 North Newton, KS 67117 or call 316-283-2720.