



# *FMC Weekly*

*February 5-11*

## ***Worship this Sunday, February 7***

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Worship at 9:30 AM. Pastor Annie Lengacher Browning will preach the second in a three-part series on worship transition. The text is Luke 5:1-11.

## ***Education this Sunday, February 7***

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### **For Children**

The title for the lesson is "Jesus refuses to cast stones." The Scripture/Bible story is John 7:53-8:11. Some religious authorities bring a sinner to Jesus to see if he will enforce the law by calling for her death. Jesus tells those without sin to cast the first stone. The faith focus for younger children is "stop doing wrong and make a new start;" for older children "leave sinful ways and begin anew." Broadway Assistance Center food drive.

### **For Adults**

1. Debb Reed will lead a discussion of the introduction and first three chapters (up to page 60) of the book *Half the Sky, Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide* (Kristoff and WuDunn), continuing the emphasis on Afghanistan and women started with Jonathan Moyer's class. Meets in Sanctuary.
2. Linda Bontrager and Annie Lengacher Browning will offer the second part of their organizing and orientation of our "ministry network". The class will focus on setting boundaries and self-care and will include a panel discussion from individuals who work in service provider professions. Meets in B-21 (basement).
3. Tory Doerksen will offer the first class of a month-long series on the first 1000 years of Christian history. This time: Revelation and the early Roman Church. Meets in B-18 (Assistance Office)

## ***Events February 5-11***

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### **February 6**

5:00 PM "Strings by Candlelight" Concert to Benefit Haiti by Aprilis String Quartet

### **February 7**

8:30 AM Mennonite Education Committee in B-21  
8:30 AM Choir rehearses in Community Center

### **February 11**

9:30 AM Meditation 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.

**Donna Swartzendruber** has recently been diagnosed with early stages of Parkinson's. Prayers, wisdom and hugs are welcome. – Donna

## Happy Anniversary

6 - Keith and Elizabeth Grace-Mullett  
8 - Don and Treva Finks

## Happy Birthday

7 - Jamie Leaman-Miller  
7 - Kris Long  
8 - Char Clymer  
8 - Bonnie Gregory  
8 - Rhonda Polizzotto  
9 - Alan Burkholder  
9 - Jess Rempel  
10 - Theda Good  
10 - Megan Hansen  
11 - Schuyler Petro

## Attendance January 31

Adults - 168  
Children - 36  
Total - 204

## Sermon January 31

Sermon by Vern Rempel on January 31 is posted on the FMC website.

Prior sermons are also available. Look at the left side of the web page under "Recent Sermons."

Hard copies of recent sermons are available in the literature rack in the Community Center.

## Links

For Mountain States Mennonite Conference  
[www.MountainStatesMC.org](http://www.MountainStatesMC.org)

For Mennonite Church USA:  
[www.MennoniteUSA.org](http://www.MennoniteUSA.org)

## Schedule Change

Starting Sunday, February 21, the Sunday morning schedule will change! Please note times and options below.

8:30 - 9:30 AM	Worship Service
9:30-11 AM	Coffee/Donuts
9:45-10:45 AM	Education Hour for all ages
11:00 AM - Noon	Worship Service

## Our FMC Community

**"Strings by Candlelight," benefitting MCC's relief efforts in Haiti**, will take place this Saturday, February 6 from 5 to 6 PM at FMC! Come join Aprilis String Quartet for a concert the entire family will enjoy, featuring music from George Gershwin, Andrew Lloyd Webber, Coldplay, Bach, and Mozart. Feel free to stay afterwards for spiced cider and good conversation...We look forward to seeing you all there!

**Haiti Response Update:** Here is the update on our FMC collection for Haiti. So far, you've reported a total of **\$17,128**. Thanks for all that we are doing so far, together. All donation notes are confidential and no name will be attached to any public report. For more information, about the Mennonite work in Haiti, go to the MCC website: MCC.org. - Vern Rempel

**If you would like to donate comforters and sheets for MCC**, please bring them to the church no later than Sunday, February 21. Here are some specific details about what to bring:

**Comforters:** new, twin size, winter weight.

**Sheets:** new, 300 thread count, light colored, flat sheets only, full, queen or king size.

**College Care Packages:** Bring items for the college care packages this Sunday. Stop by the table in the Community Center to drop off your goodies/fun items and sign cards for the students. You may do the same on February 14 and 21. We have 16 students this year.

**Someone missing a "Columbia" fleece jacket, size extra large?** Del Roupp took it home last Sunday by mistake, and returned it to the church coat rack later that day. But now Del is missing his gray fleece jacket, size large, with darker gray inserts on the sleeves. Please let Del know if you have it. (Ph # 303-987-9434). Thank You!!

**The Hesston College Chorale will be presenting a concert at First Mennonite Church on Wednesday, March 10th, at 7:00 PM.** The MEF (Mennonite Education Fund) Committee is hosting this event. Host families are needed to help house and provide breakfasts (32 members) for the nights of March 9 and 10. The group will arrive at First Mennonite Church on Tuesday evening, March 9 around 8:30 PM after a day of skiing. The hosts will need to pick up their guests at that time for the night, provide breakfast, and return the guests to the church by 9 AM on Wednesday (The group will be spending their day in Denver). Following the evening concert, the hosts will again take the guests home for the night, provide breakfast for them, and return them to the church by 9 AM on Thursday. Also, help is needed to provide a preconcert meal for the group on Wednesday at 5:30 PM at FMC. Please contact an MEF Committee member if you can help with this event. Thank you.

## Contact Us

FMC General Mailbox:  
[fmcdenver@aol.com](mailto: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.

## FMC Sunday Morning Schedule Starting February 21, 2010

**8:30 - 9:30 AM**

*Worship Service*

**9:30-11 AM**

*Coffee/Donuts*

**9:45-10:45 AM**

*Education Hour*

**11:00 AM - Noon**

*Worship Service*

Dave Harguth, MEF Chairman 303-936-1743

Anne Friesen Birky 303-765-5216

Trinda Bishop 303-771-0744

Tim Kauffman 303-439-8136

Brad Miller 303-548-5433

Steve Stutzman 303-778-6656

**Would you like a mid-week moment of worship, reflection, and sharing?** The Round Table and Monday Morning Meditations have now merged into the "Meditation Round Table." New time: Thursday, 9:30 AM. We will meet in the Community Center. Come for a time of readings, song, and discussion, including personal sharing. Pastor Vern Rempel will assist in the leadership of this weekly gathering. These meetings are open to all.

**Message from Stephanie Friesen:** Dear FMC: Thanks to all of you who sent me Christmas cards! It was wonderful to receive mail at a time when I was missing home a lot. It made me feel more at home here and every day I was excited to see what was in the mail box. Thank you also for the encouraging words in the cards, and for all the prayers. The Christmas Holiday Season has been over but most people are still on "holiday" (vacation) because it is summer. So my volunteer locations where I help with schools and play groups have been on hold for the last 2 months. I did help with two "Holiday Clubs," during this period of time, which are like our Vacation Bible school. Both were a lot of fun and good experiences for me. Once again, thanks to all of you at First Mennonite for your ongoing support! From Canberra Australia, Stephanie Friesen

**If you did not get a chance to sign up in person for the Progressive Dinners after church over the past few weeks and wish to attend,** please email Anne Gerber by Sunday, February 7.

## Around Mountain States Mennonite Conference

**Men's Retreat:** The Mountain States Mennonite Conference Men's Retreat will be March 5 - 7, 2010 at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp. Tory Doerksen will be the resource person sharing and singing about creating space in our lives, especially for God and other people with topics of "Naming the Voices," "Reconnecting to God's Voice" and "Listening for Other Voices." Tory is a new addition to the Anabaptist community in Denver. He and his wife, Crystal, both attended Bethel College, KS, where he pursued degrees in Music and Bible/Religion/Ministry. Other activities to choose from include outside recreation (snow shoeing, broom hockey - for the young at heart), inside tournaments, and pitching in to help with needed camp projects (all day Fri. and/or Sat. morning). Brochures will be mailed with registration forms, but are also available online at the Rocky Mountain web page ([www.rmmc.org](http://www.rmmc.org)) where you can register online as well. Please feel free to contact the camp by phone (719-687-9506) or email ([info@rmmc.org](mailto:info@rmmc.org)). Hope you are able to take advantage of this time of retreat!

**Young Adult Snow Camp:** Just because you've graduated from High School or College doesn't mean there still isn't a camp for you at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp. February 26-28 will be a relaxed weekend for young adults from near and far to play, worship, fellowship and enjoy the beauty of God's creation. Retreat information is online at [www.rmmc.org](http://www.rmmc.org) where you can register as well. Please contact the camp with any questions by phone or email.

## **Mennonite Church USA**

### **News Releases**

Recent news releases from Mennonite Church USA are available on the FMC website.

[http://www.fmcdenver.org/MCUSA\\_Releases](http://www.fmcdenver.org/MCUSA_Releases)

### **Market Square**

*If you want to sel, 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.*

I am aware of a company that is involved in the oil, gas and mining industries that may be hiring. Call or e-mail me for more information. 303-439-7433 or adsw834@aol.com. Arliss Swartzendruber

**BENEFIT CONCERT:** Sarah Siskind and Travis Book at Mountain Community Mennonite Church to support The Shellenberger Mission Fund. Wednesday, March 3 at 7:00 PM, 634 Highway 105, Palmer Lake, CO. Travis Book was raised in Palmer Lake and Mountain Community Mennonite Church. He is currently bass player/vocalist for The Infamous Stringdusters, Nashville, TN. Sarah Siskind, is currently a singer/songwriter, also Nashville. Tickets are \$15.00 - children under 6 in free. Please call the church at 719 418-3155 or email: mcmcsecretary@gmail.com to reserve tickets. --- ALL ARE WELCOME

## **Mennonite Church USA**

**From Mennonite Mission Network:** Instituto Biblico Anabautista (Anabaptist Biblical Institute) trains leaders for the Hispanic Mennonite churches in the United States. May God grant wisdom and energy to the volunteer tutors, regional coordinators, and IBA staff as they prepare students for ministry.

**From Mennonite Education Agency:** Pray for Bethany Christian High School students and faculty during their annual Spiritual Life Week, and that all may be encouraged in their spiritual journeys and have their spirits refreshed.