



FMC Weekly

February 12-18

Worship this Sunday, February 14

Worship at 9:30 AM. Worship at 9:30 am. Pastor Vern Rempel will preach the last in a three-part series on worship transition. The text is 2 Corinthians 3:12-14a, 1, 2.

Education this Sunday, February 14

For Children

The title for the lesson is "Jesus heals blindness." The Scripture/Bible story is John 9. Jesus heals a man of blindness. The healed man does not back down when challenged by the Pharisees. Jesus criticizes those who claim to see but are really blind. The faith focus is "Jesus can help us see God's light."

For Adults

1. Ernie Kandel, an OB/Gyn physician, will be leading this Sunday's Half the Sky class. The discussion will look at women's health issues (chapters 6, 7, 8 and 13 of the book).
2. Tory Doerksen will offer the second class of a 4-part series on the first 1000 years of Christian history. Meets in B-21.

Events February 12-18

February 15

Church office closed

February 17

Ash Wednesday Service at 7 pm
FMC Leadership Council 7:30 pm

February 18

Meditation Round Table at 9:30 am

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.

I'd like to request prayer for my friend, Nancy and her son (Martin's friend), Chance. A few weeks ago, Nancy had a stroke. She has now been diagnosed with a stage 4 cancerous, inoperable brain tumor. They hope she will last to know Chance graduates from high school. Chance will be on his own. **Mary Olson**

Joyce Yost's mother died on February 10 in Springfield, Oregon at the age of 97. Services will be held in Filer, Idaho on February 16. Joyce and Vern are wintering in California (their mail and phone are forwarded). They will appreciate your thoughts and prayers.

Happy Anniversary

14 - Bob and Louise Carlsten

Happy Birthday

12 - Emily Fretz
12 - Sophie Snyder
14 - Tory Doerksen
14 - Palmer Skudneski
15 - Jeff Holliday
16 - Mary Ellen Gaeddert
16 - Roger Hochstetler
16 - Nate Voth
16 - Richard Wyse
17 - Carol Swartzendruber
18 - Cassie Voth

Attendance February 7

Adults - 154
Children - 30
Total - 184

Sermon February 7

Sermon by Annie Lengacher Browning on February 7 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.

Schedule Change

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

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

Our FMC Community

Haiti Response Update: Here is the update on our FMC collection for Haiti. So far, you've reported a total of \$20,000. 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

Anna and Brian Yoder Schlabach will be leaving their position as FMC Caretakers in late April. We thank them for their years of cheerful service to FMC and wish them well as they move on to their own place!

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.

Don't forget to bring items for the 16 college care packages we'll be assembling on February 21. Stop by the table in the Community Center to drop off your goodies/fun items and sign cards for the students.

The Hesston College Chorale will be presenting a concert at First Mennonite Church on Wednesday, March 10, at 7:00 pm. WE STILL NEED HOST FAMILIES TO HOUSE AND PROVIDE BREAKFASTS FOR TWENTY CHOIR MEMBERS. The hosts will need to pick up their guests on March 9, 8:30 pm at First Mennonite Church. The following morning (Wednesday, March 10), hosts will provide breakfast and return the guests to the church by 9 am. Following the evening concert, the hosts will again take the guests home for the night, provide breakfast and return them to the church by 9:00 am on Thursday. Please contact Dave or Carol Harguth if you can host two or more choir members. Thanks!

Directory Updates

Greg Stauffer's correct e-mail address is: stauffeg@gmail.com.

Add Kevin Martin's info:

2201 Dayton St., Apt 309
Aurora, CO 80010
303-882-7374
kevin2martin@gmail.com

Thank you, FMC community, for making the "Strings by Candlelight" Haiti benefit such a wonderful success! You graciously contributed \$2,690 (and counting) in goodwill donations for MCC's ongoing efforts following the earthquake. Your outpouring of support for our neighbors was immensely appreciated... With gratitude, Aprilis String Quartet

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.

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Menno Focus

February Menno Focus is available on the Welcome Table in the foyer.

Conference Connections

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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)

Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, February 17, 7:00 pm

The season of Lent will begin with our tradition of gentle blues and hymns and prayers led by Pastors Annie and Vern. We will burn last year's Palm Sunday palm branches. At the close of the service, we will join together in the imposition of ashes, saying to each other "Creature of earth' Spirit of hope."

Around Mountain States Mennonite Conference

Death of Vernon Cooper: Vernon Cooper, one of the charter members of First Mennonite Church, died in his sleep on February 5. Visitations hours are from 6:00 - 8:00 pm on Thursday, February 11, at Olinger Funeral Home at Crown Hill on Wadsworth Blvd. Funeral Service is at 9:00 am on Friday, February 12, at Olinger Funeral Home at Crown Hill on Wadsworth Blvd.

The Blues Brethren in Concert! Saturday, February 20, 7:00 p.m. at First Mennonite Church of Denver. This benefit concert will raise funds to renovate Glennon Heights Mennonite Church (Lakewood) to make it accessible for persons with disabilities. Join us for an evening of eclectic rock, blues and jazz! A few choice items will be auctioned at intermission:

- * Doris Hjelmstad's Bierrocks
- * Quilted wall hangings by fabric artists Jan Hussey, Myrna Johnson and Eunice Brenneman
- * Wooden bear hand-carved by Dave Yoder from the trunk of one of the trees cut down in front of Glennon Heights church to make way for the renovations

Free-will offering

Refreshments

Come and enjoy!!!

Thank you to First Mennonite Church for hosting this concert.

Mennonite Church USA

From Mennonite Mission Network: On Friday, Bethesda Health Center will celebrate 20 years of offering healing and hope to some of Benin's most marginalized people. Pray that the good news of God's love may be shared with all who attend the ceremonies – government officials and those who live on the streets.

From Mennonite Education Agency: Thank God for the dedication of Bethel College nursing faculty and students as junior nursing majors participate in the annual lamp lighting service today. Pray for Phyllis Miller who continues as interim director of nursing, and that a permanent director may be found to lead the program.

MCC is deeply grateful for the overwhelming response to the January 12 earthquake in Haiti. MCC is developing a multi-year response to utilize the over \$8 million that has been donated. Kurt Hildebrand, an MCC worker in Haiti, recently said, "Haitians...were accustomed to being considered by the outside world as a hopeless basket case that wasn't worth the effort...I want us to all think and pray very hard about how we can sustain the interest." MCC is committed to working in Haiti long after the media spotlight fades as it has in other places – New Orleans, Sudan, Indonesia, etc. However, due to a decrease in general giving over the past two years MCC has been forced to make cuts to vital programming around the world. Please consider giving a "where needed most" donation to support MCC's work. Send checks to MCC Central States, PO Box 235, North Newton, KS 67117 or

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.

Caretaker Position at First Mennonite Church of Denver.

The individual or couple in this position will live on-site in the church apartment rent-free, in exchange for building security, light maintenance/handyman, snow removal and summer yard work. For more detailed information about the position, contact Karen Martin at fmcdenverkaren@aol.com to request a Caretaker Position packet. Apartment available May 1.

Housing Needed: Moon Yu, a PhD student in Educational Psychology at the University of Nebraska- Lincoln, is seeking very low or no-cost housing in Denver, April 30 - May 4, so she can attend a professional gathering at the Colorado Convention Center. Moon is from China and is a graduate of Hesston and Bethel Colleges. She attends First Mennonite Church, Lincoln. To offer help, suggest options, or obtain more information, contact David Orr, Pastor at First Mennonite Church Lincoln, 402-467-1526, david@fmclincoln.org.

Three-bedroom, two bath, two-story Victorian house for rent starting March 1. Centrally located near FMC, Cherry Creek bike path, and downtown. Two-car secure garage off alley in back, fenced backyard, hardwood floors, covered front porch, great neighborhood! \$1500/mo. Call Joe or Maxine for details, 303-987-2848, 303-506-6083, or 303-475-5067.

at mcc.org.

Our Urban Community

American Friends Service Committee (our Quaker friends just a couple of blocks up Speer from our church building), are hosting a vigil to mark the death of the 1,000th U.S. soldier in Afghanistan. The vigil will be this Sunday from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm in front of the west steps of the state capitol building along the sidewalk on Lincoln Blvd. You are invited to join this vigil.