



# *FMC Weekly*

*February 19-25*

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## ***Education this Sunday, February 21 – 9:45 to 10:45 AM***

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### **For Children**

The title for the lesson is "The Good Shepherd." The Scripture/Bible story is John 10:1-21. Jesus describes a shepherd who cares for sheep. Sheep know their shepherd's voice. Jesus calls himself the good shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep. The faith focus is "We trust Jesus, the good shepherd."

### **For Adults**

1. The final *Half the Sky* Sunday School class will be held this Sunday, February 21. It will focus on possible solutions to woman's issues. MEDA's microfinance programs, school issues in Cambodia, and India's adopt-a-child project will be reviewed. Zach Bishop, Erin Gotwals and Ardell Swartzendruber will be available to answer questions. Chapters 10, 11 and 14 will be discussed. Meets in the Sanctuary.

2. Tory Doerksen will offer the third class of a 4-part series on the first 1000 years of Christian history. Meets in B-21.

## ***Events February 19-25***

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### **February 20**

7:00 PM Blues Brethren Concert to benefit Glennon Heights Mennonite Church's renovation

### **February 21 - Switch to Two-Service Schedule (see schedule below)**

9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal in Community Center

1:00 PM Young Voices for Peace

### **February 25**

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.

## Happy Anniversary

19 - Jeanine and Tim Pynes  
20 - Ardith and Colin Barnhorst  
20 - Aggie and Paul Polak

## Happy Birthday

19 - David North  
20 - Lisa Longacher  
21 - Myrna Schmidt  
22 - Ella Holliday  
24 - Barbara Wiens  
25 - Jacob Christensen

## Attendance February 14

Adults - 158  
Children - 34  
Total - 192

## Sermon February 14

Sermon by Vern Rempel on February 14 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 for Sunday, February 21

TWO SERVICES

8:30-9:30 AM: Worship Service  
9:00-9:40 AM: Choir Practice  
9:30-11 AM Coffee/Donuts  
9:45-10:45 AM: Education Hour for all ages/Grocery Card Sales  
11:00 AM-Noon: Worship Service

## Our FMC Community

**If there is heavy snowfall on a Sunday morning**, please check the FMC website ([www.fmcdenver.org](http://www.fmcdenver.org)) or the recorded message on the phone line at the church before leaving home.

**Haiti Response Update:** Here is the update on our FMC collection for Haiti. So far, you've reported a total of **\$20,910**. For more information, about the Mennonite work in Haiti, go to the MCC website: [MCC.org](http://MCC.org). – Vern Rempel

**This is the last Sunday to bring comforters and sheets for MCC.**

Comforters: new, twin size, winter weight. Sheets: new, 300 thread count, light colored, flat sheets only, full, queen or king size.

**Don't miss the boat! This is the last Sunday to bring items for the 16 college care packages we will be assembling on Sunday.** 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.

**Thank you to First Mennonite** for providing the venue and sound support for the Blues Brethren Benefit Concert this Saturday, February 20. Your support for us, your sister congregation, as we raise funds to make our building accessible to persons with disabilities is very encouraging and deeply appreciated. – Glennon Heights Mennonite Church

## Directory Updates

Change of e-mail address for Rob and Cary Hansen:  
[cary.rob.hansen@gmail.com](mailto:cary.rob.hansen@gmail.com)

## Around Mountain States Mennonite Conference

Blues Brethren Benefit Concert this Saturday evening, February 20, 7:00 PM, at First Mennonite Church. In addition to good music – rock, blues and jazz – played by good people, there will also be an auction of a few choice items. Funds raised will be used for the addition of an elevator and accessible bathrooms at Glennon Heights Mennonite Church. Please come join the fun!

## Mennonite Church USA

**From Mennonite Mission Network:** Pray that God may strengthen and guide Alyssa Hostetler, Kelli Yoder, Allen Slabaugh and Richard Aguirre of the Americus, Ga., Mennonite Voluntary Service unit as they serve the local community.

## 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

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

*Worship Service*

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

*Education Hour/Grocery Card Sales*

**11:00 AM - Noon**

*Worship Service*

**9:30-11 AM**

*Coffee/Donuts*

## Menno Focus

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

## Conference Connections

February *Conference Connections* is on the Welcome Table in the foyer.

## 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)

**From Mennonite Education Agency:** Goshen College takes a midterm break this week. The softball, baseball and men's and women's basketball teams will be traveling, along with the men's chorus. Pray for safe journeys, and for a time of rest and renewal for all students and faculty.

## Our Urban Community

### Friends of Sabeel-Colorado presents: "Breaking the Silence: The Experiences of Female IDF Soldiers Serving in the West Bank"

Dana Golan, Executive Director of "Breaking the Silence" and former Lieutenant Education Corps officer, will lead a talk and a discussion about the experiences of female Israeli Defense Force (IDF) soldiers who have served in the occupied Palestinian Territories. "Breaking the Silence" was founded in June 2004 by recently discharged Israeli IDF combatants. The organization was established on the conviction that every Israeli citizen must know what is being done in his/her name in the Occupied Palestinian Territories, and with a commitment to the correlative duty of soldiers to inform the public and decision makers about the reality that we have witnessed and in which we ourselves actively participated.

Sunday, March 7, 2010 at 3:00 pm

Montview Blvd Presbyterian Church, 1980 Dahlia Street, Denver  
(Corner of Montview and Dahlia)

Free and Open to the Public

## 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! Please e-mail your request to the church with "Market Square" in the subject line. It will run one time. Deadline is midnight Wednesday.

**Emily and Sam Martin** run a small Indian jewelry business known as "Dineh Traders". We have Navajo, Zuni, and Santo Domingo handmade jewelry for sale. We have bracelets, earrings, necklaces, bolo ties and more! If you'd like us to email you a photo, or make an appointment to view it in person, please let us know. You can contact us at 303-438-8594, or email at emsam@indra.com.

**First Mennonite Church is accepting applications for caretaker.** 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 fmcndenverkaren@aol.com to request a Caretaker Position packet. Apartment available May 1.

**Lakewood High School is presenting "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels"** on Wednesday, March 17 through Saturday, March 20. The Wednesday performance begins at 6 PM and the other shows start at 7 PM. Cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$8.00 for seniors and students. Brett and Ellen Conrad invite you to attend if you'd like, and you can contact the Conrads for help in getting tickets.

## 2010 Lent, Holy Week and Easter

Theme: "Holding On and Letting Go"

### Sunday Morning Worship during Lent : February 21, 28, March 7, 14, 21

Two Services: 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

During the 8:30 AM service, the beautiful and reflective Holden Evening Prayer will be sung each Sunday and communion will be observed.

Services at 11:00 AM will include presentations by choir, other ensembles and a cappella hymn singing.

### Thursday Meditation Round Table: February 18, 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1

Midweek moment of worship, reflection and sharing led by Pastor Vern.

The meditation will include hymns, poetry and prayers. 9:30 AM.

### Holy Week: March 28 – April 3

#### Palm Sunday, March 28, 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

The *Holden Evening Prayer* will be sung during the 8:30 AM service and communion will be observed. On the final Sunday of Lent – Palm Sunday – we welcome people who seek baptism and/or membership at First Mennonite to participate in those rituals during the 11:00 AM service. In addition, we will observe communion and continue with our tradition of tossing flowers during the gospel reading and walking around the park to end our service in a "joyful procession."

### Maundy Thursday, April 1, 6 PM

We will share a modified Seder meal from the Jewish tradition at 6 PM. During the course of the Seder, we will also participate in a ritual of handwashing, as an alternative way of offering ourselves to each other in service. "Maundy" comes from the Latin word for "command" (compare "mandate"). The command was from Jesus regarding footwashing, a sign of mutual service. This meal will begin at 6 PM, but it is fine to arrive whenever you can. The meal and ritual will end no later than 8 PM.

### Good Friday Tenebrae Service, April 2, 7 PM

On the Friday before Easter, we will join together in our long-standing practice of the Tenebrae service. This will include a final singing of the *Holden Evening Prayer*, and the ritual of 15 candles, marking the hours of prayer through the night. (This follows a monastic tradition of prayers from 3 PM - 6 AM: 9 vespers and 5 lauds, and one remaining to represent the life that is not extinguished.)

### Easter Sunday, April 4

8:30-9:15 AM Choir Rehearsal  
8:30-9:30 AM Easter Brunch  
9:30-10:00 AM Children's Opening Time  
10:00 AM Easter Service

This is the great feast and celebration of Christ's Spirit as the Spirit of Life, and will be planned and led by Pastors Annie and Vern. We will observe communion and have the option of anointing during the service. Remember to bring bells to ring as we sing the final verse of "Christ the Lord is Risen Today."

### Spring Retreat: Holding On, Letting Go, Making Peace: April 9-11

In response to the Lenten season, Pastor Annie will lead a retreat to St. Benedict's Monastery in Snowmass, CO. The focus will be on integrating themes from the Lenten series into personal experiences of holding on, letting go and how we integrate these experiences into finding peace and new learning in the spiritual life.