



FMC Weekly

February 26-March 4

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Education this Sunday, February 28 – 9:45 to 10:45 AM

For Children

The title for the lesson is "The raising of Lazarus." The Scripture/Bible story is John 11:1-44. Lazarus of Bethany dies and is entombed. After four days, Jesus arrives and commands Lazarus to come from the tomb. Lazarus walks out alive. The faith focus for younger children is "believe in Jesus;" for older children believe in Jesus and live.

For Adults

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

Events February 26-March 4

March 1

6:45 PM FMC Caregivers

March 4

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

26 - Darren and Bernadette Wyse
28 - Carlene and Gary Hill
4- Chris and Lola Miller

Happy Birthday

25 - Charley Morris
28 - Chris Barnes
28 - Chris Miller
28 - William Miller Stutzman
1- Andi Hagerup
1 - Rod Yoder Stutzman
2 - Arzella Dirksen
2 - Cisco Mascarenas
3 - Gary Hill
3 - Arden Slotter
4 - Anne Roth Keener
4 - Ann Leonard

Attendance February 21

8:30 Service
Adults - 84
Children - 14
Total - 98

11:00 Service
Adults - 137
Children - 30
Total - 167

Sermon February 21

Sermon by Vern Rempel on February 21 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

For Mennonite Church USA:
www.MennoniteUSA.org

Schedule for Sunday, February 28

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

Haiti Response Update: Here is the update on our FMC collection for Haiti. So far, you've reported a total of \$21,010. For more information, about the Mennonite work in Haiti, go to the MCC website: MCC.org. - Vern Rempel

Sponsorship for a Palestinian Family. FMC has been asked to sponsor a Palestinian family. It is very unusual that Palestinians have been given refugee status by the U.S., but a large group of Palestinians that have been living under very bad conditions in a refugee camp on the Syrian/Iraqi border have been granted permission to settle in the U.S. and a number of the families will be settled here. The Ecumenical Refugee Services (ERS) in Denver, under the auspices of Church World Service, is bringing families to Denver. Should we decide to sponsor a family, we would be responsible for welcoming them, furnishing their apartment, helping them get around and become familiar with the transportation system, enrolling in classes, shopping and the like. If you are interested in FMC becoming a sponsor and are interested in supporting the effort by donations or assisting the settlement process please let Liz Holdeman, Stephanie Phibbs, Kristen Dyrsten or Debbie Reed know. They will have sign-up sheets during the coffee times on Sunday. \$1000 will be needed to support the family for the first three months until they are able to receive government assistance. These Palestinian families have been registered and have had health screening, but are awaiting clearance from the Department of Homeland Security. Once that clearance comes through, we can expect the family to arrive in four to eight weeks. We have been excited with the show of support from FMC members these past two weeks.

Alumni and Friends of Hesston College are invited to the Chorale Holy Week program over Spring Break. Concerts include East Holbrook Mennonite Church in Cheraw on Saturday, March 6, at 7 PM, Pueblo Mennonite Church on Sunday, March 7 at 10:45 AM, Beth-El Mennonite Church in Colorado Springs on Sunday, March 7, at 6 PM, Mountain Community Mennonite Church in Palmer Lake on Monday, March 8, at 7 PM, **First Mennonite Church in Denver on Wednesday, March 10 at 7 PM**, and Greeley Mennonite Church on Thursday, March 11, at 7 PM.

Lost coat: Did you accidentally pick up the wrong coat from the coat rack last Sunday? Les Hjelmstad is missing a black, down, LL Bean coat, size large. Please call Les if you have his coat. Thanks!

Irene Yousey, mother of **Yvonne**, and grandmother of **Kelsie Dunn**, passed away on February 13 in Lowville, New York. Yvonne, Jim, Katie, and Kelsie were in NY for the funeral and returned to Denver this past week-end. Please remember the Yousey-Dunn family during this time of loss.

Help needed for 8:30 AM Service: As we are doing the 8:30 AM service, we realize we need someone to help by watching over the foyer during the service. If you would be interested in helping in this way, please

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.

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

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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)

contact someone in the church office.

Lost and Found: The Lost and Found cupboard under the A-G mailboxes is stuffed full. Please check for any items you are missing.

Thanks to Roberta Kandel and Katrina Schrock for loaning their wallhanging and quilt for our Lenten visuals. Cathryn Bay-Fowler Worship Visual Arts

Bible School: FMC would like to offer Bible School for our children this summer. If you have an interest in being a part of this committee, please e-mail Barb Yoder Stutzman at fmcdenverbarb@gmail.com.

Around Mountain States Mennonite Conference

Ten Thousand Villages, 2626 E Third Ave., Denver, CO, will be open on March 6, 2010, from 5 – 8 PM in celebration International Women's Day. We will be showing the film, "A Powerful Noise" (80 min), a widely acclaimed documentary starting at 6 PM. Our Ten Thousand Villages store will be open for food, fair trade shopping and a self guided tour of global arts and crafts. Please join us and bring your friends. RSVP to Judi Nafziger or Charlotte Otto at 303-316-8773 for a seat to view the movie. Free!

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." 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). Registration is available online at the Rocky Mountain web page (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). Hope you are able to take advantage of this time of retreat!

Mennonite Church USA

From Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for the 24 students taking courses online through Eastern Mennonite Seminary. Many of these students are balancing careers, families and congregations along with their studies.

From Mennonite Mission Network: Evangelist Yukari Kaga completes her fourth two-year term with the Tokachi-area Mennonite churches in Japan next month. Pray that God may provide financial support and accountability structures to enable her continued ministry.

Lenten prayers from around the world: Each week during Lent, MCC will post a recorded prayer from around the world on the website at mcc.org/stories/podcasts/lenten-prayers-around-world-iraq

Our Urban Community

Program about MCC Work in Haiti since earthquake: Ralph Rempel, a local structural engineer who attends Bellevue Community Church in Littleton, will be giving a slide show and report on the MCC engineering work that is ongoing in Haiti in response to the recent earthquake. Ralph was in Haiti from January 30 to February 13 doing structural evaluations

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.

Luxury Condo for Rent - Mt.

View. 2 bedroom/2 full bathrooms, Located in Lakewood near Hampden/Wadsworth. Covered patio with excellent unobstructed view of the mountains. Covered patio looks directly over horse pasture. Adjacent to Bear Creek Greenway. Built in 1999, 1000 SF (Approx.), Vaulted ceilings, top floor. New floors in kitchen and bathrooms with appliances. Full size washer/dryer, Gas fire place, Central A/C. Cable available in every room. 10 minutes from Englewood Light Rail Station. Short walk to bus line to Downtown. Small dogs (<25lbs) additional \$100 deposit. Cats allowed with additional \$100 deposit. No smokers please. \$500 deposit. \$35 non-refundable application fee per person (credited towards deposit if accepted). Call Todd at 720-331-7154.

Quaker Songwriter/Activist Carrie Newcomer to Perform in Area.

Carrie Newcomer will be performing on 3/19/2010, 8:00 PM at Daniels Hall at Swallow Hill, celebrating the release of her new album on Rounder Records, *Before and After*. Barbara Kingsolver wrote, "Carrie Newcomer is much more than a musician. She's a poet, storyteller, snake-charmer, good neighbor, friend and lover, minister of the wide-eyed gospel of hope and grace. For a free music download of her song "Before and After" please click <http://www.carrienewcomer.com/freemusic> and enter the promotional code, "beforeafter." For more information about this show and Carrie Newcomer visit: www.carrienewcomer.com.

of orphanages, churches and other MCC partners as a part of the MCC engineering team. There will be a slide show and talk this Friday, February 26, at 7:30 PM at Belleview Community Church about the engineering work that MCC is currently doing in response to the Haiti earthquake (and a brief report on other MCC Haiti relief work).

Training: Next Saturday, March 6, there will be a training to ramp up the volume for "Change" that has been muted since last Fall's elections. It will be held at the SEIU Hall 2525 W. Alameda, starting at 9:30, ending at 3:30. Lunch will be provided. Donation of \$5 will cover costs. Nonviolence training in AM followed by issue breakouts after lunch. Issues will include: Health Care Reform, Economy, Anti-war, Immigrant Rights, and Environment. Please register by going to www.healthcareforallcolorado.org web page or www.mobilizecolorado.org or by calling Bob Carlsten 303-455-6246.

2010 Lent, Holy Week and Easter

Theme: "Holding On and Letting Go"

Sunday Morning Worship during Lent: February 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: 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.