



FMC Weekly

March 26 -April 1

Worship this Sunday, March 28 – 8:30 and 11:00 AM

Worship at 8:30 AM. Palm Sunday. Pastors Annie Lengacher Browning and Vern Rempel will preach. The text is Luke 19:28-40. All will sing the beautiful and reflective *Holden Evening Prayer*. We will observe Communion. Child care is available.

Worship at 11:00 AM. Palm Sunday. Gathering Music: *Andante cantabile, Quartet in Eb, Op 47* by Schumann with Erin Sharp, violin, Nicole KandeLind, viola, Ben Gerig, violoncello. Pastors Annie Lengacher Browning and Vern Rempel will preach. The text is Luke 19:28-40. The choir will sing and we will be celebrating communion, signing the membership scroll and participating in the Remembering your Baptism ritual. Bring a fake flower to toss into the air during the reading of the Gospel, as is our tradition on Palm Sunday. Child care is available.

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

For Children

The title for the lesson is "the crucifixion." The Scripture/Bible story is John 18:28-19:42. Jesus is brought before Pilate. Pilate finds no case against Jesus but hands him over to be crucified. After Jesus' death, two men anoint his body with spices and place it in a tomb. The faith focus for younger children is "we remember Jesus' death;" for older children "we grieve the end of Jesus' earthly ministry." Canned food drive for Broadway Assistance Center continues. Looking ahead: Vacation Bible School will be June 7-11 at Glennon Heights Mennonite Church (see announcement under "Our FMC Community.")

For Adults

Pastor Vern Rempel will continue the discussion about the writings of author Paula D'Arcy by interviewing Carol Swartzendruber and Linda Miller. Meets in Sanctuary.

Events March 26-April 1

Saturday, March 27

Noon-1 PM Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, March 28

9:00 AM Choir Practice in the Community Center

12:15 PM (after Palm Sunday walk around the block) Congregational Discussion regarding Pastor Annie Lengacher Browning Proposal in the Community Center

Thursday, April 1

9:30 AM Meditation Round Table

6:00 PM Seder Meal (see announcement below)

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

None

Happy Birthday

27 - Marian Rohrer
27 - Andrea Wiens
27 - Kaylee Yoder
29 - Carol LaRies
29 - Deb Schaffer
31- Aidan Barnes
31- Tim Kauffman
31 - Marti King

Attendance March 21

8:30 Service
Adults - 64
Children - 9
Total - 73

11:00 Service
Adults - 127
Children - 30
Total - 157

Sermon March 21

Sermon by Annie Lengacher Browning on March 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, March 28

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
12:15 PM: Congregational Discussion

Our FMC Community

We are happy to announce Sabra Marguerite Conder Wood was born Saturday, March 20, at 8:05 AM, weighing 7 lbs and measuring 19.5 inches long. Mom and baby are happy and healthy. ~Jennifer, Keith and Sabra~

This Sunday is the last day Lost and Found items will be displayed in the Community Center. Please check to see if any of the items are yours. Everything not claimed by March 28 will be donated to charity.

Sunday, March 28, is the last Sunday to sign up for the Spring Retreat in Snowmass, CO. Please let Annie Lengacher Browning know if you want to attend.

ATTENTION everyone who likes to sing - ALL ages and ALL skill levels! For this year's special Palm Sunday Musical Treat, the choir would like to invite all children, adults, teenagers, young adults, families, friends, guests, and people who just enjoy making music, to join us for our choir piece during the church service. Everyone who would like to participate is encouraged to meet at 9 AM in the Community Center this Sunday, March 28 to learn and rehearse the song that we will sing during the service. This is going to be great fun! Please contact Nikki KandelLind with any questions.

On Easter Sunday, we will be "resurrecting" the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's *Messiah*, with full orchestra, just like we did last Easter. If you would like to participate in any way other than just singing from the pews, please contact Nikki KandelLind at NicoleKandel@yahoo.com, or 303-377-9339 (please feel free to leave a message). I can get you your part ahead of time, as well as a recording to listen to if you need one. We will rehearse from 12-1 PM on Saturday 3/27 (THIS Saturday), and from 8:30-9:15 on Easter Sunday morning before the church service, but you are welcome to participate even if you are not able to make it to these rehearsals.

Vacation Bible School: All metro area Mennonite churches are invited to Vacation Bible School - "Meet God on the Mountain!" FMC and Glennon Heights will be sponsoring Bible School June 7-11, 9-11:30 at Glennon Heights Mennonite Church for children ages 4 years through 5th grade. Youth (6th grade and up) are also encouraged to attend as helpers with outdoor recreation, babysitters, crafts, teaching assistants, or drama participants. Please register your children by May 2. Call FMC at 303-892-1038 or e-mail fmcdenverlinda@aol.com to register, or to volunteer. We need: teachers, station leaders, organizers, and persons to bring food. Come join the fun!!

Would you like to join this discussion? This Sunday is the deadline for letting Arden Slotter know you would like to order the book *The Story of B* by Daniel Quinn (about \$14). Please contact Arden by email (slottera@aol.com), phone (303-663-3515), or church mailbox. Beginning April 11, Erin Gotwals will be facilitating a discussion group on *The Story of B*, a provocative novel that ties together anthropology, theology, and biology to redefine the past and future of humankind. Be prepared for an

Sunday Morning Schedule

8:30-9:30 am
Worship Service

9:45-10:45 am
Education Hour/Grocery Cards

11:00 am-Noon
Worship Service

(9:30-11 am Coffee/Donuts)

Menno Focus

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

Conference Connections

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Links

For Mountain States Conference
www.MountainStatesMC.org

For Mennonite Church USA
www.MennoniteUSA.org

Mennonite Church USA News Releases

http://www.fmcdenver.org/MCUS A_Releases

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.

intellectual and spiritual challenge, not because the content is dense or difficult, but because it questions our most deeply ingrained cultural and religious foundations. We hope to gather a diversity of reactions and opinions for discussion.

EASTER BRUNCH: Remember to bring pot luck items for the 8:30 AM Easter brunch. Also, volunteers are needed to help before, during or after the brunch. If you could lend a hand, please contact Lola Hershberger at 303-523-5364 or e-mail at lola.hershberger@gmail.com.

If you would like to subscribe to one of the following Mennonite periodicals, please contact the church office before April 11:

The Mennonite: The official publication of Mennonite Church USA. See the fresh look of *The Mennonite*, now a 64-page, monthly magazine. Mailed to your home. \$35 per year for our group rate.

Timbrel. Published bi-monthly by Mennonite Women USA. Subscription is \$15 per year.

Beyond Ourselves. Publication of Mennonite Mission Network. Free.

A Common Place. Published by Mennonite Central Committee. Free.

Leader. Seeks to inspire, equip and empower both pastors and lay leaders in helping their congregations fulfill the mission vision of Mennonite Church USA. Individual subscription is \$33.20.

Mark your calendar for the Lectureship with Paula D'Arcy

"God in Your Life - Awareness and Practice"

Saturday, May 1, 2010

First Mennonite Church

10:30 AM Brunch

7:00 PM Lecture

Suggested donation: \$15 for each event or \$25 for both

RSVP to Vern Rempel at fmcdenververn@aol.com by April 23

Around Mountain States Mennonite Conference

Save the Date!

Mountain States Mennonite Conference Annual Assembly

August 6, 7, 8, 2010 in Pueblo, CO

Host Congregation: Pueblo Mennonite Church

Mennonite Church USA

From Mennonite Education Agency: Thank God for the gifts of all Bethel College alumni especially Katrina Toews, Bethel's 2010 Young Alumnus Award winner, and her students, who give a dance presentation on March 28. Pray also for Katrina who will speak during campus convocation tomorrow.

From Mennonite Mission Network: Pray that God would open the minds and hearts of Mennonite Mission Network personnel in their commitment to become an anti-racist agency.

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.

Driving to Newton, Kansas?

We have the equivalent of approximately five relief kits that need to get to the MCC Center in N. Newton. Anyone heading that way sometime soon who would be willing to take them and drop them off? Call Lois or Norm at 303-431-7060.

You are invited to a book signing at First Mennonite Church on April 10, 2-5 p.m.

Come celebrate the April release of Lois Hjelmstad's newest book, *This Path We Share: Reflecting on 60 Years of Marriage!* Lois would love to see you, chat and sign a book, if you wish. This book is hot off the press; for more information, visit www.ThisPathWeShare.com -Theda Good and Dawn Kreider

2010 Holy Week and Easter

Theme: "Holding On and Letting Go"

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."

Thursday Meditation Round Table: April 1, 9:30 AM.

Midweek moment of worship, reflection and sharing led by Pastor Vern. The meditation will include hymns, poetry and prayers.

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.