



FMC Weekly

April 9-15

Worship Sunday, April 11 – 10:00 AM

Worship at 10:00 AM. This service will be a combined time of worship and congregational meeting to discern and vote on the Annie proposal.

Next week: Return to two service schedule.

Education this Sunday, April 11 – 11:15 AM - NOON

For Children

The title for the lesson is "Jesus appears to the disciples." The Scripture/Bible story is John 21. The disciples fish all night but do not catch anything. Jesus appears; their net fills with fish. They eat together along the seashore. Jesus tells Simon Peter to feed his sheep. The faith focus for younger children is Jesus cares for us; for older children, We care for others as Jesus cares for us.

For Adults

Erin Gotwals, leading a discussion about the book *The Story of B*, in the Sanctuary.

Tory Doerksen, leading a discussion on the second 1000 years of church history, in B-21

Events April 9-15

Sunday, April 11

1:00 PM Young Voices for Peace

Thursday, April 15

9:30 AM Hymn Sing and Meditation Round Table

Prayers

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

9 - Cary and Rob Hansen

Happy Birthday

9 - Greg Devlin
10- Samuel Falk
10 - Michael Falk
13 - Abigail Popp
15 - Cate Anderson

Attendance April 4

Adults - 347
Children - 49
Total - 396

Links

For Mountain States Mennonite Conference
www.MountainStatesMC.org

For Mennonite Church USA:
www.MennoniteUSA.org

Schedule Change for Sunday, April 11 Worship Service with Congregational Meeting

10:00 AM: Worship Service and Congregational Meeting to vote on Proposal

11:00 -11:15 AM: Coffee and donuts, grocery card sales

11:15 AM - NOON: Education (45 minutes)

Our FMC Community

Ministry Inquiry Student: Once again this summer, as is our annual privilege, we will welcome a college student interested in exploring ministry to our congregational life for eleven weeks of the summer. I am looking for housing for the young woman who will be coming. The church offers a \$750 stipend to the household/family who acts as host. Let me know of your interest and availability for hosting. The student is Sarah Dieter, a second-year student at Goshen College, Lutheran background, Interdisciplinary Major with focuses in music and youth ministry. She comes from close to Minneapolis...and is quite the wonderful person who can easily relate to all kinds of people. She is currently serving as a Resident Assistant in one of the dorms, and is a solid leader-type person. Sarah is interested in doing her MIP in a "decent-sized city" (so basically urban), and would like to have opportunities exploring her interests of music, worship, and youth ministry.

Pastoral Care this weekend and next week - Annie will be leading the Spring Retreat at Snowmass this weekend, leaving Friday afternoon and returning Monday morning. Vern is leaving Friday morning for Reisterstown, Maryland, to lead a retreat and will return Sunday afternoon. For any emergency pastoral needs this weekend, call Vern on his cell phone. In addition, Vern will be on vacation Monday-Sunday, April 12-18. For pastoral needs next week, call Annie on her cell phone. Thank you.

Would you like to become a member of First Mennonite? Pastors Annie and Vern would like to invite anyone who is active at First Mennonite and is not a member to consider joining our congregational community on Sunday, April 25th. On this Sunday, we will be baptizing three new members into First Mennonite and offering our membership ritual for those who have already been baptized or wish to transfer their membership. This ritual includes responding to the questions and a public response to your commitment. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Annie or Vern (fmcdenverannie@aol.com; fmcdenververn@aol.com)

Pastoral Search Committee Update: The Committee has had the opportunity to talk with a number of strong and engaging candidates and we feel fortunate in this process. We continue to focus in on a strong fit for the position and our congregation and continue to talk much more deeply with potential candidates. We are hopeful to have a recommendation to the Leadership Counsel before Annie begins her leave and will be working to reach that goal. Many thanks to all for your words of appreciation for the work of the Committee and we will continue to keep you informed. As always, please feel free to contact any of the committee members if you have any questions. Respectfully submitted by the Pastoral Search Committee: Cindy Eby (chair), Stephanie Miller, Amy Conrad, Dave Harguth, Annie and Vern

Sermons

Sermons by Annie Lengacher Browning and Vern Rempel on April 4 are 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.

Menno Focus

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

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.

MYF Soup Meal: You are invited to join the MYF for our annual Soup Fundraiser on Sunday, April 18. We will be serving several flavors of hot, delicious soups, as well as homemade breads and delicious desserts. Come and enjoy a tasty meal and some fine fellowship as we come together to eat. We will begin serving after Sunday School and continue until everyone who wants soup has had some! Can't stay? Don't worry, we'll have to-go soup to take home as well. This fundraiser is for upcoming MYF activities such as our Boundary Water canoe trip this summer and the Mennonite Convention in Pittsburgh in 2011. There is no suggested donation, just give what you can. And bring your appetite, there will be plenty of delicious soup again this year! – MYF

Glen Miller, father of Kori Leaman-Miller, has written a book, "Empowering the Patient: How to reduce the cost of healthcare and improve its quality." He will offer an interactive presentation as one of our Adult Education offerings on Sunday, May 2 during our 9:45 education hour.

Acclaimed spirituality writer Paula D'Arcy will be offering two presentations at First Mennonite Church of Denver on Saturday, May 1: a 10:30 AM brunch with talk and discussion, and a 7:00 PM lecture with discussion. D'Arcy is author of such books as *Gift of the Red Bird: A Spiritual Encounter* and *Song for Sarah: A Mother's Journey through Grief and Beyond*. Suggested donation is \$15 for each session or \$25 for both. RSVP to Vern Rempel at fmcdenververn@aol.com, and send checks payable to First Mennonite Church of Denver to: First Mennonite Church of Denver
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Denver, CO 80204

Around Mountain States Mennonite Conference

Remember Greeley Mennonite Church as they install their new pastor, Curt Kuhns, on April 11.

Mennonite Church USA

From Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for Paul Rudy, composer-in-residence at Bethel College, as he gives a performance today and a convocation presentation tomorrow on the Bethel campus.

From Mennonite Mission Network: More than 120 teens from 12 different Miami churches will gather in central Florida for a spring break Christian camp experience. Pray that their hearts may be open to Jesus. Remember also the Dwell participants of the Miami DOOR program who will be camp counselors.

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.

Just a reminder that everyone at FMC is invited to a book signing here at FMC this Saturday from 2 to 5 PM to celebrate the release of Lois Hjelmstad's newest book, *This Path We Share: Reflecting on 60 Years of Marriage*. For more information about Lois' books, visit www.ThisPathWeShare.com. Theda Good and Dawn Kreider

House for Sale in Lakewood

We are selling our little house in Lakewood, 12 minutes from downtown. It is small (2 bed/1 bath) but there is room to grow into the basement. It sits on 10,000 sq. ft. of land, with gardens ready to plant. Zoned and ready for chickens! First time homebuyers take advantage of the \$8,000 tax credit by end of April. Call Ann Leonard (720-284-7795) or Gary Wahl (303-975-9746) for more information.

Free aquarium and fish. We will be moving and do not wish to take our beloved fish with us. We have a large tank (approx. 20 gallons), with a light, filter, gravel, several fake plants, food, dechlorinator, and tropical community fish. The fish include several Tetras and Danios and a Plecostamus. If you would like the whole kit and caboodle, please email me at brian.schlabach@gmail.com.
-Brian & Anna Yoder Schlabach