



FMC Weekly

May 21 ~ 27

Congregational Meeting this Sunday, May 23, at 10 AM to vote on congregational issues, including the call for pastoral candidate, Tory Doerksen. Meeting will be held in the Community Center. Teachers may pick up ballots in the Community Center before Sunday School starts. Ballots will be placed in ballot boxes at the north and south doors to the Community Center. Your vote is important!

Worship Sunday, May 23 – 8:30 and 11:00 AM

Worship at 8:30 AM. Pentecost and Music Finale. Text is Psalm 92 reprinted below. Nikki KandeLind will be speaking on "God: Giver of Songs." This service will feature a centering liturgy of reading, silence, prayer and song. We will observe Communion. Child care is available.

Worship at 11:00 AM. Pentecost and Music Finale. Text is Psalm 92 reprinted below. Nikki KandeLind will be speaking on "God: Giver of Songs" and the choir and orchestra will provide music. This service will have strong a cappella four-part singing and open sharing. Child care is available.

Psalm 92 (*Stephen Mitchell paraphrase, vkr adjustments*)

It is good to sing praise to you, O God,
and to thank you for all your blessings,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your faithfulness every night,
with the music of the human voice
or the melody of my silence.
For you let me delight in your world, Lord;
you make my heart sing with joy.

How great is your goodness, O God;
how unfathomable your justice!
It can't be seen by our eyes
and can't be grasped by our thinking;
but every secret is told,
every crime is punished,
every good deed is rewarded,
every wrong is redressed.
Though chaos rules in the surface,
in the depths all becomes law.;

And the wise flourish like palm trees;
they grow like the cedars of Lebanon.
They are planted in the dark soil of God,
and their leaves keep turning to God's light.
Even in old age they bear fruit;
they are green and supple and strong:
living proof that the Holy One
is just, and the way of holiness is perfect.

Education Sunday, May 23 – 9:45 - 10:45 AM

For Children

The title for the lesson is "new heaven and new earth." The Scripture/Bible story is Revelation 1:1-2; 21:1-7; 22:8-9. John envisions a new heaven and new earth where God dwells among the people, wiping away tears and putting an end to pain and mourning. The faith focus is, "imagine living with God in a world with no sadness."

For Adults

No classes. Congregational Meeting at 10 am.

Events May 21 - 27

Saturday, May 22

1:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, May 23

8:30-9:30 AM: Worship Service

9:00-9:45 AM: Choir rehearsal in Community Center

9:30-11 AM: Coffee/Donuts

9:45-10:45 AM: Education classes for children/Grocery Card Sales

10:00 AM: Congregational Meeting and Vote in the Community Center

11:00 AM-Noon: Worship Service

4:00 PM: Farewell Concert and Dessert Reception for Randy Macy

Thursday, May 27

9:30 AM Hymn Sing and Meditation Round Table

Looking Ahead

Sunday, May 30 (Memorial Weekend)

One worship service at 10 AM. The sermon will be a guided hymnsing with Arlen Hershberger.

Sunday, June 6

Worship services at 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM followed by the Sunday School Potluck Picnic

Wednesday, June 9

6:30-8:00 PM Celebration for Marcus Bishop

Sunday, June 13

Summer schedule of one service at 10 AM begins.

Round Table discussion about two service venture. For this discussion, consider these questions:

- 1) Which services have you attended? Have you been in both the 8:30 and 11:00 services?
- 2) What has been your overall experience of the two-service venture? How has it felt to you spiritually, emotionally, practically?
- 3) What have you noticed about how others around you are experiencing this two service venture?
- 4) How do you see the two services serving or not serving the health and well-being of our congregation? What are the biggest benefits? Biggest challenges?

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

22 - Mim and Del Roth

22 - Darcey and Mark VanWagner

26 - Ed and Kathrine Rempel

27 - Brad Miller and Jessica Yoder

Happy Birthday

21 - Evan Conrad

21 - Moses Martin

21 - Mark Miller

24 - Laurel Frick

24 - Carlene Hill

26 - Trevor Meeks

27 - Nicholas VanWagner

Our FMC Community

A Celebration for Marcus Bishop

We would like to invite you to a celebration for Marcus Bishop on June 9 from 6:30 – 8:00 pm in the Community Center at First Mennonite Church, Denver. Marcus was the Pastor at Pueblo Mennonite Church from 1944 – 1956 and was the Pastor of First Mennonite Denver from 1956 – 1967. You are invited to reflect on your experiences with Marcus and to write one memory/story that you have about him. If you attend the event, please bring your written story to be gathered that evening, if you cannot attend, please send your story by email to Roger Hochstetler at fordaroger@comcast.net. We will bind the written memories/stories in a book for Marcus. --John Ventura, Mel Dirksen, Richard Wyse, Roger Hochstetler, Herm Weaver

Would you like to contribute positively to the lives of our children and youth?

The children's education program continues to need teachers, opening time leaders, club and room sponsors. To sign up, please see the display in the foyer. Any questions may be directed to the primary education committee of Roberta Kandel, Cary Hansen, Amy Conrad, Naomi Marshall (education chair) or Barb Stutzman.

Attendance May 16

8:30 am Service

Adults - 44

Children - 8

Total - 52

11:00 am Service

Adults - 180

Children - 34

Total - 214

Sermons

Sermons 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

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

Links

For Mountain States Conference
www.MountainStatesMC.org

For Mennonite Church USA
www.MennoniteUSA.org

Mennonite Church USA

News Releases

http://www.fmcdenver.org/MCUSA_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.

Thank you to all who have contributed to Chase Snyder's upcoming service term with MCC SALT.

Chase is going to Bangladesh in August. If you would like to support Chase in this endeavor, you may make a contribution to First Mennonite Church, designated to MCC SALT - Chase Snyder. If you identify yourself (name only), Chase will e-mail periodic updates to you from Bangladesh. Chase will make himself available at FMC several Sunday mornings this summer before going to Bangladesh.

The FMC Finance Committee is pleased to announce the introduction of an electronic option for making contributions.

Contributions to FMC can now be debited automatically from your checking or savings account or charged to your credit or debit card. There is no cost to you to participate. We anticipate that electronic giving will appeal to many of you who prefer to pay or donate by electronic means whenever possible. To use the electronic giving option, you can set it up on line at www.fmcdenver.org OR you may contact the church office for the authorization form you will need to complete to permit the FMC office to transfer funds from your bank account to FMC. We will continue to collect offerings during worship for those of you who prefer to give checks.

FMC will be walking through our neighborhood on a CROP walk

June 13. CROP walk, or Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty, is an event where we walk to raise money and awareness about hunger and people who are hungry worldwide. If you can't make the walk, you can sign up to sponsor walkers and support MCC. Church World Service allows each donor to designate MCC as the recipient of their donation! We'll have a potluck at 12:00 and begin walking at 1:00. Sign up and pick up a sponsorship packet in the Community Center on May 23rd or June 6th. This will be a great family event! For more information, contact Deb Schaffer at 303.521.8285 (cell) or deborahdanielle@gmail.com.

As the MMA advocate for our church I am pleased to announce that Theda Good has joined the staff of MMA.

Although she will be working out of the Ft. Collins office she will remain in Denver. She is licensed for insurance and mutual fund sales. Theda is looking forward to assisting individuals and families in integrating their finances with their faith values. For more information there are brochures placed near the mailboxes that I think you will find helpful. Please note that MMA (which will be changing its name later) offers a full range of financial services from budget and debt counseling all the way to estate planning. I hope to do a more detailed explanation of MMA and how its matching grants benefit FMC in a Focus article in the near future. – Mel Birky

Around Mountain States Mennonite Conference

Clifford King passed away early Wednesday morning, May 19.

A Memorial Service will be held at Beth-El Mennonite Church this Sunday, May 23, at 4:00 p.m. Visitation will take place at the Shrine of Remembrance, 1730 E. Fountain Blvd, Saturday May 22, from 3-7 p.m. Clifford was ordained at East Holbrook in 1958, and served as pastor there until 1962. He was actively involved in the forming of the former Rocky Mountain Mennonite Conference; served as Director at RMMCamp and Frontier Boys Village, and was interim pastor at Beth-El three separate times (and is father-in-law of the current pastor there, Merv Birky).

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.

Deb Schaffer will be distributing some tomato transplants from Flowers for 3 greenhouse, who grew her starts when she worked at the DeLaney Farm, this Sunday. The varieties she has currently are heirloom cherokee purple, golden jubilee, old german, black krim, mrstripey/tigerella, and perhaps a few red and yellow cherries (both hybrids) though most of those have been sold. She may have some extras and will be selling them for \$1 each.

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Mennonite Church USA

From Mennonite Mission Network: Pray that Mennonite Mission Network partners in Chile might be empowered with the necessary resources to share healing and hope in responding to the devastation caused by the February earthquake and tsunami.

From Mennonite Education Agency: Give thanks to God for students who graduated from Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary yesterday. May they feel God's blessing as they celebrate this accomplishment and move into new avenues of ministry.

Our Urban Community

You are invited to *Singing the Lord's Song in a Strange Land*, an evening of sharing peacemaking perspectives with Peter Ediger, on Friday, June 18 at 7 PM, at St. Paul's UMC, 1615 Ogden, Denver. Stories, poems, songs, reflections and contemporary scriptural paraphrases for thinking together on reading the signs of our times. How is spirit calling us today? Peter Ediger is Resources Coordinator for Pace e Bene Nonviolence Service based in Las Vegas, Nevada.