



FMC Weekly

June 18-24

Worship Sunday, June 20 – 10:00 AM

One worship service at 10 AM. Pastor Vern Rempel will offer reflections on four hymns, *He leadeth me, Mothering God, you gave me birth, Jesus, Rock of ages* and *They'll know we are Christians by our love*. The text for the service is Psalm 42:1-10. Vicky Mierau and Faye Yoder will offer gathering music, introit and offertory.

Education Sunday, June 20 – 11:00 AM

For Children

No classes for children during the summer.

For Adults

Discussion on Architectural Master Plan in the Community Center. Facilitated by the Facilities Working Group.

For this discussion, please consider these two questions:

1. The draft Master Plan contemplates asking Head Start to move to another location at the end of May 2011. Is that acceptable or would you be willing to support a significant expense to renovate the duplex for their use if Head Start wanted to move there?
2. Which do you see as the most immediate priority after renovating the office and entry -- 1) an elevator; or 2) renovating the various interior spaces -- kitchen, apartment, Head Start rooms, etc?

There are two supporting documents from the Facilities Working Group for your reference posted on the FMC website. Go to the FMC website to view the Proposed Master Plan Phasing Concepts and the Master Plan Schedule.

Events June 18 – 24

Sunday, June 20

10:00 AM: Worship Service

11:00 AM: Coffee/Donuts/Grocery Card Sales/Congregational Discussion

Afternoon: DOOR group from Bethlehem UCC, Evansville, IN arrives to use our building for the week.

Tuesday, June 22

9:00 - 11:00 AM Quilting

5:30-8:30 PM Quilting

Thursday, June 24

10:15 AM Hymn Sing and Meditation Round Table

Looking Ahead

Friday evening through Sunday noon, June 25-27: Mennonite Society of Musical Heritage music weekend (see announcement below)

Sunday morning, June 27: Special music worship service led by Mennonite Society of Musical Heritage

Sunday, July 11: First Congregational Discussion about 2011 Budget

Sunday, August 15: Congregational Meeting to discuss and vote about the Master Plan

Sunday, August 29: Second Congregational Discussion about 2011 Budget

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

21 - Camille and Greg Stauffer

Happy Birthday

19 - Ben Gerig
19 - Rob Pineau
19 - Elena Miller Stutzman
20 - Christina Alderfer
20 - Emma Schrock
22 - Anne Gerber
24 - Karen Ammar
24 - Judy Amstutz

Attendance June 13

Adults - 157

Children - 30

Total - 187

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.

Our FMC Community

Sign up to sing! You are encouraged to register now to participate in the choral festival next weekend, June 25th-27th, here at First Mennonite. This fun event is sponsored by the Mennonite Society of Musical Heritage with guest conductor, Ron Garber. We will be preparing for the entire worship service next Sunday. To register or for more information, contact Beth Breithaupt at bethmb@comcast.net or 303-755-2389.

Discernment Group: In conversation with the Council, we're pulling together a discernment group to think together and plan next steps as we decide what to do next about our worship service offerings at First Mennonite. The questions that especially drive this are what to do about more people becoming involved at First Mennonite while at the same time having less regular attendance, and the fact that if everybody who is now listed in our directory came regularly to worship, we would not have nearly enough seating space. And there also is a need expressed by at least some for an alternative-style worship service. But at the same time, how do we do this and sustain and nurture our sense of being "a church," a spiritual community? There is also the question of our music program. We will likely be putting together a similar discernment group or focus group to consider next steps with music as well, so you may wish to consider being a part of that process. This worship discernment group will meet regularly in July and August probably as much as possible on Sunday mornings either before or after the worship services. Let us know if you would like to be a part of this group. It is open to anybody who has interest and would like to share their ideas for what would best serve our good congregation in the future. Thanks very much, Vern Rempel and Craig Sommers

Invitation from VORP: All are invited to join VORP on Wednesday, July 21 from 6:30-9:00 PM in the Community Center for a discussion about Michelle Alexander's book, *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*, a book that is very relevant to restorative justice. Harold Fields, who facilitates an ongoing dialogue in Denver about race and has had a long time involvement in VORP, will lead the discussion. As the United States celebrates the nation's "triumph over race" with the election of Barack Obama, the majority of young black men in major cities are locked behind bars or labeled felons for life. Jim Crow laws were wiped off the books decades ago, but today an astounding percentage of the African American community is warehoused in prisons or trapped in a permanent, second-class status – much like their grandparents before them, who lived under an explicit system of control. Alexander argues that we have not ended racial caste in America. We have simply redesigned it. Our discussion will also look at how restorative justice should respond to this profound creation of a caste system while our attention has been diverted. Copies of *The New Jim Crow* are available at all branches of the Tattered Cover Book Store. You may also be able to locate a copy at the library. Please RSVP to Ronnie Rosenbaum, VORP Executive Director, at ronnie@vorpopdenver.org so she can send out an advanced handout to help you prepare for the discussion.

Menno Focus

June *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

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 main line at 303-892-1038. 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.

Contact Us

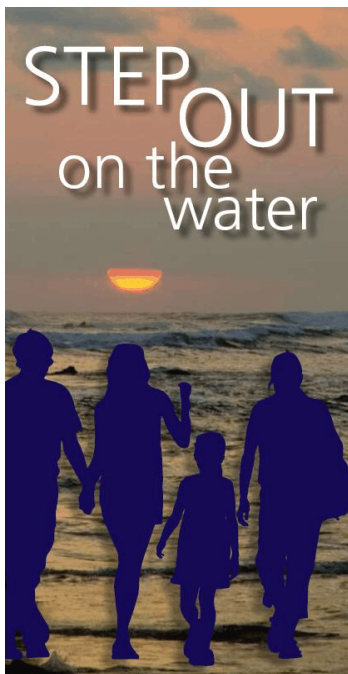
FMC General Mailbox
fmcdenver@aol.com

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.

You are invited to a 50th Anniversary Open House for Jim and Janet Zook, on Sunday, July 4th from 2:30 to 4:30 PM at the home of Frank & Leta Bontrager, 2156 S. Estes Way, Lakewood. Your presence is the only gift required. For questions contact the Bontrager's 987-3042.

Around Mountain States Mennonite Conference



Annual Assembly 2010: *Step Out on the Water*

August 6-8, 2010
Pueblo Clarion Inn and Conference Center, 4001 N. Elizabeth Street, Pueblo (I-25 & Hwy. 50)

Go to the Mountain States website for more details about Annual Assembly.
[www. MountainStatesMC.org](http://www.MountainStatesMC.org)

To hear the theme song, Step Out on the Water, composed by Pueblo's Pastor Dave Foncannon and performed by Dave's band, Fireweed, go to mcmcp.org.

A lot of new information from the planners of MSMC Annual Assembly was posted on the

website this week. Check it out at www.MountainStatesMC.org.

Roof Project at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp – Widespread leaking in the roof of the Lodge/Dining Hall has lead the camp board to decide to replace the roof despite our work to reclaim the disturbed ground from the septic system project last fall. The plan is to have ½ of the old roof stripped and recovered with ice & water shield by June 27, when a group of young adults from Pennsylvania will arrive at camp for a week of shingling. If you can help on June 18-19 or June 25-26, please contact the camp office at 719-687-9506. If working on the roof is not among your talents, your financial and prayer support for the camp and this project is equally important to the Rocky Mountain ministry. Thanks!

Room for campers! Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp still has space for more campers this summer! There is still room for Grade 4&5 resident campers and the shorter Grade 3 camp. For the wilderness camp program, Senior High Wilderness I (July 18-23) has seven spots and Senior High Wilderness II (July 25-30) has one spot. If you have Family Camp interest Family Camp I still has three rooms (2 campers per room) available in the Emmental Retreat Center along with one Quonset (Ponderosa). Family Camp II is full! We would love to have you join us so please register online (www.rmmc.org) or feel free to give us a call at 719-687-9506. Don't miss these opportunities to spend a week with us here in the Colorado Rockies!

Mennonite Church USA

From Mennonite Mission Network: Moriah Hurst of Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for discerning future directions of her work with youth in Canberra, Australia.

From Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for the Assistance Core Team (ACT), a group of trained staff at Lancaster Mennonite High School, as they plan for the next school year.

Market Square

Position: The Parish Resource Center of Colorado, a non-sectarian, non-profit organization that supports and strengthens local congregations, seeks an individual to fill the position of Executive Director. Primary responsibilities include developing new ways of serving local congregations through the use of technology and web-based tools, recruiting new subscribers, fundraising, managing day-to-day operations including budget oversight and supervision of staff, and serving as "lead consultant." The successful candidate must have knowledge of the local church; familiarity with the religious community in Metro Denver; theological openness, interfaith awareness, and an ability to work ecumenically; strong computer skills; and experience working as a staff member or volunteer leader in a local church or religious organization. This is a 24 hour a week position; beginning date is negotiable. To apply, submit a letter of interest and a resume by mail or e-mail no later than June 25, 2010 to Parish Resource Center of Colorado, Attn: Executive Director Search, 1420 S. Holly St., Denver, CO 80222, infocolorado@prctr.org. For more information contact Teresa Campbell, Parish Resource Center of Colorado, 303-756-9099, teresacampbell@prctr.org

Youth for Understanding

USA, a non-profit, international youth exchange program, is looking for host families for high school students from around the world. Students will arrive in Colorado this August, to spend an exchange year in Colorado schools with our Youth For Understanding program. These students are between 15-18 years old. See the flyer posted in the FMC Community Center or contact Rina Schoberl for more information at 720-215-5933 or kSchoberl@yfu.org.

Our Urban Community

Evening of Peacemaking Perspectives: 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 United Methodist Church, 1615 Ogden St., Denver. For more information, call Al Zook, 303-864-1591.