



FMC Weekly

September 25 – October 1

Worship this Sunday, September 27

There will be no worship service at First Mennonite Church due to the Great Getaway Retreat at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp. If you are unable to attend the retreat, we encourage you to worship at one of the other Mennonite churches in metro Denver. For a listing of future worship services, go to www.fmcdenver.org

Education this Sunday, September 27

No classes due to retreat.

Events September 25 – October 1

September 25-27

Great Getaway Weekend Retreat at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp

September 26

Jennie Nichols at Denver Ten Thousand Villages, 1-4 pm

September 27

Open House at MMA West in Fort Collins, 2-4 pm

September 30

Primetimers, FMC, 11:30 am

October 1

Round Table, FMC, 10:00 am

For a listing of future events, go to www.fmcdenver.org

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

28 - Betty and Clint Schmidt
30 - Brad and Katrina Schrock
1 - Lynn Amstutz and Charlie Ferguson

Happy Birthday

25 - Erik Alston
26 - Glennis Hochstetler
26 - Ardell Swartzendruber
26 - Allen Voth
27 - Roberta Kandel
27 - Shawn Rath
28 - Tomas Gibson
28 - Wilma Vogt
29 - Trinda Bishop
29 - Peter Conrad
29 - Mark VanWagner
30 - Karen Martin
30 - Leon Stutzman
30 - Sarah Swartzendruber
1 - Lois Hjelmstad

Attendance Sept. 20

Adults: 230
Children: 59
Total: 289

Menno Focus

September/October issue of Menno Focus is available at www.fmcdenver.org/Newsletters or on the Welcome Table in the foyer.

Sermon, Sept. 20

"From Town to City" by Pastor Vern Rempel is available at www.fmcdenver.org/Sermons

Links

For Mountain States Conference
www.MountainStatesMC.org

For Mennonite Church USA
www.MennoniteUSA.org

For MCC Relief Sale October 16 & 17, 2009 www.rmmcsale.org

Our FMC Community

Thanks to all of you who have provided feedback regarding the FMC Weekly. Keep your comments coming to the church office by clicking here to send us an e-mail. If you know of someone who would like to receive the FMC Weekly and isn't currently, they may go to the FMC website at www.fmcdenver.org to subscribe.

The **PRIMETIMERS** will meet Wednesday, September 30 at 11:30 AM for a potluck lunch in the community Center at First Mennonite Church, 430 West 9th Avenue. This will be a general potluck--bring anything you want to share. Beverage will be provided. All are welcome. Vern Rempel will be our featured speaker. Please RSVP to Irene Martin.

Carolyn and Mel Stjernholm are pleased to announce the birth of a new granddaughter! Abigail Nicole Stjernholm was born to Rick and Angie Stjernholm on Tuesday, September 15. All are doing well.

The mauve basement is gone! Special thanks to all who assisted in painting the basement this last week and over the summer. The task of painting the basement was not glamorous, but it produced a much needed upgrade. Again, thanks to all who helped: Chris Barnes, Andrew Gibson, Theda Good, Galen Hofer, Roberta Kandel, Dawn Kreider, Randy Mast, Anita Miller, Jess Rempel, Rod Stutzman, Gary Wahl - Steve Stutzman

Thanks to all who took MCC Kits to Kansas over these last weeks. All 505 kits have been taken!

I wanted to update the congregation on what is happening with me. Last week I was offered a part time position with The Denver Hospice. I have long considered Hospice work as something in which I had great interest. Additionally, this program has a strong sister relationship with the program in Arusha, Tanzania (where we hosted a volunteer during our MCC years.) Once my orientation time is over, I will be working 6-8 shifts per month for The Denver Hospice. At this point, I am hoping to greatly reduce my church hours for the month of October while I am involved in orientation. After that time, I will continue at FMC, **however**, will need to reduce my office time to once weekly, and my overall time to 10 (+/-) hours a week. I'm not sure how well I can manage both positions in terms of the needs of my family and my own needs, however, for now, I am willing to try. I have very much enjoyed working in this Interim Coordinator role with the congregation and do not wish to leave it suddenly. I value your support, thoughts and prayers as I begin to learn new skills in the coming months. Thanks very much, **Barb Yoder Stutzman**

FMC's Health Ministries Team. Members are Ernie Kandel (Gyn/OB Physician), Irene Martin (retired Denver School Nurse), Mel Stjernholm (Endocrinologist), Yvonne Yousey Dunn (Nursing Educator). Our stated purpose is to serve as a health care resource for the congregation with the following:

- Help identify health care resources in the community.
- Help identify resources for specific health related **concerns.**
- Assist in maneuvering through the health care system.
- Provide assistance in interpreting test results, health care provider instructions or medication directions.

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 be run one time. Deadline is midnight Wednesday.

Carol and Eddie Thieszen-Culp are looking for someone to watch their two boys, ages one and almost three, every first Tuesday of the month during the day and/or someone to watch the boys on occasional Saturday afternoons or evenings. They reside near 100th Avenue and Colorado Blvd. in Thornton. If interested in either or both, please contact them via thieszenculp@yahoo.com or 303 280 4927

I am looking to adopt my two cats out to a loving and cat friendly home. They MUST stay together and they are indoor cats who love people, love kids, are great with dogs and are very social. They want to be with people always and they are very loving. The calico is LV and the gray tabby is Tula. LV is 3 years old and Tula and is 2 years old. They have their claws but no not use them destructively. They are litter box trained and have never had an accident in the home. They eat well, are up to date on rabies and all other shots and are in great health. They truly are sweet cats who just need a happy home where they will get lots of love and attention. I am willing to bring them to you, if you do not live in Steamboat Springs. If you are interested in meeting them or if you know anyone who may be interested, please call Jenn Brenneman at 970-846-8099

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- Assist in finding on-line information about medical conditions.
- Assist in formulating questions prior to a health care provider visit in order to maximize understanding of one's condition.
- Assist with over-the-counter medication recommendations for health conditions.

Denver Police have said that there is an increase in car break-ins around our area here at the church, due in part to the economy. To help prevent such break-ins, please do not leave any items visible in your cars on Sunday mornings (or any day of the week that you may be at the church).

Jr. Youth Fall Festival: There will be a Junior Youth Fall Festival on Sunday 10/25 at noon. We'll be doing lots of fun fall activities, including some outdoor games (weather permitting). Then at 2:30pm we invite the Jr. Youth parents to join us for the final event: pumpkin carving! We'll announce the winners at 3:00pm. Each youth should bring a sack lunch, play clothes, and a pumpkin. Please RSVP to Betsy by October 18th. We hope everyone can make it!

Prayer Cloths Needed! If you like to sew, knit or crochet and are looking for a small project, we could use more prayer cloths. Prayer cloths should be roughly 12 inches x 12 inches. If you would like to make one or several, leave them in the church office when done.

Around Mountain States Mennonite Conference

The Denver MCC Auction held Friday evening, September 18, brought in \$1930.50 for the work of Mennonite Central Committee. The top selling item was a pan of cinnamon rolls that sold for \$100. Thanks to all for the donations and purchases and to those who helped at the auction. Jim Brenneman

Mennonite Church USA

Akiko Aratani and Ray Epp and their children live and work at Menno Village, an agricultural initiative of the Japanese Mennonite churches that seeks to care for the land, promote just farming practices and grow healthy food. Pray that through their ministry people may grow to understand better the abundant life that Jesus offers. – Mennonite Mission Network

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