



FMC Weekly

October 2-8

Worship this Sunday, October 4

Worship begins at 9:30 am. It is World Communion Sunday and we will observe communion. The lectionary reading is Psalm 8 (printed below). We will have special guests from Mountain States Mennonite Conference: Herm Weaver, Conference Minister, Rhoda Blough, Conference Moderator-elect, and our own Theda Good, Conference Treasurer, and Karen Martin, Conference Administrative Assistant. For a listing of future worship services, go to www.fmcdenver.org.

Psalm 8, Stephen Mitchell paraphrase

Unnameable God, how measureless
is your power on all the earth
and how radiant in the sky
When I look up at your heavens,
the work of your fingers,
the moon and the multitude of stars,
what is man, that you love him,
and woman, that you gladden her heart?

Yet you made us almost like the angels
and crowned us with understanding.
You put us in charge of all creatures
and placed your whole earth in our hands:
all animals, tame and wild,
all forests, fields, and deserts,
even the pure air of the sky,
even the depths of the ocean.
Unnameable God, how terrible
is our power in all the earth

Education this Sunday, October 4

For Children

The lesson theme for October 4 is "A new covenant." Scripture/Bible Story is Jeremiah 31:31-40. The faith focus for younger children is We want to follow God. For older children, the faith focus is In the new covenant we will know God in our hearts. The giving project is MCC School Kits.

For Adults

Meet Your Mennonite Conference. Come meet Conference guests and learn more about what they do and what's new around the Conference. Meets in Sanctuary.

Formation 101: Join the Meet Your Conference presentation in the Sanctuary.

Events October 2 - 8

October 4

Sign up for small groups in the FMC foyer after church.

October 5

Caregivers, 6:30 pm, Community Center

October 8

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.

We are very grateful for GramGram Ethel Lind, who turned 96 on September 20, and who has blessed both of our lives in countless ways. - Steve and Nikki KandeLind

Please keep my friend Maryanna Wienbroeer and her fiancée Todd Brunkhorst in your prayers. Todd has been diagnosed with a brain tumor which was initially thought to be slow-growing, but which has turned out to be much more invasive and aggressive than initially suspected. They are awaiting additional testing to determine the next step in treatment (he already had a round of chemo). - Nikki KandeLind

Happy Anniversary

6 - Charlene Miller and Tim Petro
6 - Gina and Mark O'Brian

Happy Birthday

2 - Amy Harder
2 - Mary Olson
2 - Scott Weirich
3 - Tessa Hansen
7 - Gary Mierau
8 - Galen Hofer
8 - Kathrine Rempel
8 - Margaret Williams

Attendance Sept. 27

No service last week at FMC due to Great Getaway Retreat at camp.

Menno Focus

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

Our FMC Community

Sorry, we had a messed up link to the Menno Focus newsletter last week. Go to fmcdenver.org to read more fascinating historical connections from Harlan Unrau, an article helping us to understand and respond to flu season concerns, an article from Eco-Justice focusing on ways we can care for our Earth, a book review about those precious end-of-life discussions, some theological resources on love, a look into the lives of Jennifer and Keith and highlights of recent Council meetings.

Starting this Sunday, look for your nametag in your FMC mailbox in the Community Center. Please remember to return it to your mailbox before you leave.

More basement painting: Special thanks to all who assisted in painting the Sunday School shelving this week: Arlen Hershberger, Roberta Kandel, Randy Mast, Brad Schrock and Carla Stoltzfus. The basement painting is nearing completion. - Steve Stutzman

Needed! Two 'Paint Bosses.'

The painting in the basement is almost completed, thanks to the time and organization of Steve Stutzman and many volunteers during the last several months. What is now needed is two people to organize finishing up two areas:

- 1) painting two shelving units in one of the SS Rooms and touching up the paint on shelving units in the nursery and annex
- 2) painting the back hall stairs landing walls

Contact me if you can organize the completion of one of these areas. Steve needs to get back to his real job and family! Thanks, --Roberta Kandel.

We had a wonderful weekend up at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp for our annual getaway!

Thank you so much to all those who attended- what an amazing group of people! Many thanks to all of those who helped in planning and leading events; Paul Bareis-Golumb, Annie Lengacher Browning, Jennifer Conder, Andi Hagerup, Cary Hanson, Hi Howard, Jennifer Miller and Keith Wood. - Rachel Barnes

Do you want to be more involved? Want to meet new people? Looking for interesting conversations? Maybe you are interested in joining a small group? We will be signing up people who are interested in joining a small group on October 4, 11 & 18. Please come see us in the foyer after the service to sign up and for more information. Small Group Committee: Linda Bontrager, Anne Gerber, Theda Good, Dawn Kreider

Dear friends at FMC,

Many thanks for the beautiful receiving blanket for Leighton. We have already enjoyed bundling her up in it during this cold weather! We really appreciate the support of FMC as we have adjusted to life as parents. Many thanks again for the thoughtfulness and generosity. Love, **Griffen, Ryan & Leighton O'Shaughnessy**

Help needed! I've been working on organizing meals for families in the church who have recently had babies. I will be having my baby in December (and we're moving soon!) so I feel that I need to pass this responsibility on to someone else for a while. If you would be interested in helping out, please contact me and I'll give you all of the details. There's a new website out there that makes the organization really easy and it's such a fun way to meet the new babies in the church! Thank you! Rachel Barnes

Sermon, Sept. 27

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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) 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. 2) A message will be left on the FMC Worship and Activities Line. Call 303-892-1038 and press 1 at the prompt. 3) If possible, we'll post the info on Channels 4, 7 & 9.

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

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.

We have a garden-level suite to rent in Lakewood near Jewell and Wadsworth. There's a large bedroom with a large closet. The adjoining room has a mini-kitchen and a small closet. The 3/4 bathroom is included. Laundry, family room and back yard/garden are part of shared space. Some furniture could be provided if needed. No smoking or loud noise. Household has 2 dogs, 1 cat, 1 bird. If interested, please call Cindy Kauffman at 720-963-8433.

Lost and Found items are out on a table in the Community Center. Please check to see if something belongs to you! There are nine jackets/coats and several travel mugs. Any items left after this Sunday, October 4, will be donated to a worthy cause.

Choir will sing during the service on Sunday, October 4. Arrive at church at 8:30 am to rehearse. For upcoming choir schedule, go to <http://firstofdenver.co.us.mennonite.net/Events> .

Your third quarter contribution statement will be in your FMC mailbox on Sunday, October 4.

Directory update information is due in the church office by Monday, October 5. You should have received your request for update by e-mail last week. If you didn't, please contact the church office.

Each Sunday King Soopers, Safeway, and Sunflower Farmers Market cards are sold in the Community Center. This is an easy way you can help support the church budget as FMC receives 5% of whatever is sold! Scrip sales started in March 1990 and we have raised over \$100,000 through this program. Thanks to Joann Roupp who currently sells the cards. Grocery cards are sold at one of the round tables in the Community Center after church. Look for the orange flag. Stop by and let your grocery money help support the church budget.

If you would like to fill out a Funeral Pre-Planning Checklist, copies are available in the Foyer. Your completed form will be kept on file in the church office and can be changed or discarded at any time.

Are you missing a dark red, Matador drum? This drum is in room B-04 downstairs and we think may have been used during Bible School.

Around Mountain States Mennonite Conference

Volunteers are needed for the MCC Sale in Rocky Ford October 16 and 17. New this year is a handy way to sign up to volunteer online. The link is available on the Mountain States Mennonite Conference website at <http://www.MountainStatesMC.org>.

Mennonite Church USA

From Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for the many alumni and friends of Bethel College who have been enjoying the annual Fall Festival this weekend, especially for those who are traveling. Pray also for traveling mercies for those participating in activities during Goshen College's Homecoming this weekend. Give thanks for the renewed connections sparked by these events.

Third Way Media's new documentary, Long Road Back: Ex-Offenders' Struggle for Acceptance, begins airing Sunday on NBC-TV. Pray that viewers may find renewed hope for their lives. -Mennonite Mission Network

I purchased an interesting 'bar' from a thrift store several years ago. I used it the year I had a huge SS classroom. It is currently more in the way than useful. If anyone is interested in having this piece of furniture you need only move it out of the church commons area. It measures 77.25" wide x 22.25" deep x 41" high. It is currently on the west wall of the commons at FMC for inspection. Contact me by October 19 if you're interested. -Roberta Kandel 303.320.3475 rokandel@comcast.net.

Contact Us

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Our Urban Community

Film: "Holy Land: Common Ground"

Sunday, October 4, 2009 3:00 pm, Montview Blvd Presbyterian Church, 1980 Dahlia Street, Denver, (Corner of Montview and Dahlia). Free and open to the public. This new film follows three stories of extraordinary but surprising bonds -- between an Israeli and a Palestinian family over competing ties to the same home; between families on both sides of the Wall who fight to end home demolitions; and between parents from both communities whose children were killed in the conflict. Holy Land: Common Ground is an intimate journey with Israelis and Palestinians who struggle to understand one another and to live not as enemies, but as neighbors. Director Ed Gaffney will be present to discuss the making of the film and answer questions. For more information: 303-494-2338 ~ www.sabeelcolorado.org. Supported by the Peace & Justice Task Force, Montview Blvd Presbyterian Church.

Father Louis Vitale will speak on Friday, October 9 at 7 PM at the Boulder Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship at 1241 Ceres Drive in Lafayette, CO 80026: LIVING AS A PEACEMAKER; TRANSFORMING US VS. THEM THINKING. Fr. Vitale is a Franciscan priest and former provincial supervisor of the California Franciscan Friars. He co-founded the Nevada Desert Experience - a movement to end nuclear testing -- and Pace e Bene. Recently, he journeyed to Iran as part of a Civilian Diplomacy Delegation with the Fellowship of Reconciliation. He is a two-time prisoner of conscience for crossing the line to close the US Army School of the Americas. He served five months in prison for opposing torture and was arrested during Holy Week protesting drone bombing at Creech Air Force Base in Nevada. He has received a Pax Christi Teacher of the Year award.

The Race for the Cure is Sunday, October 4. The following streets and ramps will be closed, possibly impacting your drive to church:
Auraria Pkwy. from I-25 to 14th St.
Speer Blvd. from Larimer St. to Federal Blvd.
29th Ave. from Zuni to Hazel Ct.
Federal from 32nd Ave. to 14th Ave.
Colfax from Irving St. to Kalamath
15th St. from Delgany St. to Market St.
This includes all ramps at: Colfax & Federal; Colfax & Auraria; I-25 & Colfax; I-25 & Speer