



FMC Weekly

October 9-15

Worship this Sunday, October 11

Worship begins at 9:30 AM. The theme for this Sunday is *Spiritual Aspects of Change*. Pastor Vern Rempel will preach on "Spiritual Aspects of Change: Failure and Loss." The scripture reading is Psalm 22:1-15. For a listing of future worship services, go to www.fmcdenver.org.

Education this Sunday, October 11

For Children

The lesson title for October 11 is "The valley of dry bones." Scripture/Bible Story is Ezekiel 37:1-4. The faith focus is "God breathes life into us." The giving project is MCC School Kits.

For Adults

Eyewitness of Gaza: Dan Winters is a long time peace and justice activist, speaking out since Martin Luther King spoke out against the Vietnam war. He was in Iraq during the 1991 invasion, in 2001 to deliver medical supplies, and during the buildup to the 2003 invasion. In 1993 he joined a 2,000 strong peace group, that interposed themselves between the Muslims and the Serbs, and returned again 1995 to bridge communities in Bosnia. He was an official U.N. observer for the East Timorese elections. He will present about his recent travel to Gaza with Viva Palestina, a group led by George Galloway that provided aid and witness to the crisis there. Dan is retired from the computer field where he has worked since 1964. Dan lives in Boulder with Sheila his wife of 38 years. They have 3 children and 3 grandchildren. Meets in Sanctuary.

Formation 101: Exploration of Anabaptist and Mennonite understandings. We will continue to work together to discover theoretical and practical connections with the Anabaptist/Mennonite distinctive values as expressed in this community (First Mennonite). Meets in B-21. Facilitator: Vern Rempel

Events October 9-15

October 11

Choir Rehearsal at 8:30 AM
Sign up for small groups in the FMC foyer after church.
Venture Club - Corn Maze

October 15

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.

Greg Polizzotto lost his job this week. He requests prayer from the congregation. Also he is looking for someone to help him re-write his resume. He would like to leave the Broadcast field and pursue other endeavors if possible. Please remember our family in prayer during this difficult time.

Happy Anniversary

11 - Andrew and Ligia Gibson
11 - Debbie and Doug Reed

Happy Birthday

10 - John Hooley
10 - Lari Rupp
11 - Bob Hjelmstad
14 - Hal King
14 - Casi Moses-Sommers
14 - Mark Spragins
15 - Natalie Stutzman

Attendance October 4

Adults 189
Children 46
TOTAL 235

Sermon, October 4

No sermon last week 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.

Conference Connections

The October issue of *Conference Connections* is available at <http://www.mountainstatesmc.org/.cWtools/download.php/mnF=October2009Newsletter.pdf,mnOD=Newsletters,mnOD=My%20Documents,dc=mountainstates,dc=mennonite,dc=ne> or on the Welcome Table in the foyer.

Our FMC Community

It's not too late! You can still get your directory update information in to the church office, but please do so soon as we are working on production of the new directory.

The October issue of *Conference Connections*, the monthly newsletter of Mountain States Mennonite Conference, is available at <http://www.mountainstatesmc.org/.cWtools/download.php/mnF=October2009Newsletter.pdf,mnOD=Newsletters,mnOD=My%20Documents,dc=mountainstates,dc=mennonite,dc=net>.

Choir will rehearse on Sunday, October 11, at 8:30 AM. They will not sing during the worship service.

Sign up for a small group! If you would like to be more involved at FMC, meet new people, consider joining an FMC small group. We will be signing up people who are interested in joining a small group on October 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

A HUGE thank you goes to the "Fishermen" and their spouses:

Rich and Linda Wyse, Darren and Berna Wyse, Ezra and Faye Yoder, Ron and Julia Weaver, Howard and Myrna Schmidt, Glenn and Reberta Shirk, Leon and Marla Graber and Lynn and Margaret Williams for their time and energy in putting on the FMC Annual Salmon Dinner. Salmon was also contributed by Aaron Eby and Mark Conrad. The meal netted \$5800 for the Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp sewer repairs and \$1450 for Women Beyond Borders, a MEDA project. A special thanks to Del Roupp for arranging for the grill and Clara Schofield for her faithful duty of washing the tablecloths. Also helping were: Frank Gaeddert, Donna Swartzendruber, Sarah Swartzendruber, Deb Reed and Lois Keener. For any helpers we missed, THANK YOU very much!

Lynn Williams received the 2009 Dr. Roman Gingerich Champion of Character Award from Goshen College on October 3 for his longtime commitment to service that has inspired others. Lynn graduated from Goshen in 1960 and was a part of the beginning of intercollegiate athletics at Goshen where he competed in basketball and baseball. He went on to have a 30-year career in the Denver Public Schools. He taught high school biology and physical education and coached tennis, basketball and football. As teacher and coach, he taught his students the values of respect, responsibility, integrity and sportsmanship. Congratulations to Lynn!

This is the last Sunday to bring money for the MCC Penny Jar! The money will be taken to the MCC Sale next week.

Pastoral Search Committee Update: The search process for the Pastor for Child and Youth Faith Formation is officially open. You can access the job description on the FMC website on the right side of the page. We will post a complete Congregational Information Form (CIF) on the website later next week which describes our congregation to

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.

Contact Us

FMC General Mailbox
fmcdenv@aol.com

interested candidates – the Search Committee wanted to make the CIF available to all congregation members as it includes some interesting information about our congregation and the history of FMC (many thanks to Karen Martin for ensuring its completion). Herm Weaver, Mountain States Conference Minister, will serve as the first point of contact for interested candidates and is available to answer questions. He can be reached at herm@mountainstatesmc.org or by phone at 303.258.7589. If you have questions about the process, please contact any of the committee members who include Cindy Eby (Chair), Stephanie Miller, Amy Conrad, Dave Harguth, Annie and Vern. – The Pastoral Search Committee

A huge "Thank You" to a group of ladies from the Caregivers Group and others, for making baby blankets on Tuesday.

Because everyone worked so hard we now have a stash of blankets. A thank you to Mary Ellen Gaeddert, Jan Griffin, Irene Martin, Sarah Newcomer, Kathrine Rempel, Carol Swartzendruber, and Darcy VanWagner. -Julia Weaver

The book, *Long After I'm Gone*, can now be found in the library. This is the book reviewed by Mim Roth in the October *Menno Focus*.

Ten Thousand Villages Annual Holiday Shopping Day

Come to Ten Thousand Villages on Sunday, November 22 between 11 AM and 4 PM for FMC's annual shopping day! Do your holiday shopping while supporting artisans from 38 countries as well as your local Cherry Creek Ten Thousand Villages. If that's not motivation enough, there will also be beautiful new nativities, ornaments, tasty goodies and free parking! Ten Thousand Villages is located at 2626 E 3rd Ave. in Denver. Contact the store at (303) 316-8773 for further questions. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON NOVEMBER 22ND!!!! Let's make this a successful holiday celebration for FMC!

Sarah Swartzendruber & Margaret Williams, Board Members
Jeff Kauffman, Board Treasurer
Judi Nafziger, Manager

Pink Menno "Coming Out" Sunday! Just a reminder that this Sunday, October 11, individuals and churches around the country will be "coming out" in support of an inclusive and welcoming Mennonite Church. Please show your support by wearing your pink to church. We will also have some pink items available for a small donation (wristbands, bandannas and t-shirts). If you'd like to provide any other pink items (ribbons, etc.), please feel free! As a part of coming out, Katie and I will be donating a copy of "Stumbling Toward a Genuine Conversation on Homosexuality" to the FMC library. We would also like to invite anyone who is interested in viewing the excellent documentary "For the Bible Tells Me So" to join us after church at 12:30 at our house for pizza and discussion. The documentary follows the stories of five families who have a gay or lesbian son or daughter, and discusses how the families deal with this within their respective faith contexts. Our house is only a few miles from the church in Denver. Please bring a few dollars for pizza. Everyone is welcome (including any and all perspectives). Peace, Luke Yoder

Stephanie Friesen has arrived in Australia for Radical Journey. You can read about what she's up to on her blog at stephaniesinaustralia.blogspot.com
If you would like to send her an e-mail or card, here is the contact information: e-mail address: snfriesen@msn.com;
snail mail address: 8 Sydney Ave., Forrest ACT 2603 AUSTRALIA

Jr. Youth Fall Festival: There will be a Junior Youth Fall Festival on Sunday 10/25 at FMC after the Sunday School hour (12:00pm). 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 by emailing betsyapp@gmail.com by October 18th. We hope everyone can make it!

Around Mountain States Mennonite Conference

"Many hands make light work" and many volunteers are needed for the coming MCC Relief Sale, Oct 16 & 17. Booths currently needing volunteers are:

- Cider Making
- Information Booth
- Ice Cream Booth
- Musicians for Tips
- Quilters Corner
- Sausage Sandwiches
- Set up Take down
- Ten Thousand Village Booth

Check out the online sign up sheet at the following link
<http://spreadsheets.google.com/ccc?key=0AvNyqkNXJYe-dEhoeWJHbzFGUWI1OVJWQm1WLXp2RFE&hl=en> Sometimes the link takes several tries before it will open to the Volunteer Signup Sheet. No login or password is required.

From Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp: Volunteers for Rocky Mountain Septic System - The success of the Rocky Mountain ministry with increased youth and family camp attendance along with larger and more frequent guest groups has found a downside. The septic system for Main Camp has stopped working and need to be replaced immediately before the cold and snow of winter sets in. With much planing and consideration the digging has begun! Financial, volunteer and prayer support are desperately needed to meet this unexpected challenge. The project costs are estimated to be \$65K, and volunteers are needed to assist on the ground installing materials (pipe, etc.) and supporting the heavy equipment operators. Prayer for this support along with good weather to see the project to completion is greatly appreciated and needed. In the spirit of turning this "lemon" into "lemonade," the camp board selected to run necessary pipe lines up the road from the DH/Lodge to Emmental which will avoid impacting the fragile and steep hillsides. In turn, the road will be improved by making it wider, putting in culverts for water diversion (avoiding water diversion bumps), and using gravel (from system construction) to smooth roads up to ridge cabins. Please contact the camp (719-687-9506 / info@rmmc.org) about coming to volunteer as we try to complete this project by October 22st. For more project information, pictures and updates, please visit the RMMC web page at www.rmmc.org. THANKS!

Mennonite Church USA

Mennonite Central Committee is appealing for an initial \$100,000 to assist people in Asia whose homes and lives were devastated by recent earthquakes and flooding. Indonesia was struck by two earthquakes on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1. In the Philippines and Vietnam, communities are dealing with the aftermath of Typhoon Ketsana. MCC is responding with immediate shelter, food and other emergency supplies to people in Indonesia and the Philippines; and longer-term recovery needs in Vietnam. Please donate to MCC's Asia Disasters appeal online at mcc.org or by sending checks to MCC Central States PO Box 235 North Newton, KS 67117 (designate Asia Disasters in the memo line). Call 316-283-2720 with questions or visit mcc.org/asiadisasters for more information.

Ten Thousand Villages, 2626 E. Third Ave., Denver, CO., is hosting a Community Shopping Night on October 15 from 5-8 pm for Metro Denver Partners. Metro Denver Partners' mission is to empower positive change in at-risk youth primarily by matching at-risk girls and boys to adult volunteers in year-long partnerships. From time to time, we host events after hours for metro nonprofit groups to help with their fundraising. Fifteen percent of our net sales during the hours of 5 – 8 pm go to the participating organization. We welcome you to come and support these organizations and give three times – first as a gift to yourself or others, second to the participating nonprofit, and third and very importantly to our artisans. For more information, contact Judi Nafziger, Manager, or Charlotte Otto, Assistant Manager, at 303-316-8773.

From Mennonite Education Agency: Remember alumni and friends of Bluffton University and Eastern Mennonite University as they gather on both campuses for Homecoming events this weekend. Pray for renewed relationships and the opportunities to remember those experiences that impacted their life's direction.

From Mennonite Mission Network: A former inmate and his wife, members of Drew and Mary Ellen Robinson's congregation in Mongolia have begun helping in prison ministry. Pray that through the Robinsons and this couple, whose lives have been so dramatically transformed, many more prisoners may experience freedom in Jesus.

Our Urban Community

October 24 – International Day of Climate Action

As Christians, we are called to be stewards of God's good Earth. The emerging crisis of global warming (climate change) is motivating many people of faith to change their behaviors and to engage in political witness, for the sake of future generations. On Saturday, October 24, many events will be held in the Denver area as part of a global movement to stop the climate crisis. There will be a rally at the State Capitol (3:30-4:30 PM), and interfaith worship service (9 AM at St. John's Episcopal Cathedral), churches ringing their bells, and educational events. See www.350Denver.org for more information on these events, and on the "350" movement.

The Blues Brethren & Andi Hagerup and Friends will give a concert to benefit VORP on Saturday, October 24. For details, go to <http://www.denvervorp.org/Calendar/10.24.09Concert.html>.