



FMC Weekly

October 29- November 5

Worship this Sunday, November 1

The theme for this Sunday is All Saints. Pastors Annie Lengacher Browning and Vern Rempel will lead us in observing All Saints rituals with brief framing comments. All are invited to bring an item of remembrance - a photo, a piece of jewelry, a piece of clothing, a toy, a family heirloom - to place on a table in the front as part of the ritual. The lectionary reading is Isaiah 25:1-10a. Worship is planned for 9:30 to 10:15 AM to allow time for the Congregational Meeting.

For a listing of future worship services and information about choir, go to the FMC website at www.fmcdenver.org.

Education this Sunday, November 1

For Children

Due to the nature of the morning meeting and the desire for widespread congregational input, childcare has been arranged for children nursery through 5th grade. All teachers and opening time leaders are encouraged to attend the meeting. Caregivers have again been hired from the Mother's Helpers agency (FMC hired from this agency for a similar meeting spring 2009).

For Adults

Adults will hold a congregational meeting discussion about the Proposed 2010 budget from 10:30 AM to Noon in the Community Center. Please plan to attend this very important meeting.

The Congregational Meeting Discussion will begin with a brief overview of the proposed 2010 budget with a panel presentation by Rob Hansen, Coordinator of Outreach; Dawn Kreider, Coordinator of Finance, Craig Sommers, Chair, and Karen Martin, Congregational Administrator. A question and answer period will follow before discussions at the tables. The Pastoral Partners will listen and provide a summary report at the end. If you didn't pick up your budget materials from your FMC mailbox last Sunday, you should have received them this week at your home via US Mail.

For information about upcoming Adult Education, go to <http://firstofdenver.co.us.mennonite.net/Education/Adult%20Ed>

Events October 30 - November 5

October 31/November 1

Set your clock back one hour before you go to bed for the switch back to Mountain Standard Time. Otherwise, you will be an hour early to church on Sunday morning.

November 1

Congregational Meeting Discussion 10:30 to Noon

November 5

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

30 - Mary Alderfer and Merle Snyder

Happy Birthday

30 - Bethany Ferguson
30 - Len Toews
31 - James Dunn
1 - Lori Oswald
2 - Jill Gerig
3 - Hi Howard
4 - Lani Rupp
5 - Mahlon Amstutz

Attendance October 25

Adults - 188
Children - 32
TOTAL - 220

Sermon October 25

Pastor Vern Rempel's sermon, *Spiritual Aspects of Change - Endings* can be found on the [FMC website](#).

Prior sermons are available at the same link. Look at the left side of the web page under "Recent Sermons."

Menno Focus

November issue of *Focus* will be available next week. September/October issue of *Menno Focus* is available [here](#) or on the Welcome Table in the foyer.

Our FMC Community

"Women Beyond Borders" is excited to announce that around \$8600 was raised at our September 12 event and at the Salmon Dinner. According to MEDA, that is enough to provide start-up loans for over 100 marginalized Afghani and Pakistani women! We are so grateful for your support. Keep tuned for more Women Beyond Borders activities, including a Sunday School class in January that will study the book "Half the Sky," which looks at the struggles of women in Asia and Africa.

This coming Sunday, November 1, we will be celebrating All Saints Day. This church event is the traditional time to remember those who have gone before us in church, history and family. For our celebration, you are invited to wear something that symbolizes for you one whom you would like to remember. We will also have a time in the worship service for a lighting of memorial candles and placement of mementos on a table. These mementos can be anything...pictures, toys, artifacts. (You may retrieve your mementos at the end of the worship service.) Please join in making this a joyous time of remembering.

Dear First Mennonite Congregation, It is with deep sadness that I am announcing my resignation as Administrative Assistant at First Mennonite Church. As you have probably heard in recent sermons by Annie and Vern, there are changes happening at FMC. With a growing and changing congregation, the lay leadership has realized there is also a need for change with the administrative assistant responsibilities. Working for FMC over the past nine years has brought me much joy and I am sad to leave, but I do not feel that I am a good fit for these changes and so am leaving to allow someone with a passion for what's needed to take my place. My last day at FMC will be Friday, November 13. With much love to you all, Connie Rempel

First Mennonite Church respectfully accepts the resignation of Connie Rempel, a faithful employee for the past nine years. Connie has requested no public farewell, so instead, we encourage you to mail or e-mail notes to Connie. In addition, there will be an opportunity for you to sign a special card for Connie on Sunday, November 8.

Come join the friendly competitive fun of a Game Night at FMC on November 6 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm in the Community Center.

Bring adult and children's games to play and a snack to share. Childcare will be provided for ages 4 and under, and some group games for children 5 and up will also be planned. Sign up with Theda Good or Dawn Kreider if you want to be part of a Rook, Scrabble or Dutch Blitz tournament. A flyer with more details is available on the website, welcome table and in your church mailbox.

Did you miss the relief sale auction this year? Don't worry, you'll have a chance to bid on more great things at First Mennonite's MYF Auction! On November 15, following Sunday School, the MYF will host a potluck and auction fundraiser. Please bring a dish to share and your checkbook, because we will have some great things available to bid on, such as services like babysitting and dog-walking, homemade desserts, gift baskets and more! Please come to have some fun while supporting FMC's youth, and maybe you'll go home with some great goods or services. -MYF

Conference Connections

The October issue of *Conference Connections* is available [here](#) or 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) 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.

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.

Ride? Deb Schaffer would like to visit a friend now living in Manhattan, KS. If anyone is driving that way at some point and you have room for a passenger, please let Deb know.

Around Mountain States Mennonite Conference

Don't miss the next MEDA-Colorado chapter meeting. Dinner will be served and the speaker will be Figaro Joseph, PhD candidate at DU's Josef Korbel School of International Studies studying international political economy. Mr. Joseph will present a global perspective on the roots of the financial crisis, with an emphasis on US involvement and effects on Haiti. There will also be a brief Chapter business meeting.

Sunday, November 15, 2009
5:00 pm - Chapter Annual Meeting
6:00 pm - Dinner & Program
First Mennonite Church
Cost: \$15 for those eating dinner

RSVP to Tim Kauffman by November 9, 2009

Mennonite Church USA

From Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for Neal Blough who will be traveling from the Paris Mennonite Center to the Theological Seminary Bienenberg in Switzerland to teach courses Thursday through Saturday of the coming week. Pray also for the French and Swiss pastors who are deepening their knowledge through this continuing education program.

From Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for the six Mennonite college, university, and seminary presidents (John Sheriff, Bethel College; James Harder, Bluffton University; Loren Swartzendruber, EMU; James Brenneman, Goshen College; Howard Keim, Hesston College; and George Brunk III, AMBS) as they meet with Carlos Romero, executive director of MEA to work together on the future of Mennonite education.

Western District Conference Website survey - got three minutes? Been to the WDC website lately? We want to hear from you what would improve our website. What is most valuable - Coming events? Resource Library catalog? Camp Mennoscah? We value your feedback! Go to : www.mennowdc.org and click on survey link. (If you have never been to our website - take a moment to click around and see what's available, then give us a piece of your mind!) And we thank you!

Our Urban Community

Mozart's "Requiem" will be performed by the Augustana Chancel and Chamber Choirs and the Musica Sacra Orchestra on All Saints Day, Sunday, Nov. 1, at 3:00 pm, Richard Larson conducting. This is a FREE concert and childcare is available. Augustana Lutheran Church, 5000 E. Alameda Ave in Denver. For more information contact Sara Michael, call Augustana at 303-388-4678, or go to www.augustanadenver.org.

**Administrative Assistant
Position at First Mennonite
Church of Denver.** This position is 32 hours per week, Monday through Friday, with readiness, hospitality, general responsibilities for facility readiness, hospitality, general office work, education program support and other assistance as needed. Good computer skills a must. E-mail resume with cover letter to fmcdenverkaren@aol.com by 10 am on November 9. For more information call Karen Martin at 303.892.1038.

Jobs? One of my good friends from high school and college, Connie Garlick, her husband, Matt, and their new little boy, Josiah, are moving out to Colorado from Georgia but are still trying to find jobs out here. Matt has been working as a Bank Manager and Connie has experience as a Nanny (she's GREAT at this...) and teacher. If anyone knows of jobs available for them will you please let me know? My email address is ahagerup@gmail.com.

Moving? We have lots of different size boxes and wrapping paper to pack your things. Free. Call us if you're interested at 303-421-0169. Eunice or Merle Brenneman

Want a Winter Vacation in Kauai? We're coming home for the holidays from Dec 18th - Jan 18th and are looking for 2-3 people to rent out our 1 bedroom condo on the north shore of Kauai for \$100 a night, and you can use our car! Please contact Jafree Ozwald at 808-827-8027. Lots of love & blessings, Jafree,
Jafree@EnlightenedBeings.com