



FMC Weekly

November 6 -12

Worship this Sunday, November 8

This worship service will focus on the intersection of the arts (visual arts, quilting, literature, music, dance, etc.) and our spiritual journeys. You are invited to participate in the service in the following ways:

(1) There will be a special "blessing of the arts supplies" during the service. Please consider bringing something that you use to make art, or a memento of a work of art that has been meaningful to you, for a special blessing. Things you might want to bring include musical instrument, favorite book, paintbrushes/paints, favorite piece of piano music (probably best to leave the actual piano at home), ballet slippers, the quilt Grandma made for you - any piece of art that has been meaningful to you or tool that you use to make art.

(2) Email digital pictures of artwork that you have created, or of artwork that has been meaningful to you to Nikki Kandel at NicoleKandel@yahoo.com, for use in a slide show during the service.

For a listing of future worship services and the choir schedule, go the FMC website at <http://www.fmcdenver.org>.

Education this Sunday, November 8

For Children

The lesson title is "reading God's word together." The scripture/Bible story is Nehemiah 8. The priest Ezra reads to the people from the book of the law. The people worship God, weeping and rejoicing. The community celebrates the Festival of Booths. The faith focus is "listening to God's word changes us." The children's fall mission project is collecting gift items for Broadway Assistance Center to distribute.

For Adults

The Godfather and the Old Testament: Tory Doerksen will show clips of from the Godfather movie trilogy and discuss shared themes with the O.T., including the role of family, evil, power, etc. Room B-21

Formation 101: Introduction the Mennonite Church USA (MCUSA). Learn more about our denomination from one who served on the executive committee and numerous other leadership roles. Ed Rempel will offer this presentation as part of our Formation 101 series. This will be offered in the Sanctuary.

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

Events November 6 – 12

November 6

Game Night at FMC, 6:30-8:30 PM

Bring your favorite games and a snack to share. Child care for children 4 and under will be provided and group games for children 5 and above are planned. Prizes will be awarded for tournament champions. Click here to see the flyer about Game Night.

November 8

Choir rehearse at 8:30 AM

November 12

Round Table, FMC, 10:15 AM

Happy Anniversary

None

Happy Birthday

7 - Lynn Amstutz

7 - Elena Long

11 - Barb Yoder Stutzman

12 - Tristan Sommers

Attendance November 1

Adults - 175

Children - 37

TOTAL - 212

Sermon, November 1

Pastor Vern Rempel's reflections from All Saints 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 *Menno Focus* is available at www.fmcdenver.org/Newsletters or on the Welcome Table in the foyer.

Conference Connections

The November 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

New this week:

November *Menno Focus*, the monthly newsletter of First Mennonite Church

November *Conference Connections*, the monthly newsletter of Mountain States Mennonite Conference

Pastors Annie and Vern will be attending the annual Conference Pastors' Retreat at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp this weekend.

Pastoral Search Committee Update: Over the past few weeks the Search Committee posted announcement of the pastor position in various Mennonite media and worked with Herm Weaver to access conference resources for potential candidates. This past week has been fruitful with a number of interested and potential candidates being brought to our attention. The Search Committee met this week to discuss next steps for initial conversations with potential candidates and will be engaging in those conversations over the next couple of weeks. At this time specific candidates remain confidential. As always, if you have any questions please feel free to contact any of the committee members -- Cindy Eby (Chair), Stephanie Miller, Amy Conrad, Dave Harguth, Annie and Vern.

FMC Sunday School presents....Our Fall Mission Project! We will be collecting items for Christmas gifts for the Broadway Assistance Center to distribute. Please donate the following items by mid-December: votive candles, nail clippers, trial size/hotel size hand lotions, trial size/hotel size hand sanitizers, chap stick and men's gloves - medium to large, knit. Boxes for collection will be located around the church.

FMC Directory Updates - November 2009

Additions to Main Section of Directory (white pages):

Steve Friesen and Monta Lee Dakin
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Correction in Main Section of Directory (white pages):

Darcey and Mark VanWagner e-mail should be mdvw@comcast.net

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

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 be run one time. Deadline is midnight Wednesday.

Applications for the administrative assistant opening at First Mennonite Church are due to Karen Martin on Monday, November 9.

This position is 32 hours per week, Monday through Friday, with 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 For more information call Karen Martin at 303.892.1038.

All who love to sing, or think they might love to sing, please plan to sing with the choir on Sunday, November 15 and/or Sunday, December 6. See the choir calendar on the FMC website for details about rehearsals and times. The selections for these two days are both wonderful pieces of music, and the one for November 15 is even easy to learn! Please feel free to contact Nikki KandeLind with any questions or concerns. We look forward to having you join us for these special Sundays!

Reminder! Be sure to stop by the table in the Community Center this Sunday to sign a card for Connie.

Dear First Mennonite Congregation, It is with deep sadness that I am announcing my resignation as Administrative Assistant to First Mennonite Church. As you probably heard in recent sermons of Annie and Vern, there are changes happening at FMC. With a growing and changing congregation, the other staff and lay leadership have come to realize that 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

Mennonite Church USA

From Mennonite Mission Network: Pray that God will provide for the needs of Melanie Quinn and the youth she works with at the Bopaganang Basha youth center in Francistown, Botswana, as they study God's word together and share the good news that there is life beyond an HIV-positive diagnosis.

From Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for the international students who are enrolled at Lancaster (Pa.) Mennonite School. Many are here in the United States for the first time and face multiple adjustments.

Our Urban/Global Community

Greetings from all of us at the Denver Inner City Parish. I hope all is well at your congregation. There are lots of ways folks at First Mennonite can help us help poor people which don't take much money - here are some of them:

- A. Folks in our program for returning prisoners are in desperate need of hygiene items, the little hotel size soaps, toothpaste, tooth brushes, etc.
 - B. Our Food Bank needs food - we are now giving away 3,000 pounds a week when we don't run out.
 - C. We have enough turkeys so that we can give out 400 baskets, but we still need the rest of items for the baskets - traditional Thanksgiving items for families. Don't worry about amounts, we'll allocate according to family size.
 - D. Toys for children up to age 18 - we gave away several thousand last year. No guns or weapon toys please.
- Any of the above you can help with are most appreciated!!!! Call Steve Johnsen - 303-596-8551.