



# *FMC Weekly*

*November 27 – December 3*

## **Worship this Sunday, November 29**

8:15 - 8:50 am Service of Contemplation in the Sanctuary.

9:30 am First Sunday of Advent. *Heavenly lights: The heavens are telling the glory of God.* Luke 21:25-36. Pastor Vern Rempel preaching.

For a listing of future worship services and information about choir, go to the FMC website at [www.fmcdenver.org](http://www.fmcdenver.org).

## **Education this Sunday, November 29**

### **For Children**

The title of the lesson for the first Sunday of Advent is "The coming messenger." The Scripture/Bible story is Malachi 3:1-4. Malachi prophesies that the coming messenger of God will purify the priestly line and restore Israel to righteousness in God's sight as in the days of old. The faith focus is get ready for God's messenger.

### **For Adults**

Sanctuary - Basic principles of spiritual direction and spiritual formation - Tim Pynes and Annie Lengacher Browning

B-21 - The Godfather trilogy and the Old Testament - Tory Doerksen

B-18 - Formation 101 - What does membership at First Mennonite mean? - Vern Rempel

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

## **Events November 27 – December 3**

### **December 3**

Round Table, FMC, 10:00 AM

For a listing of future events, go to [www.fmcdenver.org](http://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

27 - Glennis and Roger Hochstetler  
27 - Bekkey Wiebe and Kevin Yoder  
30 - Frank and Mary Ellen Gaeddert

## Happy Birthday

28 - Raven Michael  
29 - Lynette Stoltzfus  
29 - Jack Wahl  
30 - Elsa Burkholder  
30 - Jennifer Conder  
30 - Cindy Eby  
3 - Medea Gregory  
3 - Maxine Martin

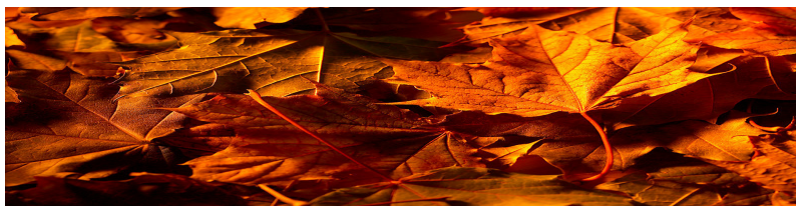
## Attendance November 22

Adults – 243  
Children – 47  
TOTAL - 290

## Sermon November 22

Reflections by Pastors Vern Rempel and Annie Lengacher Browning on First Fruits are posted at <http://www.fmcdenver.org/Worship/Sermons>.

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



## Happy Thanksgiving!

The church office is closed Wednesday, November 25 through Friday, November 27. If you need pastoral care, please contact Annie or Vern on their cell phone.

## Our FMC Community

**Ernie Bennett's father, H. Ernest Bennett**, age 94, died November 18. The memorial service was Monday, November 23, in Elkhart, Indiana. Please remember Ernie and Millie during this time of loss.

**Results of last Sunday's congregational vote on 2010 budget:**  
146 YES; 4 NO.

**Pledge Reminder:** Pledges for the 2010 budget are due this Sunday, November 29. If you will not be here on Sunday to place your pledge in the offering plate, please e-mail the information to Karen Martin or mail it via US mail to the church office. Thank you!

**Gift Cards for Head Start.** You may purchase gift cards for Head Start this Sunday at the "grocery card" table in the Community Center. The gift card project replaces the hats/mittens and books we have provided in the past.

**Thank you to Linda Wyse** for sharing her quilted wall hanging with us during the First Fruits service last Sunday. It was hung in place of a banner and coordinated beautifully with the colors of the fruit. Cathryn Bay-Fowler Worship Visual Arts

**Linda Welty**, FMC's new administrative assistant, will begin work on December 7. Her hours will be 8:30 am to 3:30 pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and 8:30 am to 12:30 pm Friday.

## **FMC Annual Holiday Bazaar**

Please join us on December 6th for our annual FMC Holiday Bazaar. There will be crafts for sale from El Salvador, olive-wood carvings from Palestine, graffiti art from the West High Mural Club, jewelry made by refugee women who have relocated to the United States, tie-die items made locally by formerly homeless women. Women Without Borders and Venture Club will also have tables. Wait until you see the hand-stamped wrapping paper and tin Christmas ornaments that the boys in Venture Club made to support MCC. Proceeds from all sales go to worthy causes. See you there!

## 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.

## 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](http://www.MountainStatesMC.org)

For Mennonite Church USA

[www.MennoniteUSA.org](http://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.



## 2009 Advent and Christmas at First Mennonite Church

"Heavenly lights"

Hymn for the season: For Mornings Bright (STJ 113)

**All four Sundays of Advent: November 29, December 6, December 13, December 20**

Early service: 8:15 am - 8:50 am

Heavenly lights: A service of contemplation on divine light

### Advent 1: Sunday, November 29

Heavenly lights: The heavens are telling the glory of God  
Luke 21:25-36

- Pastor Vern Rempel preaching.

### Advent 2: Sunday, December 6

Heavenly lights: All flesh shall see  
Luke 3:1-6

- Pastor Vern Rempel preaching.
- Annual FMC Holiday Bazaar

### Advent Retreat: December 11-14

- An Exploratory and Contemplative Retreat at Snowmass, CO, with Pastor Vern Rempel.

### Saturday, December 12

- Children's Christmas program rehearsal from 9:30 am – 11:30 am

### Advent 3: Sunday, December 13

Heavenly lights: Ring out your joy  
Isaiah 12:2-6

- Children's Christmas program: The Light that Shines
- Last Sunday to purchase gifts cards for Head Start families.

#### **Advent 4: Sunday, December 20**

Heavenly lights: Blessed is she

Luke 1:39-45

- Pastor Annie Lengacher Browning preaching.
- An FMC string ensemble will be playing excerpts from the Saint-Saens' Christmas Oratorio.

#### **Christmas Eve Service and Wassail: Thursday, December 24**

Heavenly lights: A starry silent night

Gathering Music - 6:15 - 7 pm

Worship service - 7 - 8 pm

Wassail in Community Center - 8 - 8:45 pm

#### **First Sunday after Christmas, December 27: Winter Count**

Heavenly lights: Glimmers of divine light in our lives

- A service of bearing witness from our year
- No Christian Education classes.

#### **Second Sunday after Christmas, January 3**

- Pastor Annie Lengacher Browning preaching .

#### **2009 Joseph's Storehouse**

Support rent and utilities assistance, housing assistance, restorative justice services and other important ministries to our communities by giving a donation. The money collected in December and January is used to offer starter and partial operating grants to these important urban ministries at our various Anabaptist churches. At First Mennonite Church, a grant from this Joseph's Storehouse drive provides funds for our Assistance Program. In the spirit of barn-raising and helping each other at harvest, we offer our resources for the good of all. Write good of all. "Joseph's Storehouse" on the memo line of checks made out to First Mennonite Church or put coins and cash in an envelope designated for Joseph's Storehouse. Please donate generously for the ministries in the Denver-Boulder area. The need is great in these difficult economic times.

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## **Mennonite Church USA**

**From Mennonite Mission Network:** Pray for families who are experiencing financial stress and are making sacrifices to provide a Christian education for their children.

**From Mennonite Education Agency:** Benin Bible Institute's vision includes agricultural training for pastors, most of whom are self-supporting. Knowledge of farming helps to provide food for pastoral families, and introduces improved techniques into local practice. Pray that God would provide the teaching staff and material resources for this new program.