



# *FMC Weekly*

*April 23-29*

## ***Worship Sunday, April 25 – 8:30 and 11:00 AM***

---

Worship at 8:30 AM. Easter 4. Pastor Vern Rempel will preach. The text is I Timothy 4:12-16. We will be receiving new members. This service will feature a centering liturgy of reading, silence, prayer and song. We will observe Communion. Child care is available.

Worship at 11:00 AM. Easter 4. Pastor Vern Rempel will preach. The text is I Timothy 4:12-16. We will be receiving new members by baptism and celebrating communion. This service will have strong a cappella four-part singing, an offering of life, open sharing and a lectionary-based sermon for the season of Easter. Child care is available.

## ***Education this Sunday, April 25 – 9:45 - 10:45 AM***

---

### **For Children**

The title for the lesson is "Jesus is the true vine." The Scripture/Bible story is John 15:1-11. Jesus says that he is the true vine, God is the vine-grower, and listeners are the branches who are to bear good fruit. We are to keep his commandments and abide in his love. The faith focus for younger children is "we are rooted in God;" for older children "we bear fruit because we are rooted in God."

### **For Adults**

All-congregational presentation from the Facilities Working Group. Architect Doug Eichelberger will present "Facilities Analysis and Master Plan." For the past few months, Doug has been studying our current facilities, analyzing building use, prioritizing responses to earlier Facilities Working Group surveys and coming up with new ideas. It will be a full presentation, so please be prompt to the Sanctuary at 9:45 AM.

## ***Events April 23-29***

---

### **Schedule for Sunday, April 25**

8:30-9:30 AM: Worship Service  
9:30-11 AM Coffee/Donuts  
9:45-10:45 AM: Education Hour/Grocery Card Sales  
11:00 AM-Noon: Worship Service  
2:30 PM Young Voices for Peace Concert at FMC

### **Thursday, April 29**

9:30 AM Hymn Sing and Meditation Round Table

## ***Future Events***

---

### **May 1**

10:30 AM and 7:00 pm Presentations with acclaimed spirituality writer Paula D'Arcy at FMC

### **May 8**

8:00 AM Spring Work Day at FMC

### **Week of May 16**

Candidate Presentation (schedule to be announced)

### **May 23**

May Congregational Meeting

## Prayers

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

None

## Happy Birthday

23 - Ingrid Christensen  
23 - Lola Hershberger  
23 - Kristin Yoder  
23 - Anna Yoder Schlabach  
24 - Colin Barnhorst  
24 - Tom Friesen  
24 - Greta Lindecrantz  
25 - Ruth Ann Rogers  
25 - John Ventura  
26 - Norm Dewhurst  
27 - Susan Burkholder  
27 - Les Hjelmstad  
28 - Allison Christensen  
28 - Ella Harder  
28 - Elsa Lantz  
29 - Ruth Friesen

## Attendance April 18

8:30 AM Service  
Adults - 51  
Children - 9  
Total - 60

11:00 AM Service  
Adults - 131  
Children - 32  
Total - 163

## Links

For Mountain States Mennonite Conference  
[www.MountainStatesMC.org](http://www.MountainStatesMC.org)

For Mennonite Church USA:  
[www.MennoniteUSA.org](http://www.MennoniteUSA.org)

## Sermons

Sermon by Annie Lengacher Browning on April 18 is posted on the FMC website. Prior sermons are also available. Look at the left side of the web page under "Recent Sermons." Hard copies of recent sermons are available in the literature rack in the Community Center.

## Our FMC Community

**Reminder:** Past issues of FMC Weekly are available on the FMC website at <http://firstofdenver.co.us.mennonite.net/Bulletins>.

**Pastoral Candidate:** When the Leadership Council met on April 21, they considered the recommendation of a candidate by the Pastoral Search Committee for the Pastor of Child and Youth Faith Formation. The Council voted unanimously in favor of the Search Committee's recommendation to present Tory Doerksen to the congregation. A more detailed schedule will be announced soon, but generally, Tory will be presented during worship on Sunday, May 16. There will be additional opportunities to meet and interact with Tory in the days close to that date. The congregation will vote during the May Congregational Meeting on Sunday, May 23.

**Helping with the introit:** If your family would like to schedule a date to carry the prayer cloth etc. during the service, please let me know and I will help arrange a date that works for you. This is a fun way for our kids to participate in the service. All are welcome. Barb Yoder Stutzman [fmcdenvrbarb@aol.com](mailto:fmcdenvrbarb@aol.com)

**It is the time of year again to sign up for education positions for next fall.** The sign up sheets are on the foyer wall. This is a wonderful opportunity to become involved and build relationships with our children and youth. The coming year will be an exciting one with a new pastor to help support the program. Please contact myself or anyone from the primary education committee with any questions - Naomi Marshall, Cary Hansen, Amy Conrad, Roberta Kandel. - Barb Yoder Stutzman [fmcdenvrbarb@aol.com](mailto:fmcdenvrbarb@aol.com)

**Music Position:** If you or anyone you know may be interested in taking over the Keyboard Specialist/Collaborative Pianist position at FMC that is currently held by Randy Macy, please visit the "Job Openings" tab on the [www.FMCDevner.org](http://www.FMCDevner.org) website to learn more. The deadline for emailing resume and cover letter is this Tuesday, April 27, so don't delay! - Thanks! Nikki KandeLind, Music Director

**Quilting Classes:** Over the last several months several of you have spoken to me about quilting. There has been interest in classes for children to learn to quilt and also for an adult class. It seemed that classes over the summer would be easier than over the school year. I have ideas which I think would meet the needs of both groups but need some input from interested parties to proceed. The classes would teach fabric selection, rotary cutting, machine piecing, sandwiching and quilting. Results would be a wall hanging. We would use a book so you would have written material to refer to for your next project. There will be more than just one "teacher" at each session, so the students could get the attention needed. You would need a sewing machine and supplies. Please e-mail me back about the following:

- 1) would you be interested in a class for children?
- 2) would you be interested in a class for adults?
- 3) tell me if day time or evening would be better
- 4) I think that we would need about 6 - 8 sessions, would this work?
- 5) would one class per week work?

Thanks, Linda Wyse, [rlwyse@comcast.net](mailto:rlwyse@comcast.net), 303-399-1428

**Don't forget Sunday's Young Voices for Peace Concert! It is Sunday, April 25, 2010, 2:30 pm,** at FMC. Choirs will sing, the audience will sing, and all are invited to a Cookie Reception following. Hope to see you Sunday!

## Menno Focus

April *Menno Focus* is available on the Welcome Table in the foyer.

## Conference Connections

April *Conference Connections* is available on the Welcome Table in the foyer.

## Mennonite Church USA News Releases

[http://www.fmcdenver.org/MCUS\\_A\\_Releases](http://www.fmcdenver.org/MCUS_A_Releases)

## 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) The cancellation will be posted on the FMC website. 2) A message will be left on the FMC Worship and Activities Line. Call 303-892-1038 and press 1 at the prompt. 3) 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. 4) 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 run one time. Deadline is midnight Wednesday.*

Kathy Ropp (my sister) is looking for a ride from Denver to the Iowa City, IA area on or around Sunday, May 16th. Please give Kathy a call if you are going to Iowa. (319) 331-2412. Steve Stutzman

**Any and all graduates (or parents of graduates) from the recent past, currently, or upcoming!** Please let the church office know by Monday, May 10 of your (or your child's) graduation plans. We will be recognizing and celebrating all graduates (high school, college, post-grad...) in the worship service on May 16. We would like to know the date of graduation, name of school, type of degree (if applicable) and plans following graduation (if known) to put in the announcement sheet for May 16 as well.

**Congratulations!** We would like to congratulate Brennen Kauffman! He finished in 2nd place at the State Geography Bee this year on April 9th. He was competing against the top 100 4th-8th grade geography champions from around the state. The Bee was held at DU, and was an exciting day. Since he is in 8th grade, this was the last year he could participate, and it was great to see him do so well. Feel free to ask him a geography question next time you see him at church. Congratulations Brennen! ~Jeff and Glenda Kauffman

**Join your fellow FMCers for work, food and fellowship on Saturday, May 8.** We will have our annual spring work day to prepare the church building and grounds for the summer. Lots of helpers are needed for jobs inside and outside the building. Please sign up on the sign-up sheets in the Community Center this Sunday and next or contact the Coordinators of Facilities - Evan Miller and Andrew Gibson. Refreshments will be served. We'll get started at 8:00 am, but folks who can't make it quite that early are encouraged to come when you can.

**Sign a letter:** Elsa Lantz, Jenae Stutzman and Cassie Voth will be baptized on Sunday during the 11:00 service. You are invited to sign letters to them as a sign of your prayers and support. The letters will be on one of the tables in the Community Center this Sunday, April 25, and next Sunday, May 2.

**Farewell and Welcome!** Anna and Brian Yoder Schlabach have completed their duties as FMC Caretakers. Thanks for a job well done! We will miss you! Welcome to Ross and Allison Boehm Lehman, the new FMC caretakers, starting today.

**Delegates Needed:** Mountain States Mennonite Conference Annual Assembly will be at the Pueblo Clarion Inn and Conference Center August 6-8, 2010. This is a fun weekend of worship, fellowship and fun with Mennonites from all over the conference. Ervin Stutzman, Mennonite Church USA Executive Director, will be the featured speaker. In addition to our pastoral staff, FMC is entitled to send six delegates to represent us in the delegate session. Please contact Karen Martin in the church office or Craig Sommers if you would like to be one of our delegates.

## Mennonite Church USA

**From Mennonite Education Agency:** Thank God for the safe return of the EMU cross-cultural seminar groups and for the rich learning experiences they had in Guatemala and the Middle East.

**From Mennonite Mission Network:** Don and Jan Rheinheimer have been working with a newly planted Mennonite church in Riobamba, Ecuador for more than a year. Pray that strong local leadership and experienced pastoral leaders may be found to accompany the church before the Rheinheimers' departure in September.

**MCC** identifies priorities, plans that will guide long-term response in Haiti. Food security, education, economic development and housing are among the priorities that will guide MCC's long-term rebuilding efforts in Haiti. [mcc.org/stories/news/mcc-plans-long-term-recovery-haiti](http://mcc.org/stories/news/mcc-plans-long-term-recovery-haiti)