



# *FMC Weekly*

*May 7 ~ 13*

## ***Worship Sunday, May 9 – 8:30 and 11:00 AM***

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Worship at 11:00 AM. Easter 6. Well-known story teller Jack Dueck will be preaching and doing the children's story in the context of our child blessing service. His message is entitled "The Burning Bush or the Plastic Mulberry." The text is Matthew 2:1-2, 9b-11. This service will have strong a cappella four-part singing and open sharing. Child care is available.

## ***Education Sunday, May 9 – 9:45 - 10:45 AM***

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### **For Children**

The title for the lesson is "living in the light." The Scripture/Bible story is 1 John 2:3-17. John writes that those who know Christ obey his commandments, especially the command to love each other. Love God, not the things of the world and do God's will. The faith focus is, "walk in the light of God."

### **For Adults**

1. Coloradans for Alternatives to the Death Penalty in Sanctuary. Coloradans Against the Death Penalty will present the second a two-part series about the death penalty in Colorado: salient issues, how we can become involved as folks from a historic tradition that requires finding alternatives to killing.
2. Discussion about the book, *The Story of B*, with Erin Gotwals continues in B-21.

## ***Events May 7 - 13***

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### **Saturday, May 8**

8:00 am Spring Work Day at FMC

### **Schedule for Sunday, May 9**

8:30-9:30 am: Worship Service  
9:00-9:45 am: Choir practice in Community Center  
9:30-11 am Coffee/Donuts  
9:45-10:45 am: Education Hour/Grocery Card Sales  
11:00 am-Noon: Worship Service

### **May 12-16**

Presentation of Pastoral Candidate Tory Doerksen (see schedule below)

### **Thursday, May 13**

9:30 AM Hymn Sing and Meditation Round Table

## ***Future Events***

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### **May 16**

Graduate Recognition  
Potluck at noon

### **May 23**

May Congregational Meeting at 10:00 AM in the Community Center (go to FMC website to view agenda, minutes and 2010 Annual Report)  
Farewell Concert and Dessert Reception for Randy Macy 4:00 PM. (Invitation posted on FMC website.)

## 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

7 - Hal and Marti King  
10 - Theda Good and Dawn Kreider  
11 - Liz and Evan Miller

## Happy Birthday

7 - Gary Wahl  
8 - Landon Skudneski  
8 - Aaron Sours  
8 - Alexandra Wyse  
10 - Dan Jantzen  
11 - Steve Dudek  
11 - Andrew Gibson  
11 - Anika O'Brian  
12 - Bernadette Wyse  
13 - Marco Monzon Paz

## Attendance May 2

8:30 AM Service  
Adults - 69  
Children - 10  
Total - 79

11:00 AM Service  
Adults - 129  
Children - 36  
Total - 161

## Links

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

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

## Contact Us

FMC General Mailbox  
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## Our FMC Community

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

**Come one, come all, for a morning of food, fellowship and work! Spring Work Day is this Saturday, May 8,** and we want you! We'll get started at 8 AM, but if that is too early, feel free to join in a little later. We have both indoor and outdoor projects. Bring your own gardening tools, work gloves, cleaning supplies and so forth. Refreshments will be provided.

**Pastor Search Update** – As noted on previous Sundays, the Pastoral Search Committee has recommended Tory Doerksen for the Pastor for Child and Youth Faith Formation position. The Leadership Council approved the recommendation on April 21. Below is the schedule of upcoming opportunities to meet Tory and related events in the process. Currently all meetings are scheduled to take place at the church, though we are looking for hosts for the meetings open to small groups and individuals (Wed., Thurs., and Fri. evenings as well as the Sat. 3:00 pm meeting). Please let Cindy know if you can host one of these meetings. Sign up sheets for meetings with Tory will be available after church on May 9, or you can contact Karen to let her know you will be attending.

### Schedule of Events:

#### May 12 (Wednesday)

7:00-8:15 PM – Meeting with Tory (sign up open to individuals and small groups)

#### May 13 (Thursday)

7:00-8:15 PM – Meeting with Tory (sign up open to individuals and small groups)

#### May 14 (Friday)

7:00-8:15 PM – Meeting with Tory (sign up open to individuals and small groups)

#### May 15 (Saturday)

9:30-10:45 AM – Meeting with Tory for parents and children;  
11:00 AM -12:15 PM – Meeting with Tory for Educators/ Sunday School Teachers;  
3:00-4:15 PM – Meeting with Tory (sign up open to individuals and small groups)

#### May 16 (Sunday)

Both Services: Tory will be "interviewed" by Vern during the services and be involved in the services in other ways  
Sunday School – meeting with the MYF and Sponsors  
Potluck after church with Q&A time with Tory after lunch

#### May 23 (Sunday)

Congregational Vote during Sunday School hour

We will also be providing an informational page on Tory shortly. Please mark your calendars for one of these opportunities to get to know Tory, and plan to come to the potluck on May 16. As always, feel free to ask any Committee member if you have questions - Cindy Eby (chair), Stephanie Miller, Amy Conrad, Dave Harguth, Annie and Vern.

## Sermons

Sermon by Vern Rempel on May 2 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.

## Menno Focus

May *Menno Focus* 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.

**May Congregational Meeting is at 10 AM on Sunday, May 23**, in the Community Center. Agenda and 2010 Annual Report are posted on the Members' Page of the FMC website or hard copies are available in the foyer. If you will need an absentee ballot, please contact Karen Martin.

**Members' Page on Website:** We now have a password-protected area especially for FMC members on our church website. May 23, 2010 congregational meeting information (agenda, minutes of meetings in the past year and the 2010 Annual Report) and a biographical sketch of our pastoral candidate, Tory Doerksen, are posted there. Password information was sent in a separate e-mail to members.

**Two Service Venture Discussion:** We would like to invite your small group to "take its temperature" about the two-service venture as we begin to prepare for our June 13 discussion of the two-service venture. Thanks! Lori Oswald and Vern Rempel

Small group discussion starter regarding our two-service venture:

- 1) Which services have you attended? Have you been in both the 8:30 and 11:00 services?
- 2) What has been your overall experience of the two-service venture? How has it felt to you spiritually, emotionally, practically?
- 3) What have you noticed about how others around you are experiencing this two service venture?
- 4) How do you see the two-services serving or not serving the health and well-being of our congregation? What are the biggest benefits? Biggest challenges?

\*\*\*You do not need to systematically answer these questions or keep yourselves to only answering them. They are discussion starters. If somebody could make some notes about your discussion and e-mail those to Vern Rempel and Lori Oswald, who will be leading our June 13 (11:00 a.m.) discussion about the two services, that would be helpful in preparation for that meeting.\*\*\*

**Last call for graduate information!** Please submit information for all students graduating from high school, college or post-graduate to the church office. Please include date of graduation, name of school, type of degree and plans following graduation. Deadline is Wednesday, May 12.

**Thanks for all the support for Vacation Bible School but we still need a few more volunteers to help.** VBS is June 7-11 from 9 AM-12 PM at Glennon Heights Mennonite Church in Lakewood. The theme is "Meet God on the Mountain!" and faith stories from the old and new testament that occur on mountains will be explored. Adults are needed in one or more of the following ways listed below in order to make the week extra special for kids and manageable for all involved.

**DRAMA ACTORS** – Sign up to be an actor for a day (or several days if you desire) during the morning worship. Various Biblical characters and a modern day mom are needed. A drama director to help oversee the daily skits and stage scenes is also desired.

**BACKPACK ADVENTURE ACTIVITY LEADERS** – Sign up for a day or several days to lead two or three groups in a 45-minute activity session related to the VBS theme. Lesson plans and a list of materials needed will be provided. Group leaders will be on hand to assist you as well. (Activities include rock crafts, campfire foods, mountain geography, orienteering, and more!)

**RECREATION LEADERS** - Sign up for a day or several days to lead various recreation activities. During the course of the morning the children will break for recreation.

If you are interested, please contact one of the following VBS committee members: Barb Stutzman, Darcey VanWagner, Dawn Voth, or Anna Yoder Schlabach. Thanks!!!

## **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.*

**Barry and Brenda Bartel** are relocating to the Denver area this summer. Barry will return to law practice at Holland and Hart in June, and Brenda will look for a position teaching elementary music for the fall. If you have leads on a place they could live (house sitting, furnished apartment, ideally with a short commute to downtown) during the summer while they house hunt, please contact them at [barry.bartel@gmail.com](mailto:barry.bartel@gmail.com) or [brendalynbartel@gmail.com](mailto:brendalynbartel@gmail.com).

**Chase Snyder is going to Bangladesh** for a year of service starting in August. He is required to raise \$4450 by mid-July to defray costs. Contributions may be made to First Mennonite Church, designated to MCC SALT - Chase Snyder. If you identify yourself (name only), Chase will e-mail periodic updates to you from Bangladesh. Chase will make himself available at FMC several Sunday mornings this summer before going to Bangladesh.

### **Directory Updates:**

**Jim and Jan Parks**, home phone number: (303) 716-6019 (Different number from what was published last week.)

## **Around Mountain States Mennonite Conference**

**For the first time ever, MMA has an office in Colorado**—not just any office, but in fact a regional headquarters for MMA sales and distribution for most of the Western United States. To celebrate, the MMA West team invites you to join them for an evening of refreshment and fellowship from 6:30-8:30 at one of the following locations:

\*Tuesday, May 11, Belleview Community Church, 12472 Belleview Avenue, Littleton, CO

\*Wednesday, May 12, Beth-El Mennonite Church, 4625 Ranch Drive, Colorado Springs, CO

\*Thursday, May 13, Casa Del Sol Aspen Center, 1002 Casa Del Sol Drive, La Junta, CO

At 7:00 PM, at each location, there will be a brief introduction of our staff and services, along with an update on key matters at MMA, including the imminent name change from MMA to Everence. Please join us!

**There will not be a Mountain States Mennonite Conference Faith and Life Forum this spring.** We will resume with regularly scheduled Faith and Life Forums next spring. – Herm Weaver, Conference Minister, and MSMC Leadership Board

## **Mennonite Church USA**

**From Mennonite Mission Network:** For the past five years, Third Way Media has done award-winning work in public education about mental health. Pray that God would use the documentaries and radio spots to lift the stigma around mental illness and to provide hope for suffering individuals and their families.

**From Mennonite Education Agency:** Pray for the hiring processes of faculty and staff at Eastern Mennonite School and that candidates will sense a calling from God to serve in a Mennonite school.