



FMC Weekly

May 28 - June 3

Worship Sunday, May 30 – 10:00 AM

One Worship at 10:00 AM.

The sermon will be a guided hymnsing with Arlen Hershberger. The text is Psalm 92:1-4.

Education Sunday, May 30

No classes for children or adults.

Events May 28 - June 3

Sunday, May 30

10:00 AM: Worship Service

11:00 AM: Coffee/Donuts/Grocery Cards

Thursday, June 3

9:30 AM Hymn Sing and Meditation Round Table

Looking Ahead

Sunday, June 6

Worship services at 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM followed by the Sunday School Potluck Picnic

Wednesday, June 9

6:30-8:00 PM Celebration for Marcus Bishop

Sunday, June 13

Summer schedule of one service at 10 AM begins.

Round Table discussion about two service venture. For this discussion, consider these questions:

- 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?

Noon CROP Walk - Potluck for walkers with walk to follow (see announcement below)

Prayers

We welcome your requests for prayer. Please e-mail your prayer request to the church office with "Prayer Request" 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 the pastors.

We request prayers for Margaret's niece, Jessica

Schumack and her two children, Andrew (6) and Haley (4). Their husband/father died on May 18, at the age of 26. He was a Veteran of the Iraq war and had difficult issues around those memories. Jessica is the daughter of Margaret's brother, Doug. They reside in Allen, Texas. Lynn and Margaret Williams

Del Roth had a slight heart attack this week. He was in Swedish Hospital for tests, which showed no or very little damage to his heart muscle. He had a stent inserted into an artery and seems to be doing quite well. - **Del and Mim Roth**

Happy Anniversary

29 - Ardis and Mark Miller
31 - Leon and Roberta Stutzman
2 - Christina Alderfer and Zachary Bishop
3 - Mary and Ron Olson

Happy Birthday

28 - Betty Jantzen
29 - Jan Yost
30 - Brett Conrad
30 - Emma Hansen
31 - Timothy Frick
31 - Arlen Hershberger
31 - Jenny Thompson
1 - Charlotte Derstine
1 - Joe Mulloy
2 - Craig Sommers
2 - Marie Voth
3 - Millie Bennett
3 - Ruth Hooley
3 - Seth Lantz

Our FMC Community

Pastoral Call: Last Sunday, May 23, we voted by 99+% to call Tory Doerksen to the position of Pastor for Child and Youth Faith Formation. Tory has accepted and will begin June 1.

Pastor Vern Rempel will be away Saturday and Sunday. In case of emergency, call his cell phone at 720-384-5676.

Sunday School Picnic: Everyone is invited to the end of the year Sunday School picnic on June 6. The picnic will start at noon across the street in the park. Please bring your own table service along with a main dish, side or salad to share. Cookies, drinks and cups will be provided. Come help celebrate the end of a good education year for our children.

Have you looked into FMC's new electronic giving option?

Contributions to FMC can now be debited automatically from your checking or savings account or charged to your credit or debit card. There is no cost to you to participate. To use the electronic giving option, you can set it up on line at www.fmcdenver.org (click on the blue "Donate" button at the top right of the website) OR you may contact the church office for the authorization form you will need to complete to permit the FMC office to transfer funds from your bank account to FMC. We will continue to collect offerings during worship for those of you who prefer to give checks. Check your FMC mailbox over the next two weeks for written information about this program.

Don't miss this opportunity! If you are not a part of a small group at this time, you may not have had the opportunity to be a greeter at the welcome table and usher on Sunday mornings. This summer we would like to ask for volunteers to do just that beginning June 13. Attendance most likely will be light this summer, so it really only takes about 4 or 5 people to do the job. Perhaps you would like to ask family members, extended family groups or friends to help you. If you can find just one Sunday during the summer to help, please sign up as soon as possible. Please list several possible dates and we will assemble a schedule. Please contact Linda Bontrager at 303.424.6166 or lbgreen56@aol.com. Thanks for your help.

Chase Snyder has volunteered to go to Bangladesh on behalf of MCC for a year of service starting in August. It turns out that MCC requires that funds be paid to MCC on Chase's behalf before this service begins. MCC has stated that the volunteer can not begin the program until the money is paid. Contributions may be made to First Mennonite Church, designated to "MCC SALT - Chase Snyder." Both your name and the amount of your contribution will remain confidential unless you choose to identify yourself (name only). Chase will e-mail periodic updates from Bangladesh to those who choose to identify themselves. Contributions totaling \$2710, which is 60% of the total \$4450 required, have been received as of 5/25/2010. The deadline is in early July. Chase will be able to make himself available at FMC for questions one more Sunday morning (in August) before going to Bangladesh. Thank you for your interest and support.

Migrant Trail: Deb Schaffer will be in AZ walking the Migrant Trail as part of the MCC delegation from May 28 through June 6. The walk is 75 miles, from the border state of Sonora in Mexico to Tucson. She would appreciate your prayers for all the people migrating through the desert this year. May they find safe passage. And for the families and communities of the estimated 4,000 people who have died in the desert since NAFTA was implemented. May we welcome the stranger.

Attendance May 23

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8:30 am Service

Adults - 41

Children - 3

Total - 44

11:00 am Service

Adults - 162

Children - 25

Total - 187

Sermons

Sermons are 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.

Links

For Mountain States Conference
www.MountainStatesMC.org

For Mennonite Church USA
www.MennoniteUSA.org

Mennonite Church USA News Releases

http://www.fmcdenver.org/MCUSA_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.

CROP Walk: We can support the work of MCC to alleviate hunger through the CROP walk! We'll be walking about 3 miles on June 13. Potluck: 12:00 pm followed by walk from 1:00 pm - approx. 2:00 pm. You can sign up to walk! You can sign up to sponsor! I've started an online donation page with CROP walk and have a goal of raising \$250. You can donate online, register or create a page to raise money for MCC at <http://www.churchworldservice.org/goto/deb>. I've also left a sponsor/donor form in my church mailbox and we'll be signing folks up on June 6 and June 13. People in the world who lack access to basic necessities often walk as much as 6 miles a day to get food/water/to market! In 2002, I rode the bus with a child who had been sent to market to buy less than a pound of rice, perhaps just enough rice for the day. It was a tiny bag. His mother did not have enough money to buy a 40# bag of rice, which costs less than \$20. They didn't have enough for more than one day, which I had never experienced. <http://www.churchworldservice.org/goto/deb> Please come WALK with us on June 13. - Deb Schaffer

Adult Education June 6: On June 6, there will be an adult forum at 11:00 AM on Citizen-Funded Campaigns, ballot initiative #53, which is described briefly as follows:

-Removes corrupting influence of special-interest money on Colorado state campaigns.

-Candidate participation is totally voluntary - a candidate agrees to Public Financing, then raises a set amount of money in small donations.

-The amount of funding provided to Citizen-Funded candidates is the average required to win a given race in the past two elections.

-Citizen-funded campaigns is totally funded by a limited number of small contributions to candidates, and a \$5-10 fee on each individual tax return.

-A petition will be available to put the issue on next Fall's ballot. Questions may be directed to Bob Carlsten 303-455-6246. -- Bob Carlsten

Mountain States Annual Assembly is coming soon! FMC is still looking for individuals who would like to join the fun of this event and serve as a delegate representing our congregation. Contact Vern Rempel if you would like to be a delegate

Around Mountain States Mennonite Conference

Clifford King Obituary: You may read the complete obituary for Clifford King of Beth-El congregation by clicking on this link:
<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=qr&GRid=52701014>

Mennonite Church USA

From Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for the Evangelische Freikirche in Berlin, Germany, where Kenton and Kidron Miller are part of a church-planting team. Today, the young congregation is hosting an open house and dedicating their newly completed building.

From Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for the students of all Mennonite schools, colleges and seminaries who have or will graduate this spring. Thank God for the academic, spiritual, and social growth each graduate has experienced. Give thanks for the committed efforts of faculty and staff that made their educational experiences possible.

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.

GIVE A KID A BOOK -

Creating KID Libraries in Kenya

Dates of Collection: Month of June. Place in the large box located in the foyer.

Target Population: Students attending economically-limited primary and secondary schools in rural Kenya. Requesting books for toddlers as well.

BY: Arvada Sunrise Rotary and SCOPE Project (School Communities Offering Projects that Empower)

Goal and Commitment: 120,000 books and 60 more libraries (40 already opened)

Type of Books: Either new or gently used fiction and non-fiction (poetry, biography, reference, etc.) books appropriate for school libraries. Children's dictionaries, maps, and encyclopedias (if printed 2000-2010). Also Books for toddlers, picture books. English only. No text books.

Questions: Lois or Norm Dewhurst -303-431-7060 and check June FOCUS for more details.

Meet Your FMC Family, Online!

The Community Center is a secure, online extension of First Mennonite Church of Denver, established and run by members of FMC, that makes it possible for you to connect with the people you see often and would like to get to know better. At The Community Center you can:

- Find people with similar interests
 - Connect with people in your profession
 - Make new friends
 - Find someone who has that tool you need to borrow
 - Find someone to walk your dog.
- To join, visit

<http://fmcdenver.ning.com>.

Brought to you by Roberta Kandel, Chuck Morris, Joe Fretz, Arlen Hershberger, James Stuckey

Our Urban Community

Pilgrimage for Change: On June 6, I will be helping to lead other local religious leaders in a "Pilgrimage for Change" as a way of offering a faith community voice regarding our Immigration tragedy/crisis. I have helped organize this along with several other clergy and Metropolitan Organizations for People. Please click this link to see the flyer on our website or see the bulletin board in the Community Center. There are three afternoon/evening events. I will be leading a meditation with music and readings at the Immigration Detention Center in Aurora (address on flyer) at 5:30 p.m. and helping with music and other leadership at the 7:00 p.m. service at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. See flyer for detailed information; I would also be happy to chat with you about these events. Thanks! Vern Rempel