



# *FMC Weekly*

*July 2-8*

## ***Worship Sunday, July 4 – 10:00 AM***

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**Dan Wessner will be preaching on "Appreciative Peacebuilding."** The text for the service is Ephesians 2:11-22. Dan will present the challenge and reality of diverse ecumenical bodies of faith (from the early church to today) contributing to spiritually/religiously and grounded/inspired peacebuilding. Most pertinent to Mennonites is the invitation that we grow our capacity to recognize, appreciatively inquire, and change normative behavior in response to complex matters of sustainable development and strategic peacebuilding. Age old challenge. Present imperative needs. Capacity to learn and serve – as Lederach puts it – with genuinely moral imagination (spinning a web of new relationships, accepting incumbent risks, stepping out soulfully and creatively, and finding paradoxical genius in the diverse approaches of communities seeking to serve God and community peaceably). Dan directs the new Master's in Development Practice program at the University of Denver. This program draws a global cohort of students (24 to 58 years of age) into a 25-month venture with 22 universities and scores of non-governmental organizations on five continents.

## ***Education Sunday, July 4 – 11:00 AM***

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### **For Children**

No classes for children during the summer.

### **For Adults**

"Tethering Balloons" led by Dan Wessner in the Sanctuary. This session begins with a parable (based on hot air ballooning) that will challenge the group to consider whether/how such diverse parts of the world (religious, political, linguistic, disciplinary) can actually work together in appreciative and strategic peacebuilding. The objective is not to identify the problems in peacebuilding/keeping/making efforts (by states, societies, and others), but to build upon the successes of incredibly rich, diverse, and yes ... complex ... long-term processes of peacebuilding. This session also introduces some of the objectives of the new Master's in Development Practice program at the University of Denver – the program that Dan directs and the driver underlying their family's move back to Denver.

## ***Events July 2-8***

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### **Sunday, July 4**

10:00 AM: Worship Service

11:00 AM: Coffee/Donuts/Grocery Card Sales/Adult Education

Afternoon: DOOR groups from First Mennonite Church, Pretty Prairie, KS; Martins Mennonite Church, Orrville, OH; First Mennonite Church, Morton, IL arrive to use our building for the week.

### **Monday, July 5**

Church office closed in observance of Independence Day holiday.

### **Tuesday, July 6**

9:00 - 11:00 AM Quilting

5:30-8:30 PM Quilting

### **Thursday, July 8**

10:15 AM Hymn Sing and Meditation Round Table

## Looking Ahead

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### Sunday, July 11

First Congregational Discussion about 2011 Budget

### Sundays, July 11, 18 and August 1

Summer Movie Sermon Series

**July 11, 2010:** *Julie and Julia*

*"Julie & Julia: Finding 'It' For Life"*

*Reflection on how we gain a sense of identity, purpose, strength, meaning for our lives.*

**July 18, 2010:** *Up*

*"Up: Drawing into Proximity"*

*How relationships flare to life, often by surprise or happenstance, and become powerful processes in our lives.*

**August 1, 2010:** *Catch Me if You Can*

*"Catch Me if You Can: Putting on the Roles"*

*One performance theory suggests that in our ordinary lives, we put on and take off roles much as we put on and take off clothing. Our role-identity is far more fluid that we may imagine. What does this mean for character, integrity, and truth. How does this fluidity help us to be constructive or make us destructive?*

### Sunday, August 15

Congregational Meeting to discuss and vote about the Master Plan

### Sunday, August 29

Second Congregational Discussion about 2011 Budget

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### 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 Tory.

### Your prayers will be appreciated for Mel Dirksen.

Mel broke a bone in his left arm June 22 and had surgery to pin the bone June 29. The CT scan revealed a tumor and lesions they need to check out and they are waiting for the pathology report. You can find more information and updates on Mel's CaringBridge website. Go to CaringBridge.org and in the "Visit a Website" box, enter MelDirksen (no space).

### Attendance June 27

Adults - 266  
Children - 13  
Total - 279

### Happy Anniversary

6 - Gary and Vicky Mierau  
7 - Bonnie and Reuben Gregory

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## Our FMC Community

**Thank you to the Mennonite Society of Musical Heritage** for planning and executing the wonderful music weekend! Many thanks to Ron, Verlene and Joel Garber for the musicianship and inspiration brought to the weekend and especially the Sunday morning worship service. Thanks to all the singers and instrumentalists and the many who worked behind the scenes to pull off this wonderful gift of music!

**Linda Welty**, Administrative Assistant, will be out of the office July 6-9.

**FMC Financial Update, Second Quarter of 2010.** Believe it or not, we are now entering the second half of 2010. We have much for which to be thankful. Take a moment and think of a few things which you are thankful for as you reflect on the first half of this year. A grateful heart takes practice. There is much goodness at FMC and we need to celebrate this as well. We are grateful for those who have given so generously to the mission of FMC. As of June 30, our expenses are \$8,022 greater than our income and our contributions are about \$19,868 below budget. For the sake of comparison, in June 2009 our income was \$6,800 above expenses while contributions were \$8,582 below budget. While budgeting is not an exact science, it is our goal to meet our target at the end of each quarter. Our current financial status is a bit concerning as we enter into the third quarter. Please consider what you can do financially to assist in the mission and ministry at FMC.

~Dawn Kreider, Finance Commissioner

**Contribution Statements:** Contribution statements for 2nd Quarter are in your FMC mailbox.

**Tory is putting together two short-term "think-tanks"** to brainstorm curriculum for all ages: one of historians (Anabaptist/Mennonite, Church, Political, etc.) and one of biblical theologians (anyone with interest

## Happy Birthday

2 - Dawn Voth  
3 - Cynthia Holdeman  
3 - Nina Rupp  
4 - Charlie Ferguson  
5 - Ellen Conrad  
5 - Lonny Gardner  
6 - Herman Reitmeyer  
7 - Cindy Kauffman  
7 - Kaitlyn Kraybill-Voth  
7 - Stephanie Miller  
8 - Marla Graber  
8 - Andrew Longacher  
8 - Andrew Yoder

## 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.

## 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

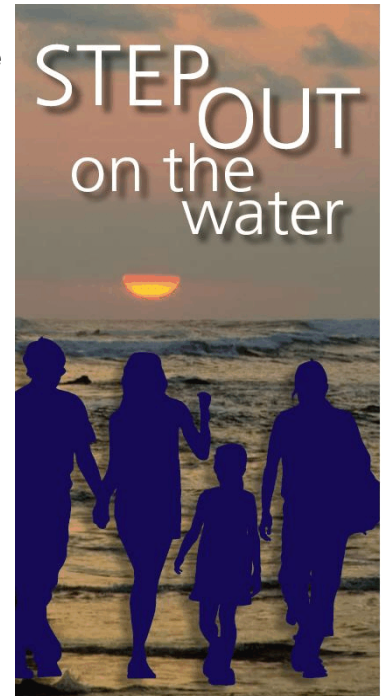
When weather or any other emergency event necessitates last minute cancellation of worship or other events here at FMC, the following procedure will be followed: 1) The cancellation will be posted on the FMC website. 2) A recorded message will be left on the FMC main line at 303-892-1038. 3) Email will 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.

and/or skills regarding the Bible and how we use and teach it). He wants to keep the groups small and start gathering occasionally this summer and fall. Contact him for more information.

**There are a few spots still open for the six-week Wednesday evening series** on the Hebrew ("Old") Testament and the Godfather Trilogy. Led by Tory Doerksen and hosted by John Beck and Connie Rempel, the series will begin July 7 and will include pasta dinners and wine. Contact Tory ASAP if you're interested.

## ***Around Mountain States Mennonite Conference***

**Step out on the Water**, the theme for Mountain States Mennonite Conference Assembly, is taken from a song written in 1988 by Dave Foncannon, pastor of Pueblo Mennonite Church, also accomplished musician and artist. The song is centered around the story of Jesus walking on the water out to his disciples in a boat. Faith, fear and doubt becomes the focal point as Peter walks out onto the water to meet Jesus. The story is found in Matthew 14:22-33. Water will be a central element for the weekend with symbolic water rituals, and congregational presentations and sharing. Make your plans now to attend the gathering August 6-8, 2010 in Pueblo, Colorado at the Clarion Inn. Go to [www.mountainstatesmc.org](http://www.mountainstatesmc.org) for additional information. Listen and download the song performed by Fireweed, posted at [mcmcp1.org](http://mcmcp1.org)



A lot of new information from the planners of MSMC Annual Assembly was posted on the MSMC website this week. Check it out!

## ***Mennonite Church USA***

**From Mennonite Mission Network:** South Africa's World Cup soccer competition is in its final week. Pray for the churches using this event to witness – especially for the Kids' Klub that meets every Friday at Breakthru Church International.

**From Mennonite Education Agency:** Thank God for our religious freedom that not only allows us to worship as we wish, but also allows Mennonite institutions to offer an Anabaptist/Mennonite education.

## **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.*

## **50th Anniversary**

**Celebration:** You are invited to a 50th Anniversary Open House for Jim and Janet Zook, on Sunday, July 4th from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the home of Frank & Leta Bontrager, 2156 S. Estes Way, Lakewood. Your presence is the only gift required. For questions contact the Bontrager's 987-3042.

**Housing Needed:** Can you offer hospitality and a room for my friend from Iran? She will be studying in a Masters program at Univ. of Denver arriving in mid-August. She is looking for a family close to the University, and a home with no pets. If you are interested and can help host her please contact Susan Kennel Harrison [susankennelh@gmail.com](mailto:susankennelh@gmail.com), -- Susan Kennel Harrison

**Peaches:** Peace Mennonite Community Church is again selling peaches as a fundraiser. The peaches are grown on Colorado's Western Slope. An 18 lb box with approximately 30-35 peaches is \$28.00. Orders must be in by August 2. Pick up for peaches is August 14. Please contact Barb Swartzendruber at 303-344-1731, Madora Stauffer at 303-292-9306, or Geraldine Cooper at 303-617-1446.

## **Contact Us**

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