



FMC Weekly

August 5-12

To visit the FMC website, go to www.fmcdenver.org.

Send announcements for the FMC Weekly to fmcdenver@aol.com by midnight Wednesday.

Worship Sunday, August 8 – 10:00 AM

Ministry Intern, Darren Knowles, will be preaching. His sermon title is *Towards a Greater Faith: Difference in Community*. Sermon text is Matthew 15:22-28. Darren Knowles speaks about what drew him and his family to FMC. With that story, he will look at the choices we can make when we face difference.

Education Sunday, August 8 – 11:00 AM

For Children

No classes for children during the summer. Classes resume August 22.

For Adults

Revelation in Relationships will meet in the Sanctuary. Darren Knowles will lead the discussion on how we learn about and experience God through various connections with people. We will look at how our community of faith can foster those relationships and what we can learn from those outside our group.

[Note: This is not a class on the New Testament book of Revelation.]

Events August 6-12

Sunday, August 8

10:00 AM: Worship Service

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

Monday, August 9

10 AM Child Protection/Curriculum Orientation

Tuesday, August 10

9:00-11:00 AM Quilting

5:30-8:30 PM Quilting

Thursday, August 11

10:15 AM Hymn Sing and Meditation Round Table

Looking Ahead

Sunday, August 15

11:00 AM Congregational Meeting to discuss and vote about the Master Plan

12:15 PM Child Protection/Curriculum Orientation with light lunch

Wednesday, August 18

4:00 PM Child Protection/Curriculum Orientation with light dinner

7:00 PM FMC Leadership Council Meeting

Sunday, August 22

Education Program Opening Day. **Worship time changes to 9:30 AM for the fall.**

Sunday, September 12
Licensing of Tory Doerksen

Sunday, September 19
Second Congregational Discussion about 2011 Budget

Saturday, September 25
23rd annual Denver MCC Auction at 7 PM at the Garden Park Gymnasium

Saturday-Sunday, September 25-26
Great Getaway Weekend at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp, Divide, CO

Friday evening and Saturday, October 15-16
Rocky Mountain Mennonite Relief Sale, Rocky Ford, CO

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.

My brother, John Miller, died early Sunday morning, August 1, in Lancaster, PA, after a 5-month battle with brain cancer. He retired last year after many years teaching music at Lancaster Mennonite High School. We request prayers for his family for peace and comfort - wife, Helen; daughter, Francis; and son and his wife, Wendell and Rachel. - Chris Miller

Happy Anniversary

6 - Mel and Jane Birky
6 - Joseph Fretz and Ann Froese-Fretz
7 - Angela and Keith Nofziger
8 - Lisa and Mark Longacher
8 - Emily and James Stuckey Weber
9 - Lane and Linda Miller

Happy Birthday

6 - Nicholas Falk
7 - Rita Sommers
10 - John Beck
10 - Lisa Stauffer Mayen
11 - Cary Hansen
12 - Derek Miller
12 - Ardis Miller

Attendance August 1

Adults - 127
Children - 18
Total - 145

Our FMC Community

Update from Worship Discernment Group: The worship discernment group continues to meet regarding two worship services on Sunday morning and is working on a proposal. **Starting August 22, worship will begin at 9:30 am; Christian Education at 11:00.** More information will be available soon.

Annie Lengacher Browning is back in her ministerial role after maternity leave. She will be working half time (Darren Knowles, ministry intern from Iliff School of Theology, will be filling the other half of her former role on a temporary basis). She will be most available in the office on Mondays and Wednesdays between 11 AM and 5 PM. We are very pleased to have Annie back! Vern Rempel

Thank you: Thank you to all of you who donated to the strollers for Annie and Tory and their families. It was a wonderful success and they now are out shopping for their jogging strollers. Lewis and Rian are in for some fun rides. Char Hostetler

Annual Assembly: Please remember the folks from our congregation who will be leading and participating in the Mountain States Mennonite Conference Annual Assembly in Pueblo this weekend. Thank you to our delegates for representing us at Annual Assembly: Annie Lengacher Browning, Carlene Hill, Glennis and Roger Hochstetler, Dawn Kreider, Jonathan Moyer, Naomi Nishi and Vern Rempel.

Pastor Tory would like to thank FMC for all the volunteers that have signed up for the upcoming Christian Education year. Although there are a few Room Sponsors and second Teacher openings, the majority of roles are filled. Also, Teacher/Lesson Guides will be handed out during the Child Protection/Curriculum Orientations. If you cannot participate during one of the three opportunities, please contact Pastor Tory to make alternate arrangements.

Thank you: Thank you to everyone who contributed words of wisdom and blessing for us in the blessing book from the congregation. We were deeply touched by each page and the creativity and care that was brought into making the book, and we look forward to reading it and sharing it with Lewis throughout his life. Thank you for all of the support and love that has been extended to us as a family from this congregation. -Annie, Morgan and Lewis

Menno Focus

August *Menno Focus* is available on the FMC website or on the Welcome Table in the foyer.

Contact Us

FMC General Mailbox
fmcdenver@aol.com

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

For Mennonite Church USA
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.

Information on the Master Plan from the Facilities Working Group (FWG)

Below are responses to questions raised by the congregation during our June discussion on the Master Plan.

1. Why is the FWG proposing to ask Head Start to relocate? Are there alternatives?

* After considering the space needs of the congregation (e.g., Sunday school classrooms, medium-sized group meetings, choir rehearsal space, and a location for small worship services and special events), the FWG concluded the Head Start classroom, offices and storage would be the most cost-effective way to provide for those needs.

* Although Head Start is an important connection to the community for FMC, we would continue to provide other resources to our neighborhood – meeting spaces, rent and utility assistance, and volunteer labor.

* Head Start is not sure they would want to relocate to the duplex and it would be very expensive to remodel it for their needs plus the other FMC uses of the duplex.

* Head Start has experience relocating to other facilities when the space needs of their host church or organization change, they just need advance warning. We would provide Head Start a year of advance notice that they would need to relocate.

2. How would the renovations be paid for and when would they occur?

* The FWG proposes that the renovations would be paid for through a combination of a loan and fund-raising.

* Phase 1 of the remodeling, to add an office and rework the front entry is needed as soon as possible, hopefully in 2011.

* Financing the cost of Phase 1, about \$35,000, is being proposed as part of the 2011 budget. The proposed 2011 budget also includes the loss of \$700/month of rental income from Head Start for 9 months.

Congregational Meeting: The congregation will meet on Sunday, August 15, for additional discussion and a vote to accept or not accept the Master Plan with it's implication of 1) asking Head Start to move to another location in 2011 and 2) additional contributions over the next 5 to 10 years to support fundraising and debt service to implement the Master Plan. You may request an absentee ballot through the church office. Absentee ballots would be due by noon on Friday, August 13.

Around Mountain States Mennonite Conference

Arvada Mennonite is celebrating their 50th anniversary next weekend: August 14-15.

Mennonite Church USA

From Mennonite Mission Network: Monsoon season is in full swing in many areas of the world. Pray for workers laboring in the midst of these annual drenching rains and the resulting flooding, as roads and bridges are often impassable and the challenge of daily ministry is increased.

From Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for new and returning students to Mennonite elementary and secondary schools, colleges, universities and seminaries. Thank God for the reunions of friends and for the opportunities to form new friendships.

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.

Urgent: MCC Canner needed: Are you willing to travel with Mennonite Central Committee's meat canner for the next two years, helping to prepare canned meat for people in crisis around the world? MCC has an urgent opening for this service position, starting as soon as possible. Learn more about the opening at mcc.org/serve/positions/canner-operator-2 or call Maynard Knepp at 316-283-2720.

It's time for MCC School Kits! The MCC warehouses are extremely low on school kits and MCC has already received requests for over 40,000 school kits from partner organizations around the world. The next time you're out running errands, pick up the supplies for an MCC School Kit! The complete list and instructions for making a school kit bag can be found at mcc.org/kits/school. Kits should be taken to your nearest MCC drop-off location or the MCC Center in North Newton, KS. Please call us with questions at 316-283-2720.

Call to Prayer for August 12–13 Delegation to Phoenix

Deuteronomy 24:17-18 (NIV)

17 Do not deprive the alien or the fatherless of justice, or take the cloak of the widow as a pledge. 18 Remember that you were slaves in Egypt and the LORD your God redeemed you from there. That is why I command you to do this.

Purpose of trip

In response to concerns raised by Iglesia Menonita Hispana, Mennonite Church USA's Executive Board is sending a delegation to Phoenix, Ariz., to witness "on the ground" the effects of Arizona's new immigration law, the Support Our Law Enforcement and Safe Neighborhoods Act. Phoenix currently is the location for the denomination's 2013 convention.

Phoenix city government leaders, who have expressed their disappointment with the new legislation, extended the invitation to the delegation to come; the Phoenix Convention and Visitors Bureau will cover expenses for the trip.

The group will meet with city officials, convention planners, local Hispanic and Mennonite Church USA congregations, and human rights workers who specialize in immigration. Delegation members will gather information about the potential multi-faceted impacts of holding the denomination's 2013 convention in Phoenix, and will discern options for staying in Phoenix, finding a different location, or canceling the 2013 gathering.

On Friday evening, Mennonite Church USA Phoenix-area churches will join delegation members for a forum on immigration to discuss the issues and guiding principles surrounding the Phoenix 2013 decision.

As Mennonite Church USA contemplates next steps, we are committed to our stated priority of honoring the dignity and value of all Racial/Ethnic people in Mennonite Church USA, ensuring just and equitable access to church resources, positions and information as manifestations of the one new humanity in Christ. As we seek to become an anti-racist church, the dominant group must be accountable to the Racial/Ethnic constituency in decision-making processes. Our delegation will model this accountability. In light of Arizona's new legislation, living into this priority requires that we find specific ways to honor and support our Latino brothers and sisters and other immigrants who are part of Mennonite Church USA. Our efforts and decisions must be focused on allowing God's healing and hope to flow through us into the world.

—Glen Guyton, director for constituent resources, Mennonite Church USA

Delegation members

Iglesia Menonita Hispana representatives: Nicolas Angustia, Yvonne Diaz, Madeline Maldonado, Juan Montes, Jesús Muñoz
Intercultural Relations Reference Committee members: Leslie Francisco III, Kuaying Teng
Executive Board members: Ed Diller, Dick Thomas, Elizabeth Soto Albrecht, Tina Begay, Charlotte Hardt, Juanita Nuñez
Mennonite Church USA staff: Ervin Stutzman, Glen Guyton, Marty Lehman, Susan Mark Landis, Rachel Swartzendruber Miller
Racial Healing Task Group representative: Lloyd Miller
Other representatives: Marc Hershberger (pastor), Saulo Padilla (director, Immigration Education Office, Mennonite Central Committee U.S.)

Prayers for the August 12–13 delegation

Our delegation invites you to join us in prayer before, during and after our time in Phoenix. Now is the time for all members of Mennonite Church USA to dwell together in unity and in prayer to begin the journey toward sharing a holistic witness to the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Let us know your prayers, and that you are praying for us! Send your thoughts and prayers to SusanML@MennoniteUSA.org by Aug. 10, and she will give them to the delegation.

Mennonite Church USA and immigration

Delegates passed an immigration statement in 2003 that says, “We reject our country’s mistreatment of immigrants, repent of our silence, and commit ourselves to act with and on behalf of our immigrant brothers and sisters, regardless of their legal status.”

Mennonite Church USA Churchwide Statement on Immigration
http://peace.mennolink.org/resources/immigrationletter_eng.pdf
(English)

http://peace.mennolink.org/resources/immigrationletter_sp.pdf (Spanish)

<http://peace.mennolink.org/articles/immigratindo.html> (Indonesian)

For additional resources on immigration, see:

<http://peace.mennolink.org/immigration.html>

Our Urban Community

5K Run and Walk: Looking for a way to exercise, have fun and help others? See the poster in the Community Center regarding the 2010 5k Run and Walk to benefit Community Ministry on August 28.