



FMC Weekly

August 13-19

FMC website: www.fmcdenver.org.

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

**Please Note: Starting August 22, the Fall worship schedule begins.
Worship will be at 9:30 AM followed by Christian Education at 11:00 AM.**

Worship Sunday, August 15 – 10:00 AM

Theme: Report from MSMC Annual Assembly

Bible reading; Matthew 14:22-33

Meditation title: "Risk, Outreach, and the Power of Gathering" with Pastor Vern Rempel.

Education Sunday, August 15 – 11:00 AM

For Children

Classes for children begin next week, August 22, at 11:00 AM.

For Adults

Congregational Meeting to discuss and vote on the Master Plan in the Community Center. You are invited to join in the vote if you are a member or regular attender.

Events August 13-19

Sunday, August 15

10:00 AM: Worship Service

11:00 AM: Coffee/Donuts/Grocery Card Sales/Congregational Discussion and Vote

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

Tuesday, August 17

9:00-11:00 AM Quilting

5:30-8:30 PM Quilting

Wednesday, August 18

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

7:00 PM FMC Leadership Council Meeting

Thursday, August 19

10:15 AM Hymn Sing and Meditation Round Table

Looking Ahead

Sunday, August 22

Education Program Opening Day.

Worship time changes to 9:30 AM for the fall.

Directory Sunday

Sunday, August 29

Directory Sunday

Sunday, September 5

Small Group Sign up

Sunday, September 12

Licensing of Tory Doerksen

Directory Sunday

Small Group Sign up

Sunday, September 19

Second Congregational Discussion about 2011 Budget

Small Group Sign up

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 Annie.

Happy Anniversary

15 - Jim Dunn and Yvonne

Yousey

15 - Al and Grace Martin

17 - Jim and Jan Brenneman

18 - Robert and Vionetta

Schmidt

19 - Carol and Herman

Reitmeyer

Happy Birthday

13 - Nicholas Bishop

13 - Reuben Gregory

13 - Isabel Mullett

13 - Dawson Voth

14 - Betsy App

14 - Sam Martin

15 - Emily Gingerich

15 - Joann Roupp

15 - Luke Yoder

16 - McKenna Keener

17 - Ligia Gibson

17 - Isaac Longacher

17 - Alex Wessner

18 - Bob Carlsten

18 - Hope Ventura

19 - Rob Hansen

Our FMC Community

Anniversary: On August 6 we celebrated our Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary with our family. Now we would like to have you share in our joy during the coffee hour on Sunday, August 15. Cake will be provided. First Mennonite Church has been an important part of our life for 46 years and we are happy to have you participate in this celebration. Mel and Jane Birky

Congregational Meeting this Sunday, August 15: The congregation will meet 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 are invited to join in the vote if you are a member or regular attender. Background information is available on the church website for your reference.

Absentee Ballots: You may still request an electronic absentee ballot by e-mailing Karen in the church office. Absentee ballots are due back to the church office by noon on Friday, August 13.

CROP Walk Thank you: Thank you to the FMC folks who joined us for the CROP walk on August 1! We enjoyed a potluck with a great peach cobbler and delicious, zesty beet salad among other local items and a walk through the neighborhood. Any additional donations can be collected and given to Deb Schaffer to send into Church World Service. Please call her at 303.521.8285 with any questions.

Hike a 14er!!!

When: August 21, early (I will call you with the time)

Where: Quandary Peak near Breckenridge

Who: Junior and Senior High Youth and any supporting adults dying to climb

Please RSVP to Deb Reed and she will call you with more details. dbreed8@aol.com. - Debbie Reed

Hope everyone is getting a little bit excited - Sunday School starts

Attendance August 8

Adults - 119
Children - 25
Total - 144

Menno Focus

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

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.

Contact Us

FMC General Mailbox
fmcdenv@aol.com

Aug. 22. Families and volunteers, check your email later this week for the curriculum calendar and basic information regarding the Sunday School hour and a few other logistical details. Woohoo!

As part of our Child Protection Policy please fill out your background information release form and deliver to Pastor Tory, Annie or Vern. As part of our safe sanctuaries practice we require everyone volunteering with children to attend one of the Child Protection Orientations each year, and do a background check each year. There are two Orientations coming up - Sunday after church and Wednesday before Leadership Council (both are paired with brief curriculum orientation and classroom management ideas). Background release forms should be located in mailboxes at church. Let the office know if still need a form. Please contact one of the pastors or a member of the Education Committee if you have any questions or concerns.

It is once again time to collect quilting fabrics, notions, books and magazines, any quilting related item that can be sold in the Quilter's Corner booth at the Rocky Ford MCC Relief Sale coming up in October. Please check your stash and talk to your sewing and quilting friends for items to contribute. This booth brought in around \$6000 last year from all donated items. Bring items now so that we can prepare them for sale. A plastic tub will be placed in both the office and community room for contributions.

Directory Update Time is Coming! It's that time of year when we gather information for updating the FMC Directory. A table will be set up in the Community Center for you to update your information on August 22, 29 and September 12. Please stop by on one of those Sundays to make sure we have correct information for you and your family members! We especially invite newcomers to the congregation during the past year to stop by.

SAVE THE DATE! Our annual Getaway Weekend is coming up on the weekend of the 25th of September. We will be spending the weekend at beautiful Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp. Please plan on joining us for a weekend full of food, fun and fellowship! Registration information will be sent out soon. Please contact Rachel Barnes rcbarnes33@msn.com (303)573-7282 if you have any questions or if you would like to help with planning the event! Note on Emmmental: We would like to make sure we have accommodations for families with young children, those traveling solo, etc. Emmmental is the best option since there are individual rooms. If you are planning on coming up as a group, please contact Rachel for information on possible lodging options...(and I even have options with bathrooms!!)

Around Mountain States Mennonite Conference

August 14-15: WE INVITE ALL OUR FRIENDS to join us in celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Arvada Mennonite Church. Ice Cream Social Saturday 8/14, 7 pm; Worship Service Sunday 8/15, 10 am, followed by a potluck lunch. Contact Janice Ediger for more information - 303-292-0275 or janmike@access4less.net. Please join us!

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.

Northeast Denver House for Rent (\$1500) - We are moving to Alamosa for work and to explore starting a church (ask us if you're curious...). Our house will be available for rent on September 1st (could be flexible). The house is located at 3742 Lafayette St. in Denver. It's about 1 1/2 miles from downtown, a 10 minute walk to the light rail, a two block walk to the bus lines, across the street from a park and city rec center, within easy biking distance of the Mercury Cafe, Coors Field, City Park and other great Uptown and Downtown attractions. The house has 4 bedrooms and three baths. There are two living rooms, one upstairs and one downstairs. There's a fenced back yard for your dog. This house would be great for a family with kids, or as a house for 4-6 young adults or other singles. Call or email us at lukedy@gmail.com or 719.588.3844 to come over and take a look or for pictures. Thanks! - Katie and Luke Yoder

Mennonite Church USA

MCC Central States grieves the loss of two colleagues: On August 5 service worker Glen D. Lapp, 40, died following an attack on his medical team in northeastern Afghanistan. Glen was a member of Community Mennonite Church in Lancaster. We call the church to prayer for Glen's loved ones, family and friends of the others who perished, staff of our partner organization in Afghanistan, the people of Afghanistan, and the people who carried out this tragic act. Glen truly showed Christ's love and compassion and the biblical call to peacemaking in serving with the Afghan people. On August 7, long-time friend and partner Ruth Yellowhawk, 50, died following a brief and intense struggle with cancer in Rapid City, South Dakota. Ruth facilitated discernment processes that have helped shape MCC's work with Native people for many years. Ruth lived her life in a way that always served others, both spiritually and physically. Please pray for Ruth's husband and teenage son, her community and colleagues as we grieve. Glen and Ruth will be remembered.

From Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for Akiko Aratani and Raymond Epp and their four children as they live out the good news of Jesus through Menno Village, an award-winning urban/rural agricultural initiative in Japan.

From Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for the staff and teachers of Philadelphia Mennonite High School as they prepare for the new academic year. Thank God for the many supporters of the school—especially for parents who send their children and those who donate time or money.

More Market Square

For sale: 3 excellent seats to each of the following Broncos games—

Detroit Lions, preseason, Sat 8/21, 7pm

Seattle Seahawks, Sun 9/19, 2pm

Kansas City Chiefs, Sun 11/14, 2pm

St. Louis Rams, Sun 11/28, 2:15pm*

Houston Texans, Sun 12/26, 2pm*

*subject to flexible scheduling (6:15pm)

Section 103, row 30, seats 13, 14, 15

\$330/game (face value is \$110/ea)

These are on the west side, first level, at the 30-yard line, on the aisle next to section 104. Tremendous view!

http://www.invescofieldatmilehigh.com/stadium_info/stadium_layouts. Please contact Mark or Darcey VanWagner at 303-804-0343 or mdvw@comcast.net if you are interested.

Tour de Cure: On August 21, Brett Conrad and a team of riders will be riding in the annual Tour de Cure to raise money for Diabetes research. If you would like to donate, please do so on-line at http://tour.diabetes.org/site/TR/TourdeCure/TDC510018030?pg=entry&fr_id=6910. Click the "sponsor a rider" tab and you are on your way! Thank you all very much and feel free to call at 303-274-6355 if you have any questions. - Brett Conrad