



FMC Weekly

August 20-26

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 22 – 9:30 AM

Theme: Beginnings

Bible reading: Genesis 1:1 - 2:3

Meditation title: "Genesis: The Beginnings of an Alternative Narrative" with Pastor Tory Doerksen.

Education Sunday, August 22 – 11:00 AM

For Children

The children's lesson is "God Creates." The scripture text is Genesis 1-2. The Bible opens with two accounts of creation. Through God's creative process, light, life and order emerged. God blessed and named all parts of creation as good. The faith focus is "God delights in creation."

Rooms, Teachers and Room Sponsors:

2 year olds in B-08: Teachers: Susan Falk, Roberta Kandel; Room Sponsor: Stephanie Friesen

3 year olds in B-03: Teachers: Doug Reed, Kori Leaman-Miler; Room Sponsor: Lois Hjelmstad

Pre-K (room to be announced): Teachers: Amy Conrad, Gary Wahl

Kindergarten (room to be announced): Teachers: Elizabeth Grace-Mullett, Keith Mullett, Camille Stauffer, Greg Stauffer; Room Sponsor: Lois Hjelmstad

1st Grade in B-05: Teacher: Ann Leonard

2nd Grade (room to be announced): Teacher: Anita Miller; Room Sponsors: Jane & Mel Birky

3rd-4th-5th Grade in B-06: Cary Hansen, Mark Longacher, Gina O'Brian; Helpers: Brad Schrock, Rod Stutzman; Room Sponsor: Irene Martin

Junior Youth in B-19: Teachers: Mike Voth, Lisa Longacher; Room Sponsors: Lynn and Margaret Williams

MYF in B-22: Teacher: Heidi Swartzendruber

For Adults

Revelation in Relationships will meet in the Sanctuary. Darren Knowles will lead the second in this series of discussions 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.

Events August 20-26

Sunday, August 22

9:30 AM: Worship Service

10:45 AM: Coffee/Donuts/Grocery Card Sales/Directory Updates in Community Center

11:00 AM: Education for all ages

Tuesday, August 24

9:00-11:00 AM Quilting

5:30-8:30 PM Quilting

Thursday, August 26

10:15 AM Hymn Sing and Meditation Round Table

Looking Ahead

Sunday, August 29

Directory Sunday

Sunday, September 5

Small Group Sign up

Sunday, September 12

Licensing of Tory Doerksen
Congregational Vote on Slate
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

Friday-Sunday, September 24-26

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.

Lynn Williams' sister, Janet Dover, passed away peacefully on Sunday morning, August 15. Lynn, Margaret, Dana and Tim traveled back to the funeral in Indiana which was held on Wednesday, August 18. The family requests your thoughts and prayers during this time of loss, of a beloved sister and aunt.

Contact Us

FMC General Mailbox
fmcdenver@aol.com

Happy Anniversary

20 - Marcus Bishop and Millie Steiner
23 - Joe Fretz and Maxine Martin
26 - Amy and Dillon Harder

Our FMC Community

Master Plan Vote Delayed. For a combination of reasons, the congregational discussion and vote on the Master Plan was delayed this past Sunday. Many of the people who stayed were interested in discussion of issues like Head Start moving and the financial implications, but there was not enough time for a full discussion. So, I decided to postpone the discussion and vote. Stay tuned for more information on next steps from the Facilities Working Group (FWG), which is comprised of Evan Miller, chair; Mark O'Brian, Ardell Swartzendruber, Karen Martin, and myself. Thanks to all of you who voted early before leaving church! Sorry that we will have to redo the vote at a later time. We will keep the congregation informed on next steps. Please let one of us on the FWG know if you have questions or concerns in the meantime. Craig Sommers, Council Chair, FWG Member

Congregational Vote: There will be a special congregational vote on Sunday, September 12, to affirm the now-completed slate. Ballots will be inserted in the bulletins that Sunday and you will mark and sign your ballot and place it in one of the ballot boxes in the foyer after the service. If you will need an absentee ballot, please e-mail Karen Martin.

Junior Youth: For our first activity of the year, we are planning a family potluck and get-to-know-you time directly following church on Sunday, August 22. There will be time for parents and sponsors and Tory to talk about the upcoming year. We will also have some outdoor activities planned for the Junior youth. Let Marie Voth or Pastor Tory know if you have any questions.

Sunday School Teachers - the Education Committee will be getting Sunday School rooms set-up Saturday afternoon. Feel free to join us

Happy Birthday

21 - Joseph Fretz
21 - Jewel Yoder
23 - Reed Hendler
23 - Lindsay Pineau
25 - Rachel Toews
26 - Gina O'Brian
26 - Arliss Swartzendruber

Attendance August 15

Adults - 208
Children - 31
Total - 239

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.

between 2-5 PM if you want to prepare anything extra before Sunday morning in your classroom. Contact Pastor Tory if you have any questions.

Weekly Trivia Questions:

*0-4 years old: What is the first book of the Hebrew ("Old") Testament and the first book of the Christian ("New") Testament?

*5-12 years old: Which two phrases are repeated at least four times in Genesis 1:1 - 2:3?

13-50 years old: Name the author of our denomination's commentary (Believer's Church Bible Commentary Series) on Genesis.

51-101 years old: How many charter members organized the beginning of First Mennonite Church and in what year?

Please email your responses, name and age group to fmcdenvertory@aol.com with the subject line "TRIVIA" by Sunday Midnight. A winner will be selected at random from the correct answers for each age group and noted in next week's FMC Weekly. Enjoy :-)

*Parents, feel free to assist the first two age groups as you see fit.

Pastor Tory

One last reminder that Sunday School starts this Sunday for all ages.

Check out Gather 'Round website for more info on this year's curriculum and how it's put together. Many thanks to the Education Committee and everyone involved so far in preparation for this next curriculum year. Please contact Pastor Tory if you need any additional information.

Continue the journey of learning about and supporting Women

MEDA programs in Afghanistan. Women Beyond Borders is hosting an event on September 11 at Ardell and Donna Swartzendruber's from 5-9 PM. There will be a backyard barbeque and gallery walk of "Unsung Heroes of Afghanistan" along with festive background music. Donations to MEDA will be welcomed. Save the date and plan on joining us!! Please RSVP to elgotwals@gmail.com (Erin Gotwals) for food planning.

FMC Getaway Weekend at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp is September 24-26.

Information and registration forms will be available on the Welcome Table or you may go to the FMC website for the information. If you have a completed form and a \$40 deposit, you can sign up for lodging after church on Sunday in the Community Center. Registering early is a good idea since the best lodging options tend to get filled quickly! Please contact Rachel Barnes rcbarnes33@msn.com or (303) 573-7282 with any questions. We hope you will join us for this fun event!

Directory Update Time! Starting this Sunday, there will be a table in the Community Center near the coffee line for updating your directory information for the upcoming new FMC Directory. If you have been in the directory, please stop by to make sure your information is correct. If you have not been in the directory previously, please stop by to provide your information. Other opportunities for updating your information will be Sunday, August 29 and Sunday, September 12.

Are you interested in joining a small group? Anyone interested in joining a small group or learning more about small groups at FMC can sign up for them in the Community Center on August 29, September 5, 12 & 19. You can also email Anne Gerber at agerber78@gmail.com to sign up or for more information. Small Group Committee: Linda Bontrager, Anne Gerber, Theda Good, Dawn Kreider

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.

Join the food preservation

movement: A large selection of canning jars, rings and lids (some brand-new) is available from Jo Netz in Lakewood. She hopes to pass them on to someone who will use them. If you're interested, call 303-238-1764.

Matthew 18 Workshop: Living the heart of Jesus' good news. Save these dates. Friday evening, September 18 and morning and afternoon September 19, On Earth Peace Association from the Church of the Brethren will lead a training on the implications of Jesus' sayings in Matthew 18. We will learn about interpersonal peacemaking and forgiveness. We will also have opportunity to practice it. This training is not designed to deal with current, hot issues, but rather as a way for congregations to live in Jesus' way now and to work with conflicts, when they come, in creative ways. "The vision of our Anabaptist churches is to be Christ-like in word and deed. The Matthew 18 Workshop provides a wonderful opportunity to focus on this very important aspect of Jesus' ministry that he would want us to embody as individuals and as a congregation." - a pastor in Pennsylvania. Pre-register by Sunday, September 12. Lunch will be served on Saturday. The cost of the workshop is \$25.00 and or \$100.00 for any five persons from the same congregation. If you need a scholarship, please contact Jeff Neuman-Lee, Ministry Coordinator, Prince of Peace Church of the Brethren at 303 589 3882 or email jeffneumanleepop@gmail.com. We recommend that you plan to attend all three sessions. Register by calling 303-797-1536 and leaving your information on the machine or email princeofpeacecob@gmail.com. Make checks out to Prince of Peace Church of the Brethren. Prince of Peace is located at 7000 S. Windermere, Littleton, Colorado, 80120.

Around Mountain States Mennonite Conference

Greetings from Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp! A great ending to a busy summer was to join in the Mountain States Mennonite Conference at Pueblo. Camp was able to provide the equipment for broom hockey for the conference youth participants which was well received and a lot of fun. We also provided for the Sunday noon potato bar after the closing worship. We greatly appreciate the opportunity to facilitate this meal/fellowship time along with a fundraiser for what we're calling our "Flush Fund" as money is still needed to cover the cost of last fall's new septic system. The proceeds totaled over \$2,000!

Labor Day Work and Play Retreat. Volunteers are encouraged to join us September 3-6 for a free weekend here at RMMC! All we ask is that you and your family be willing to help with end of season camp projects half the time and "play" for the other half of the time. Work will include repair of the disturbed ground from the septic system, a new metal roof for the Pleiades log facility, and a new septic line for the Jungfrau facility. The tube run bridge for winter retreats also needs to be returned to the river. "Play" includes but is not limited to Rock climbing, rappelling, hikes, and some kids/youth activities. So please register online (www.rmmc.org), call (719-687-9506), or email (info@rmmc.org) the camp and let us know if you can come. Facilities available will be on a first come, first serve basis.

Thank you from Peace Mennonite: Please thank your congregation for their support in buying peaches from Peace Mennonite. We feel good about selling 305 boxes, and deeply appreciate all those who bought peaches from us. Barb Swartzendruber

Fort Collins Mennonite Fellowship (FCMF) is proud to celebrate its 35th birthday and you're invited to the party! We've come a long way from a little house church to a thriving fellowship full of social justice-loving members. We want to share our history with the community so people get to know us. Join us for a musical ice cream social on Saturday, August 28, from 4:00 to 7:00 PM at 300 E. Oak Street. Live music and delicious ice cream (courtesy of Walrus Ice Cream) make talking and reminiscing so much easier. Take a sneak peak at our intriguing 35th anniversary history book, which is still in progress, but available for pre-order. On Sunday, August 29, join us for a special service at 9:30 a.m. as former and present FCMF pastors share their stories with us. A delicious potluck follows at Library Park (across the street from the church). After potluck, around 2:00, take a free tour of our original Whedbee Street church, which is now a high-end, custom home. We hope to see you there. Steve Ramer, pastor

Mennonite Church USA

From Mennonite Mission Network: Last month, Junta Menonita de Missões Internacionais—the mission branch of the Evangelical Mennonite Alliance of Brazil—celebrated 12 years of service. Pray that God would continue blessing the fruitful ministries of Brazilian mission workers in Albania and Mozambique.

From Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for Rafael Barahona, director of the Seminario Bíblico Anabautista Hispano (SeBAH) program, curriculum writers, professors and students. Pray that this Spanish program helps to develop a stronger Hispanic biblical theological identity.