



FMC Weekly

August 27-September 2

FMC website: www.fmcdenver.org.

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

Worship Sunday, August 29 – 9:30 AM

Pastor Annie Lengacher Browning will be preaching. The text is Genesis 3 and the theme is our story as metanarrative.

Education Sunday, August 29 – 11:00 AM

For Children

The children's lesson is "In the Garden." The scripture text is Genesis 3. Both Eve and Adam ate forbidden fruit. God visited them and called them to account. Adam blamed Eve, and Eve blamed the serpent. God sent them out of the garden. The faith focus is "our choices matter to God."

For Adults

Revelation in Relationships will meet in the Sanctuary. Darren Knowles will lead the third 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 27-September 2

Sunday, August 29

9:30 AM: Worship Service

10:45 AM: Coffee/Donuts/Grocery Card Sales/Directory Updates/Small Group Sign Up in Community Center

11:00 AM: Education for all ages

Tuesday, August 31

9:00-11:00 AM Quilting

5:30-8:30 PM Quilting

Thursday, September 2

10:15 AM Hymn Sing and Meditation Round Table

Looking Ahead

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

Friday-Sunday, September 24-26

Great Getaway Weekend at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp, Divide, CO

Saturday, September 25

23rd Annual Denver MCC Auction at 7 PM at the Garden Park Gymnasium

Sunday, October 3

Animal Blessing at First Mennonite, 3:00 PM on the back patio lower level

Friday evening and Saturday, October 15-16

Rocky Mountain Mennonite Relief Sale, Rocky Ford, CO

Saturday, October 23

FMC Fall Work Day 8:00 AM

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.

Contact Us

FMC General Mailbox
fmcdenvr@aol.com

Happy Anniversary

27 - Leon and Marla Graber
29 - Carolyn and Mel Stjernholm
31 - Kori and Larry Leaman-Miller
2 - Amy and Peter Conrad

Happy Birthday

27 - Ruth Weirich
28 - Elizabeth Miller
30 - Janna Parks
31 - Vic Esch
31- Thomas Falk
31 - Larry Rupp
31 - Darren Wyse
2- Rachel Barnes
2 - Jackson Keener

Attendance

August 22

Adults - 177
Children - 38
Total - 215

Our FMC Community

Birth Announcement: Jenny Thompson and Chuck Morris welcomed baby daughter, Amelia Anne Morris, at 1:11 AM on August 17. Best wishes to Jenny, Chuck and big brother, Charley and welcome to Amelia Anne!

Weekly Trivia Questions:

*0-4 years old: Name four people from Genesis (looking is ok :-).

*5-12 years old: Name four females in the book of Genesis (looking is ok :-).

13-50 years old: Genesis has often been divided into two sections - between which two chapters does this "division" occur (google is allowed :-).

51-151 years old: How many FMC charter members became charter members of Glennon Heights Mennonite Church in 1962 (courtesy of Harlan)?

Please email your responses, name and age group to fmcdenvrory@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

(Answers to last week's trivia below at the end of this section)

Congregational Vote: There will be a special congregational vote on Sunday, September 12, to affirm the now-completed slate.

The Leadership Council has approved and recommends the following slate to the congregation:

Chair: Lori Oswald

Vice Chair: Andrew Gibson

Membership and Fellowship: Anne Gerber

Facilities: Ardell Swartzendruber

Member at Large: Lynn Amstutz

Outreach: Stephanie Phibbs

Pastoral Partner: Rodney Yoder Stutzman

Worship: Margaret Williams

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 office.

Pastor Vern Rempel will be out of the office from Monday, August 30 through Monday, September 6. If you need emergency pastoral care, please call Annie Lengacher Browning, Tory Doerksen or Darren Knowles.

Karen Martin will be out of the office Friday, August 27 through Tuesday, August 31.

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

Mennonite Church USA News Releases: To learn more about what is happening in Mennonite Church USA, go to www.mennoniteusa.org and click on News.

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.

Don't miss out on our Getaway Weekend this September 24-26 at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp. Join the congregation for fun in the beautiful Rocky Mountains! We've had a wonderful response so far, but there are still plenty of great lodging options. Information and registration forms will be available on the Welcome Table or you may click on this link to go directly to the information on the FMC website. Bring your completed registration forms and a \$40 deposit to the Community Center after church and sign up for lodging. Please contact Rachel Barnes rbarnes33@msn.com or 303-573-7282 with any questions.

Choir: Although Wednesday, September 1, is the first Wednesday of the month, there will be no choir rehearsal. Stay tuned for the schedule.

Directory Information Needed: FMC will be publishing a new directory in September. We need everyone to participate by going to the table under the green signs near the drinking fountain in the Community Center this Sunday. If you were in the last directory, you will find a green sheet with your name on it. You should pull your sheet and mark any corrections and return to the box on the table. Be sure to add your cell phone number in the appropriate spot. If you are fairly new and were not in the directory last year, but have provided contact information to the church office, you will also have a green sheet. If you have not yet provided any of your contact information to the church office, you will not have a green sheet, but instead, will fill out a white sheet to provide information for you and your family members for the directory. Thanks for your prompt attention to this -- it will save someone phoning you later.

This Sunday, August 29 is the first of four Sundays where you may sign up for a small group or get more information about small groups at FMC. 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

Thank You: A total of \$1455.00 was raised for the American Diabetes Association through donations to Tour de Cure. Brett Conrad and fellow riders (Peter Conrad, Ben Gerig, Rob Hansen, Vern Rempel, and Heidi Swartzendruber) want to thank you for your support.

Animal Blessing at First Mennonite: It is the practice in some Christian denominations to offer a blessing of pets on the Feast of St. Francis day, which is October 3 this year. We will offer a blessing of your pet. For dogs we will offer an organic dog biscuit and a scratch. For cats, a scratch and tuna (maybe?). For others, we will improvise. In each case, we will say a few words of blessing. If you let us know what your pet would enjoy, we will try to offer that. This was a lot of fun last year, and so we thought we'd try it again.
Details: 3:00 PM, Sunday, October 3, Back patio (lower area)

Snowmass Retreat. Save the date for a delightful time of shared reflection, conversation and food in a beautiful alpine setting. I will be offering my second retreat at the Benedictine retreat house outside of Snowmass from Friday evening through Monday morning, December 10 - 13. We will be focusing on the book *Hidden Wholeness* by Parker Palmer. You may choose to spend time alone or with others in your days at the retreat house. We are also able to join the monks for daily worship, as we wish. The Main Retreat House is a spare, beautiful house with soaring wood and glass. There is an enormous commercial-scale kitchen in which we prepare shared meals. Each room also has a kitchenette. The monastery has tightened up its reservation requirements, so I will be asking for a substantial

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.

Wedding lodging needed: Our daughter, Ellen McCrae, will be marrying Nathan Graber here in Lakewood on December 31, 2010. We will have a bunch of out-of-town guests for this wonderful event, and we would love to be able to offer people lodging in something less expensive than a hotel, if they want or need that. Are you going to be traveling during that holiday week between Christmas and New Years? Would you be willing to have people stay in your house while you are gone? We are particularly interested in finding an empty house or two where a few family members or guests could stay together. We expect to pay rent and/or expenses. If you would have this to offer, please contact Bruce or Betsy Headrick McCrae, 303-716-2980.

Help Needed: I am working with a Somali family who have been in the United States several months now. They have eight - yes, eight children. There are many needs. They have one girl who is 13 years old. The rest of the children are boys, ages; 20, 18, 16, 4, 8, 5, 3. One thing I am working on now is to get shoes, clothes hangers and school clothes for the family. If anyone is interested in helping in some way, please contact me. Thanks so much! Meredith Egli 303-393-0880.

non-refundable reservation fee 6 weeks in advance. So think about this early and often! Cost is \$80 per room per night. Each room has two single beds, but lots of floor space so three or even four can stay in a room. Last year it was a wonderful time of renewal and strengthening of soul for all of us. You will hear more about this in the coming weeks, but let me know anytime of your interest and questions. Thanks, Vern Rempel

Answers to last week's Trivia Questions:

0-4 years old: The first book of the Hebrew Testament is Genesis.
5-12 years old: Repeated at least four times in Genesis 1:1 - 2:3 are the phrases "And it was so," "and God saw that it was good," "and there was evening and morning."
Congratulations Will Stutzman, Elena Stutzman, and Eli Mast!
13-50 years old: The author is Eugene F. Roop.
Honorable Mention: Anita Miller :-)
51-101 years old: FMC had 25 charter members for it's start on Dec. 21, 1941.
Congratulations Harlan Unrau. Honorable Mention: Ernie Kandel.

Around Mountain States Mennonite Conference

Prayer Requests from the Mountain States Mennonite Conference Prayer Network Coordinator.

Thankfully many churches have shared requests for the bonding of common prayer!

Albuquerque Mennonite Church requests prayers:

-of imaginative magnitude for wisdom, grace, and healing of Christ as they continue to journey in a church discipline issue.
-of huge gratitude for the births of many healthy babies this year.
-for their new youth/associate pastor, Andrew Clouse, and his wife Amanda, and baby Samuel; may this be the beginning of a new sense of vibrancy, togetherness, and a feeling of being shepherded for the youth!

Glennon Heights Mennonite Church requests prayers:

-for Andy and Emily Yoder-Horst as they settle into their new lives as teachers of English in China. May they feel God's presence with them. Andy and Emily attended Glennon Heights.
-for all those in our congregations and in our families who are looking for good employment. May God guide them in their search and strengthen their spirits as they walk this difficult path.

Peace Community Mennonite Church requests prayers:

-for their adult Sunday School: In mid-September, they will be splitting into 3 smaller classes by age groups. Pray with them for increased attendance, spiritual growth and supportive, accountable connection with one another.
-for their church retreat, Sept. 4 & 5 at RMMC.

Emmanuel Mennonite Church requests prayers:

-of praise for a good church retreat, with good attendance and several for the first time.
-for our students returning to schools: from kindergarten to college.
-for the pastor search committee.
-for a neighborhood picnic being planned for September 12. May this be a good opportunity to build relationships with their neighbors so they can be drawn to the Christ they experience through those at Emmanuel.

East Holbrook Mennonite Church requests prayers:

-to discern how to best reach their neighbors with the good news of God's love.
-of thankfulness for the leadership and presence of Pastor John and Brenda Stoltzfus.

First Mennonite/Denver requests prayers:

-for a good transition in the fall with the start up of their Christian Education program with their new pastor for child and youth faith formation, Tory Doerksen.

-for their ongoing discernment around the Two-Service Venture.
-for their ongoing discernment around their Master Plan and their facilities for the future.

-of thanksgiving for new attendees and all the children in their congregation.

-of thanksgiving for many volunteers who have stepped forward for many tasks

May we also pray in united compassion for wise and loving discernment within congregations who are experiencing transition, or significant inner shifting or stress.

In the circle of Grace, thank you.

Nancy Stoltzfus, MSMC Prayer Coordinator

Rocky Mountain MCC Sale

Lists of suggested items for the Quilter's Corner booth have been placed in every mailbox. Wonderful donations have come from friends of our church as well as from our own stashes and supplies. The booth has raised large sums of money strictly from donated items so pure profit. Collection tubs are located in both the office and community room. If you have questions, contact Jan Parks or Mary Ellen Gaeddert.

Volunteers are needed for the Quilter's Corner booth at the October 15-16 MCC sale in Rocky Ford. Please contact Jan Parks at jpparks@gmail.com if you would be willing to work. Opportunities to volunteer will also be available on the sale website.

The Rocky Mountain Relief Sale is just seven weeks away, October 15-16, 2010! Here are five ways you can participate:

1. Make a quilt -- it may not be too late if you get started today (and you have lots of talented friends)! See Angie Nofziger if you have a quilt to donate.

2. Bake a yummy treat for The Pantry. This year let's make sure no tired and hungry sale attendees, who've tried to be good all day, have to hear the sad news that there's NO MORE PIE when they finally break down and decide to buy a piece around 2 pm. (No canned goods, jellies or cream pies please; no-sugar items would be appreciated.)

3. Help children around the world get back to school by contributing for school kits. Contact Connie Shelly (connie@walkwithyu.us or 970-391-1315) for more information.

4. Donate that fabric you didn't get made into a quilt to the Quilter's Corner booth. There are plastic tubs in the office and community room for contributions.

5. Most importantly, and most fun, spend a beautiful fall day in the Southeast Colorado countryside visiting friends from around our Mountain States Mennonite Conference, eating great food and raising money for MCC. Just \$60 provides blankets, sheets and kitchen supplies for two families who have left their homes because of death threats from drug dealers in Colombia, \$30 provides the cost of support to raise small animals like poultry and rabbits in Bangladesh and Palestine or a treadle pump and drip irrigation system to grow food in Burma, and \$9 provides food for a family of seven for one week in Kenya.

You can find more information, and more ways to participate, at www.rmmcsale.org. Hope to see you there!

Mennonite Church USA

From Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Church USA and the Mennonite churches in Congo have a 100-year history. Pray this relationship will continue to encourage and transform congregations on both continents.

From Mennonite Education Agency: This week brings a flurry of activity to the Goshen College campus as students move in and prepare for the start of classes. Please pray for the transitions underway for students and parents. Remember especially new international students and first-generation college students as they begin a journey in a new culture.

Our Urban Community

Below is an announcement about a meeting with the Colorado Secretary of State geared especially to faith communities. – Vern Rempel

PLACE: First Unitarian Church (FUSD), 1400 Lafayette, Denver

LOCATION: Sanctuary Room

TIME: August 26, 2010 (Thursday)/ 6:30 PM **TONIGHT**

Secretary of State Bernie Buescher will speak at FUSD-Sponsored Community Forum on August. 26, TONIGHT! From Bernie Buescher, Secretary of State, "Supervising elections. Maintaining the statewide voter registration file. Verifying initiative petition signatures. Administering campaign finance laws. These duties are assigned to Colorado's Secretary of State, an office where non-partisanship is imperative. I have long felt that aggressive educational outreach is important. Many – even among those who are politically engaged – do not fully appreciate the critical role that the SOS office plays in the maintenance of our Democracy: or, they have questions that they would like to ask. For that reason, I will be speaking at First Unitarian Church. After my presentation, I will be taking questions. The citizens of Colorado must trust that the person who oversees our elections is non-partisan: A person who is fair, balanced, and serves to uphold the cornerstone of our democracy - each citizen's right to vote, and the promise that each vote is counted. My commitment to non-partisanship has long been part of my work ethic. This partnership –this work ethic – encompasses a commitment to education & transparency."

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