



FMC Weekly

September 3-9

FMC website: www.fmcdenver.org.

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

Worship Sunday, September 5 – 9:30 AM

The theme for worship is renunciation. The Biblical text is Luke 14:25-33. Jerry Kennell, Managing Director of MMA West, will be speaking.

Education Sunday, September 5 – 11:00 AM

For Children

No classes this week.

For Adults

No classes this week.

Events September 3-9

Sunday, September 5

9:30 AM: Worship Service

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

Tuesday, September 7

9:00-11:00 AM Quilting

5:30-8:30 PM Quilting

Thursday, September 9

10:15 AM Hymn Sing and Meditation Round Table

Looking Ahead

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
fmcdenver@aol.com

Happy Anniversary

3 - Eric Boschmann and Jennifer Miller
5 - Arden and Joan Slotter
6 - Marilyn and Vern Rempel
6 - Glenn and Reberta Shirk
6 - Katie and Luke Yoder
9 - Dana Williams Hosman and Timothy Hosman

Happy Birthday

3 - Paul Polak
3 - Josh Yoder
5 - Marcus Bishop
5 - Connie Rempel
6 - Owen Miller
6 - Brad Miller
6 - Heather Spragins
7 - Leon Graber
7 - Diana Rempel
7 - Keaton Skudneski
8 - Brian Toews
9 - Caden Robinson
9 - Becca Shank

Attendance

August 29

Adults - 176
Children - 35
Total - 211

Our FMC Community

New this week: September *Menno Focus* Newsletter

Weekly Trivia Questions:

0-4 years old: How many chapters are in the book of Genesis?
5-12 years old: What are the Four "Fall" Stories in Genesis 1-11?
13-50 years old: What are two of the covenants in Genesis between God and people and where are they located (Chapter/Verse) - googling allowed?
51-101 years old: Which father and son in Genesis each lied about their wife?

Please email your responses, name and age group to fmcdenver@york@aol.com with the subject line "TRIVIA" by Sunday Midnight. All correct responses and answers for each age group will be 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 are listed at the bottom of this section.]

Bringing Peace to 9/11: Continue the journey of learning about and supporting Women MEDA programs in Afghanistan. Women Beyond Borders is hosting an event on September 11th 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. Please RSVP to Erin Gotwals at elgotwals@gmail.com.

Junior High Youth meet the "Quandary" Challenge! On August 21st six FMC youth and four adults summited Mt. Quandary (14,265 feet). Those participating included Emma Schrock, Courtney Kaufman, Jenae Stutzman, Cassie Voth, Owen Miller, Andrew Longacher, Erin Gotwals, Aaron Sauers, Doug Reed, Debb Reed. It was a day full of fun, physical exertion (for some of us, anyway) and constant chatter (at least in Debb's "girl" car). Please know that FMC and parents have nurtured some extraordinarily polite, fun and outdoor enthusiastic youth!

Venture Club will be gathering on Sunday, September 19 after church to brainstorm monthly activities for the school year. Bring your own sack lunch and contact Hi Howard or Pastor Tory if you have any questions.

Junior Youth will be having it's next gathering on Sunday, September 12 after church. Contact Marie Voth, Allison Boehm Lehman or Pastor Tory for more info.

MYF will be housing together at the Great Getaway (camp retreat) September 24-26. Contact Pastor Tory if you/your youth would like to reserve a spot or need a ride.

Parents of Venture Club (3rd-5th grades), Junior Youth and MYF - it's time to fill out this year's Release Form. Every child/youth participating in these groups must have a new completed form for this year. Check your church box for the forms, or contact the church office to get a copy.

Menno Focus

September *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.

3 and 4 year olds (Pre-K) are still looking for an opening time leader during Sunday School from 11-11:15. Let Pastor Tory or a member of the Primary Education Committee know if you might be interested. A training time will take place this Sunday 8-9 AM by Crystal Doerksen downstairs in B-08. Please contact Tory if you might like to participate.

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

Only two more Sundays left to register for the FMC Getaway Weekend! All registrations and deposits are due by September 11th. You can find Information about the Getaway and registration materials on the FMC website, or look for packets on the Welcome Table at church on Sunday. Please contact Rachel Barnes if you have any questions rbarnes33@msn.com or 303-573-7282.

Have you turned in your directory update information yet? If not, you still have two Sundays to get the job done! Go to the table under the green signs near the drinking fountain in the Community Center and someone will be there to help you locate your information sheet or show you what you need to do if you want to be in the directory for the first time. We want to hear from you!

The Junior Youth are asking for your donations! For our September 12 event we will be assembling school kits for Mennonite Central Committee. School kits help make education possible for children in need around the world. We'll be going school supply shopping for the kits as part of our event, so we welcome donations of either money (make checks payable to FMC, with "Jr Youth MCC Project" as the memo) or school kit items (see <http://mcc.org/kits/school> for a list of items; leave items in the designated box in the foyer on Sunday 9/5 or 9/12). Any leftover funds will be donated to MCC.

Sign ups for small groups continues this week in the Community Center. 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

Congregational Vote: If you will not be in church on Sunday, September 12, and would like to complete an absentee ballot, contact Karen Martin. Absentee ballots are due in the office by noon on Friday, September 10.

Weekly Trivia Answers:

*0-4 years old: Four people from Genesis could be Adam, Eve, Cain, Able - Abe, Ike, Jake, Joe - Sarai, Rebekah, Leah, Rachel, etc.

*5-12 years old: Four females in the book of Genesis could include Sarai, Rebekah, Leah, Rachel - Eve, Dinah, Hagar etc. Good going Will Stutzman and Elena Stutzman!

13-50 years old: Genesis has often been divided into two sections: 1-11 (2 Creation Stories and Four Falls - Adam's Apple, Cain the Killer, Noah's Ark and the Tower of Babel-ing) and 12-50 (the First Families - Abe/Sarai, Ike/Rebekah, Jake/Leah/Rachel, Joe).

Congrats: Andrew Gibson. Honorable Mention: Anita Stutzman

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

Congrats Karen Martin. Honorable Mention: Ernie Kandel

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.

Elati Street Community

Garden: This Friday evening only, 9/3/2010, Lola Hersherberger is excited to invite all children and adults to drop in for our FMC West Side neighborhood Elati Community Garden for the final "1st Friday" open-garden celebration of the season. From 5:00 to 8:30, the community gardeners (including 3 of our FMC members) host this gathering with music, arts, crafts, beverages and a real chef at the grill under the tent preparing foods for you. The garden is a beautiful little garden paradise located 2 doors south of the FMC apartments--or 1/4 block down the church alley. It is a great way to start your holiday weekend with friends and family and then wander down to the Sante Fe regular "First Friday" art event. Any questions: Lola @ 303-523-5364.

We no longer need our bassinet. We would like to pass it on to the next family who can use it. If interested in a free bassinet, please call Anita Miller or Steve Stutzman at (303) 778-6656.

Rocky Mountain MCC Sale

Do you enjoy making things, playing with children, having some laughs, teaching things to children? Then join us at the 35th Annual Rocky Mountain MCC Sale on October 16 in Rocky Ford. I'm coordinating children's activities and would like help with this. This will start at 12 noon and finish at 2 PM. I need help with doing activities with children. If you have ideas for activities, have materials for activities, then come to a meeting Wednesday, September 8, in the Community Center at 6:30 PM. If you can't come, but have ideas, call me at 303-713-9816 (home) or 303-360-1237 (work) or email ankenof@msn.com. Come, have fun. Angela Nofziger

23rd Annual Denver MCC Auction, Saturday, September 25, 2010, 7:00 PM

ITEMS TO BE AUCTIONED

Pies- cakes-cookies- bread-desserts-jelly- produce- certificates for merchandise, services & meals. Collectibles, crafts & miscellaneous items which are of good quality and readily saleable. (Please note: due to Health Dept. regulations, we ask that you not bring any canned fruits, vegetables, salsa or relish. Jams and jellies are OK). Bring your donations to the auction site at least 15 minutes before starting time. You may also bring items for display that will be sold in Rocky Ford. All persons interested in supporting the work of Mennonite Central Committee are invited to participate. To date, this event has raised over \$37,000 for the programs of MCC. Come, join the effort to help meet needs around the world. Garden Park Gymnasium, 1720 S. Alcott, Denver, CO

The Rocky Mountain Relief Sale is just six weeks away, October 15-16, 2010! Now is a good time to ramp up your physical fitness routine so that your engine will be well-tuned and ready to burn some excellent nutritional energy! After starting the weekend with a barbequed pork sandwich or country soup supper on Friday evening, you'll wake up ready to enjoy a pancake and sausage breakfast. While you're waiting for your barbequed chicken lunch you can keep busy with treats from the youth food booth, nutrition booth, homemade goodies from The Pantry, and the Coffee Corner. Take home some cheese, sausage, pecans, kettle-corn, homemade cider and homemade apple butter. Reacquaint yourself with the bierocks and fry bread returning this year and try the New Year's Cookies, new this year. And you can't fully enjoy the auction without a plate of pie and ice cream. Remember, food consumed for a good cause has half as many calories as everyday food! Speaking of that, spend just \$135 on edibles and you will do the following through MCC: provide irrigation hose and accessories for a 500 square meter garden plot for one family in Bolivia (\$42), provide facility maintenance and training for peace building in Bosnia and Zambia (\$40), provide a treadmill pump and a drip irrigation system to grow food in Burma (\$30), and give a student the required school uniform and help buy workbooks for math, science, history, and language courses in Jordan (\$23). If you've got that quilt, comforter or wall hanging done, get a digital photo of it to Mark Longacher so that he can get it on the sale website. Find more information at rmmcsale.org.

Mennonite Church USA

From Mennonite Mission Network: For Angela and Tomoki Yamanaka in Hokkaido, Japan, August was filled with children's camps, concerts and special events. Pray that seeds planted during this month will bear an eternal harvest.

From Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for Bluffton University students beginning classes this week and all faculty and staff who are called to lead this learning and discovery time with care.

Bethel College Annual Meeting: The annual meeting of the members of the Bethel College Corporation will be held on Friday, September 24, 2010 at 7:30 pm in Schultz Student Center on the Bethel College campus. Under the Bethel College bylaws, each congregation of the Mountain States Mennonite Conference is a member of the Corporation. If you would be interested in voting in person or by proxy as a delegate from First Mennonite Church, please let Karen Martin know by September 10.