



FMC Weekly

February 4 - 10

First Mennonite Church of Denver

Worship Sunday, February 6 – 9:30 AM

Pastor Annie Lengacher Browning will be preaching. The choir will sing. We will observe communion.

Education Classes on Sunday, February 6 – 11:00 AM

For Children

The lesson title is "Sermon on the Plain." The scripture text is Luke 6:17-31. Jesus spoke to a crowd about blessings and woes. Those society casts off are blessed, woe comes to those who take advantage of others. Jesus outlined the golden rule. The faith focus is "treat others the way you want to be treated."

For Adults

Everyone is invited to the Community Center for a farewell reception for Pastor Annie Lengacher Browning.

Events February 4-10

Saturday, February 5

Progressive Dinners

Sunday, February 6

8:30 AM: Choir Rehearsal

9:30 AM: Worship Service

10:45 AM: Reception/Grocery Card Sales

11:00 AM: Christian Education for children

1:00 PM: Young Voices for Peace

Tuesday, February 8

9:00 AM: Quilting in B-6

5:30 PM: Tae Kwon Do Class in Commons

Wednesday, February 9

5:30 PM: Tae Kwon Do Class in Commons

6:00 PM: Quilting in B-6

Thursday, February 10

10:15 AM: Hymn Sing and Meditation Round Table

Looking Ahead

February 20

Discernment Discussion Group. 11:00 AM at FMC (for those who are not in an existing small group or your small group will not be discussing the discernment process)

February 26

Mountain States Mennonite Conference Faith & Life Forum held at FMC

February 27

Discernment Discussion Group. 11:00 AM at FMC (for those who are not in an existing small group or your small group will not be discussing the discernment process)

March 6

FMC Ministry Fair

March 13

Discernment Discussion Group. 11:00 AM at FMC (for those who are not in an existing small group or your small group will not be discussing the discernment process)

March 20

Discernment Discussion Group. 11:00 AM at FMC (for those who are not in an existing small group or your small group will not be discussing the discernment process)

Prayer Requests

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 one of the pastors.

Steve Dudek and **Sylvia Kreider** are asking for your thoughts and prayers as they grieve the loss of Steve's mother, Irene, age 88. She passed away on Monday morning, January 31 in Detroit, MI.

Our FMC Community

New this week: [February Menno Focus](#)

FMC Weekly hard copies and on the website: The software in which the FMC Weekly is created has been upgraded and now allows us to create a file we can use to make copies and post this version on the FMC website. In the past, we had to make a second version of the Weekly for copying and posting. This will save a lot of time, but the layout will look different from how the FMC Weekly copies and website version have looked in the past. (There may be some odd line or page breaks.)

Please be with **Arvada Mennonite Church** in prayer and encouragement as they part ways with their pastor and seek clarity on a number of issues regarding their future path.

Happy Anniversary

6 - Elizabeth Grace-Mullett and Keith Mullett

8 - Don and Treva Finks

Happy Birthday

4 - Brad Schrock

4 - Vernon Stoltzfus

7 - Jamie Leaman-Miller

7 - Kris Long

8 - Char Clymer

8 - Rhonda Polizzotto

9 - Alan Burkholder

9 - Jess Rempel

10 - Theda Good

10 - Megan Hansen

Attendance

January 30

Adults - 197

Children - 32

Total - 229

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.

Menno Focus

[February Menno Focus](#) is available on the Welcome Table in the foyer or on the FMC website.

Volunteer needed: For many years, Clara Schofield has washed and ironed the church's tablecloths (please thank her when you see her). She is willing to continue caring for the white ones, but would prefer some help with the maroon tablecloths. Is there someone who would be willing to wash and iron the maroon tablecloths when they are used? Please contact Katrina Schrock at eschrockefs@yahoo.com or 303-980-6760 if interested.

We are showing our college students how much we care about them by sending them cards and care packages this month. This year we have 16 students. I am wondering if anyone would like to coordinate the collection and packaging of these items during the next few Sundays, ready to send out by February 28. Or if you are just interested in assisting in some way, please contact me this week for details if this sounds like a way you would like to help care for our congregation. Thanks, Linda Bontrager, lbgreen56@aol.com or 303.424.6166.

Discernment Discussion Groups for those not in Small Groups: During February and March the Small Groups at church will be discussing the Discernment Process at First Mennonite. If you are not in a Small Group or if your Small Group is not going to be discussing the Discernment Process, you can sign up to be in a discussion group which will meet during the education hour on these Sundays:

February 20

February 27

March 13

March 20

Sign up for the Sunday that works best for you. These groups will be discussing the same questions as the small groups. You can sign up in the Community Center this Sunday. If you have any questions, ask Darren--- fmcdenvardarren@aol.com

Gather 'Round Session 11

Sunday School TALKABOUT: Luke 6:17-31; Sermon on the Plain

Talk about the Bible story children and youth explored this week. Here are some ways to nurture faith at home

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.

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! (Note: Official functions of Mountain States Mennonite Conference or its congregations are excepted.) Please e-mail your request to the church with "Market Square" in the subject line. It will run one time. Deadline is midnight Wednesday.

based on this week's story. (1) Read Luke 6:20–21. (2) Share about a time when you saw someone being treated kindly by another person. (3) Memorize Luke 6:31, which is also called the golden rule.

Did you know? Dolphins help by holding injured dolphins to the surface so they can breathe. Dogs have adopted orphaned cats. Giant tortoises can befriend orphaned hippos.

Prayer for the week: God, open our hearts to receive your love.

Trivia (Send answers to fmcDenver@aol.com by Monday to be listed in next week's Weekly): Where (book and chapter) is the Sermon on the Mount located?

Mentors/Mentees: We'll meet after church Sunday, and Young Voices for Peace vocalists will leave early to make the 1 PM rehearsal :-)

MYF: Sunday's monthly small group is at Brennen Kauffman's starting earlier at 4 PM to coincide with the Super Bowl. Bring a snack and beverage to share - dinner will be provided. Contact Pastor Tory if you need directions :-)

Tae Kwon Do for Mennonites: Join our class learning the very basic and elegant moves of Tae Kwon Do for conditioning, self-defense, and greater body awareness. Tae Kwon Do, as with all martial arts, features strength, accuracy, and balance. Mennonites studying in this class will find an approach that teaches good technique but retains the commitment to the life and dignity of the other/enemy. Classes are offered for 60 minutes at 5:30p Tuesdays and Wednesdays in the Commons area (basement of the church) for a \$5 donation to First Mennonite. I teach based on my 10+ years of training with Rocky Mountain Tae Kwon Do. -Vern Rempel

Around Mountain States Mennonite Conference

Save the Date: Mountain States Mennonite Conference Faith and Life Forum. Saturday, February 26, 2011 at First Mennonite Church of Denver. 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM.

All are invited! Detailed information appeared in the *FMC Weekly* last week.

Mennonite Church USA

MCC has moved its international workers out of Egypt because of the civil unrest. MCC asks that you pray for the safety and well being of its national workers who continue to live in Egypt, that the violence and uncertainty will end soon, and that a just peace will prevail.

Pray for the people of Egypt. Pray that God will give them strength during this time of extraordinary uncertainty and fear. Pray for guidance and restraint--for those who are protesting; government leaders; and those who carry the sword. Pray for fairness and basic human rights so that people can live and worship in peace. Pray for the MCC workers who live in Egypt and the Coptic Orthodox Church that gives them community and strength. We are all in God's hands.

Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for Spiritual Life Week activities, leadership and the Bluffton University campus community as Rev. Mickey Cox and Christopher Webb of Renovaré ministries guide the campus community, today through Thursday, in looking at intentional Christian formation in the discipleship process.

Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for the church in Côte d'Ivoire as Christians seek the courage to live God's way in an ethnically-charged political atmosphere following contested presidential elections two months ago. Martine Audéoud and Gary Wittig with Mennonite Mission Network minister as teachers in this tense situation.

Website: www.fmcdenver.org

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Deadline for announcements for the FMC Weekly: Midnight Wednesday

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