



FMC Weekly

January 27-February 2, 2012

First Mennonite Church of Denver

Sunday Schedule, January 29

9:30 AM: Worship

10:45 AM: Coffee, tea, donuts/Fellowship/Grocery cards

11:00 AM: Education for all ages

12:30 PM: ConnectMC

1:00 PM: Young Voices for Peace Rehearsal

Worship - 9:30 AM

Come sing hymns, find inspiration in heartfelt reflections, experience a vibrant version of traditional Mennonite worship. This Sunday, Dan Wessner will be worship leader, Emily Martin will lead our singing, Nancy Gregory will provide gathering, introit and offertory, and Vern Rempel will interview Dan Wessner about the heart of his work in education and outreach for this 4th Sunday of our Epiphany outreach series.

Education Classes - 11:00 AM

For Children

The children's lesson is "Being salt and light." The biblical text is Matthew 4:23-5:16.

For Adults

Circle of Trust: Susan Kaplan will lead our contemplative work in B-18. Come join the reflection, silence, refreshment.

Out of Poverty: Guest speaker will be Paul Polak, iDE founder and author of *Out of Poverty*. Paul will address your questions and his own lessons learned in poverty alleviation, as well as his current vision for provision of clean water throughout India. Meets in Sanctuary.

Connect MC - 12:30 PM

This is a joyful, touching service of blues, folk, and jazz. The improvised music and improvised reflections offer a chance for surprising connections of heart, emotion, spirit. Songs this week include:

Steal away

The sweet by and by

All blues

We shall overcome

O thou, in whose presence

Nada te turbe

This Week's Events January 27-February 2

Monday, January 30

9:00 AM: Quilting

5:00 PM: Sewing

5:30 PM: Tae Kwon Do in Commons

Wednesday, February 1

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7:00 PM: Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 2

10:15 AM: Round Table

7:00 PM: Thursday PM "Circle of Trust" Worship at the home of John Beck and Connie Rempel

Looking Ahead - Events

February 5

MYF Souper Bowl Sunday Fundraiser

Young Voices for Peace rehearsal

February 8

Young Anabaptist (and Young at Heart) Happy Hour at Forest Room 5, at 5:00 PM

February 12

Hesston College Bel Canto Singers

Young Voices for Peace rehearsal

February 22

Ash Wednesday

February 26

FMC Ministry Fair

Young Voices for Peace rehearsal

March 2-4

Men's Retreat at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp

March 3

FMC Progressive Dinners

March 4

Young Voices for Peace Concert at 2:30 PM

March 10

Mountain States Conference Faith & Life Forum at Beth-El Mennonite Church

Looking Ahead - Worship and Adult Education

Date Worship

Adult Education

Feb.
5 Special Speaker, Mark Braverman

Circle of Trust led by guest facilitator. Meets in B-18.
Out of Poverty. Guest speakers Jossy and Tina Eyre, co-founders of Women's Bean Project. Meets in Sanctuary.

Feb.
12 Bel Canto Singers from Hesston College

Circle of Trust led by Susan Kaplan. Meets in B-18.

Feb. Conclusion of Outreach Series with Vern
19 Rempel and Stephanie Phibbs

Feb. Lent 1: Invitation to Membership with Vern
26 Rempel preaching

Mar. Lent 2: Invitation to Membership with Tory
4 Doerksen preaching

Circle of Trust led by Vern Rempel. Meets in B-18.

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Prayer Requests

We welcome your requests for prayer. If you would like a prayer request sent to the congregation here, please e-mail your request to the church office with "Prayer Requests" in the subject line. Also, if you or someone you know would like prayer for any reason and do not want it to be published, please contact one of the pastors.

Floyd Stoltzfus returned from an overnight stay last week in the Heart Center of the Rockies. A pacemaker was inserted in his upper chest area. It is both a pacemaker and a defibrillator. The cardiologists recommended this device, since Floyd has recently suffered a major heart attack. This together w/ the trauma from the first heart attack in 2000 has reduced his heart's functioning and his stamina. We appreciate the congregations' thoughts and prayers. Thanks, Lynette Stoltzfus

Happy Anniversary

29 - Del and Joann Roupp
29 - Clara and Mervin Schofield

Happy Birthday

27 - Dayvid Graybill
27 - Ruthie Knowles
27 - Evan Miller
27 - Liz Yoder
28 - Kristine Dyrsten
28 - Ana Fiz
28 - Anita Miller
29 - Eunice Brenneman
29 - Isabella Gibson
29 - Wayne Roth
29 - Linda Wyse
30 - Anna Holdeman
30 - Sara Michael
31 - Jan Griffin
1 - Karyn Gregory

Our FMC Community

Last Sunday for Progressive Dinner host sign-up! This Sunday, January 29th, is the last day to sign-up to host one of the stops (appetizer, main course or dessert) in our annual Progressive Dinner on the evening of March 3rd. Please stop by the Community Center during fellowship time to sign-up. You can also email Ruthie Knowles at darrenandruthie@msn.com if you'd like to sign-up that way. Guest sign-up will be on Sundays, February 12th and 19th.

We still need a few more hosts for the Hesston College Bel Canto Choir who will be performing during the worship service on Sunday, February 12. Hosts will provide lodging on Saturday, February 11 and breakfast the next morning. The Choir plans to arrive at FMC on Saturday evening around 9pm. Hosts will pick up their guests at that time. We will be having a church potluck on Sunday, February 12. If you are interested in hosting, please contact Devin Yoder at devin.yoder@gmail.com or 303-881-1347. Thanks for your hospitality.

Thursday PM Story-sharing and Reflection Circle: You are invited to a time of peace, quiet, joyful story-sharing, and reconnection with your soul. Come join the story-sharing and reflection circle each Thursday, from 7:00 - 8:15 PM (followed by tea).

Where: 6358 S. Gallup Place, Littleton, 80120 (home of Connie Rempel and John Beck)

This week, our reflection focus piece will be about "Barriers to wholeness; The need for community" using excerpts from Parker Palmer's book, *Hidden Wholeness*.

MYF Soup-er Fundraiser!

Date: February 5

Time: 11 AM - around 1 PM

Place: FMC Community Center

Goal: To raise money for the MYF to use for this summer's Learning

Service Trip to Carlsbad, NM (as well as saving up for Phoenix Convention 2013) by selling soup.

Featuring: Giant(s) Apple Pie and New England Clam Chowder

Take home containers also available.

Come join us before your own Super Party.



Attendance

January 22

Adults - 200

Children - 36

Total - 236

Menno Focus

Next issue of *Menno Focus* will come out February 2.

Links

For Online Community Center, an informal social network initiated and run by FMC members (not a formal program of FMC) [click here](#).

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) The cancellation is posted on Channel 9. You can view closing information online anytime at <http://www.9news.com/closings> or by visiting mobile apps for smartphones.

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

Sunday School TALKABOUT

Matthew 4:23–5:16; Being salt and light

Talk about the Bible story children and youth explored this week. Here are some ways to nurture faith at home based on this week's story. (1) Read Matthew 5:3–5, substituting the word happy for the word blessed. (2) "Blessed are the peacemakers" (Matthew 5:9). Name one way to be a peacemaker. (3) Set a lighted candle near a window and briefly step outside. How far away did you see it shine?

Did you know? What is the longest teaching of Jesus in the New Testament? Sermon on the Mount.

Prayer for this week: *God, our hands are ready to work for you. Our voices are ready to share good news.*

Please pray for our freshmen mentoring pairs

acknowledged during worship on January 8th: Elsa Lantz and Sarah Michael, Andrew Longacher and Kevin Yoder, Owen Miller and Lynn Williams, Emma Schrock and Andrea Wiens, Cassie Voth and Crystal Doerksen. Pastor Tory

Children and Youth:

Venture Club - VC (Family) Retreat at Emmental, Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp, is March 9-11. Contact Ernie Kandel to reserve your spot or if you would like more information.

JYF - Lunch in February is now changed to the 12th. We'll be back before YVP rehearsal :-)

MYF - February 4-5 Soup-er Bowl Sunday

Fundraiser/Sleepover. (February 17-19 Snow Camp Reg. and \$50 due before February 1st.)

Around Mountain States Mennonite Conference

Peace Mennonite Community Church invites you to join us in celebrating our 25th Anniversary!

"Here in This Place"

On Saturday, February 11, 2012, at 5:30 PM, we will have an anniversary dinner, followed by a program which will include:

- A chronology of our 25 years as a congregation, emphasizing highlights and relationships built during those years

- A variety of people recounting the process of getting the church off the ground from beginning to present

- Our founding pastor and his wife, Leonard and Joan Wiebe, will be here to share in fellowship, along other former pastors and people helped in the building and formation of PMCC

Sunday, February 12, we will have a worship service (10:45 am) featuring brief sharing by pastors/interim pastors, followed by an open hour of fellowship and refreshments to

your request to the church with "Market Square" in the subject line. It will run one time. Deadline is midnight Wednesday.

Arlen Hershberger's cousin, a semi-retired teacher, will visit us in Denver, staying for February into March. She is available for house sitting, nanny or tutoring during that time and will have access to a car. Please contact Lola 303-523-5364 or Arlen 303-359-9339 or Arlenhersh@yahoo.com. Thank you, Lola and Arlen

I have **four crocheted lap robes** prepared by my mother some years ago. Although they are not new, they are clean and in good very usable condition. Anyone wishing to have these free of charge should contact me – Harlan Unrau – at 303-933-9278 or hunrau@msn.com.

rekindle old friendships and form new ones! We encourage anyone and everyone who has contributed in any capacity to the formation of our congregation to plan to attend.

The annual Mountain States Mennonite Conference Faith & Life Forum is coming! "Listening and Speaking with Care" will be March 10 from 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM at Beth-El Mennonite Church in Colorado Springs. The purpose of this Faith and Life Forum is to explore, with facilitators Barry Bartel and Alice Price, how we communicate with and care for one another. Both Barry and Alice bring many years of experience and much expertise. Please let the church office know if you would like to attend. There is no charge, but you will be invited to make a donation for the lunch.

The **Hesston College Bel Canto Singers** and director Bradley Kauffman will present a program of sacred choral music entitled "Attributes, Actions and Adulation" as part of the 22-voice mixed chamber choir's Winter Tour to Colorado. The program explores the attributes and actions of God and ways in which those qualities inspire God's people. A free-will offering will be taken to defer expenses. Concerts are scheduled at Beth-El Mennonite Church, 4625 Ranch Drive, CO Springs on Friday, February 10 at 7 PM, and at First Mennonite Church Denver, 430 W. 9th, on Sunday, February 12 at 9:30 AM.

Mennonite Church USA

Mennonite Mission Network: Until a few months ago, Korea Anabaptist Center, a Mennonite Mission Network partner, operated Connexus, an English language institute, as part of its ministry. As these organizations become independent entities, pray that each may continue to share the message of Jesus in South Korea.

Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for all those involved in the upcoming Mennonite Educators Conference, February 2-4, in Lansdowne, Md.—planning committee, presenters, and Mennonite Schools Council teachers and administrators.

You're invited to a literary arts festival—Mennonite/s Writing VI: Solos and Harmonies, March 29-April 1, 2012 at Eastern Mennonite University, co-sponsored by Conrad Grebel University College. Features playwright Vern Thiessen; poet Greg Orr; a growing list of Mennonite scholars and writers including Katherine Arnoldi, Stephen Raleigh Byler, Todd Davis, Dora Dueck, Jeff Gundy, Ann Hostetler, Jean Janzen, Julia Spicher Kasdorf, Keith Ratzlaff, Sofia Samatar, Hildi Froese Tiessen, and Rudy Wiebe. Learn more and register by March 16 at www.emu.edu/mennos-writing. Early registration discount available through February 3: Regular, \$100; Senior, \$75; Student, \$35. Registration

includes admission to all events and Saturday evening banquet.

Young adults ages 18-26: are you looking for a purposeful year-long service experience? Check out Radical Journey. This Mennonite Mission Network program takes you to places like China, Paraguay, England or South Africa to join in God's work. Upon return, take a month to reflect on your experience and share it with your home community. For info or an application, visit Service.MennoniteMission.net.

Our Urban Community

Peace Alliance of Colorado is sponsoring two upcoming events:

- Peacebuilding Peacelearning Conference, Feb. 17-19, at the University of Colorado, Boulder. More information at nationalpeaceacademy.us.

- Spring Peace and Jazz Event, Sunday, May 20, 3-5 PM, at the Butterfly Pavilion, Westminster, CO. See poster on FMC Community Bulletin Board.

FMC website: www.fmcdenver.org

Phone: 303-892-1038

Deadline for announcements: Wednesday midnight

Please send your announcements to Karen Martin at fmcdenverkaren@aol.com.

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