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FMC Weekly

December 31-January 6

*To go to the FMC website, click www.fmcdenver.org.
Send announcements for the FMC Weekly to fmcdenver@aol.com by midnight Wednesday.*

Worship Sunday, January 2 – 9:30 AM

Vern Rempel will be preaching the first sermon in a series entitled A Discerning Church: Based on I Corinthians.

Education Classes on Sunday, January 2

For Children

The lesson is "Jesus in the temple." The scripture text is Luke 2:4-52. Jesus went to the temple with his parents for Passover. The family started to return home, but Jesus stayed behind to study with the teachers, upsetting his parents. The faith focus for younger children is "we learn about God together;" for older children, "we seek God's wisdom in community."

For Adults

What is Epiphany? Meets in the Sanctuary.

Events December 31 – January 6

Sunday, January 2

8:30 AM: Special choir rehearsal for Mark Miller Memorial Service
9:30 AM: Worship Service
10:45 AM: Coffee/Donuts/Grocery Card Sales
11:00 AM: Christian Education Classes

Monday, January 3

6:45 PM: Caregivers, Community Center

Tuesday, January 4

9:00 AM to Noon: Quilting
4:30 PM: Special choir rehearsal for Memorial Service
6:00 PM: Memorial Service for Mark Miller

Wednesday, January 5

5:30 PM: TaeKwonDo Class
6:00 PM: Quilting

Thursday, January 6

10:15 AM: Hymn Sing and Meditation Round Table

Looking Ahead

January 9

Outreach Potluck, Noon to 2 PM. During our time together we will share what outreach we do and listen for some themes or visions. The discussion will be recorded by a graphic facilitator who draws pictures of our sharing, so the broader church can connect with outreach.

January 29

Ted and Company will be performing at FMC, 7:00 PM

February 26

Mountain States Mennonite Conference Faith & Life Forum held at FMC

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 Pastors Vern or Annie.

Happy Anniversary

31 - Lynn and Sherman Wenger
1 - Alan and Susan Burkholder
2 - Douglas Fowler and Cathryn Bay-Fowler

Happy Birthday

31 - Grace Martin
1 - Brennen Kauffman
1 - Charlene Miller
2 - Dawn Kreider
3 - Mary Alderfer
3 - Tyler Kauffman
3 - Chuck Morris
3 - Judi Nafziger
4 - Willis Groff
4 - Connor O'Brian
4 - Trevor Stutzman
5 - Steven Lantz
5 - Emily Martin
5 - Isaac Olson

Attendance

December 24
Adults - 237
Children - 43
Total - 280

December 26
Adults - 103
Children - 14
Total - 117

Our FMC Community

Choir for Mark Miller Memorial Service: Singers are invited to join the choir for the Mark Miller Memorial Service. There will be two rehearsals prior to the service. The first rehearsal will be this Sunday, January 2, at 8:30 AM followed by a rehearsal at 4:30 PM on Tuesday, January 4.

Choir will not rehearse on Wednesday, January 5. Next regular rehearsal will be Sunday, January 23.

FMC Sound System: Those of you who were here last Sunday are aware that we had no sound amplification. I want to assure you that this was not the fault of Leon G, or Arden who had the misfortune of being in the sound room at the time. The problem was an equipment failure. We have had the company who installed the system out to see if they could service the equipment. We were advised that it is not something that can be repaired and the equipment has not been built for fifteen years. Our equipment is getting old and they have advised that we have no realistic option but to replace the sound system. This could have been done immediately but this is a major expense and I agree that we should at least get a second bid and review the configuration of the sound room. Getting a second bid does involve some risk because this is an intermittent failure and although it is working now it could fail again. We have identified one little button as the focus of the problem. When jiggled the amplification cuts in and out. We have it working now and the button is covered with a paper clip guard but if bumped or jarred it will cut out again and we will jiggle the button to see if we can make contact. Meanwhile, Karen has been diligent in working on this, our buildings and grounds folks are involved, Dawn our treasurer is reviewing the availability of funds and Lori and Andrew are involved in the decision making. And we sure do miss Mark Miller who was the one person in our congregation who understood the whole system. – Leon Stutzman

Wednesday Evening Potluck: There will be no Wednesday evening potluck on January 5.

Reminder: The building will be re-keyed in January. After the change is made, none of the old keys will work. If you need to access the building outside of office hours or Sunday morning for church responsibilities, you may check out a new key from Karen Martin.

Menno Focus

December *Menno Focus* is available on the FMC 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.

Contact Us

FMC General Mailbox
fmcdenver@aol.com

Venture Club (grades 3-5) are having their Sleepover January 7th. Contact Hi or Pastor Tory if you need any info.

For those wanting to brush up on Hebrew Testament theology and a reason to watch an advertising company in the 1960's, Pastor Tory is putting together a Lent series on MadMen Season 3 and general Hebrew Testament themes with a shared dinner and beverages/wine. Please contact Tory if you are interested in participating.

TALKABOUT (connecting with our SS Curriculum) Luke 2:21-40; Simeon and Anna welcome Jesus. Here are some ways to nurture faith at home based on this week's story. (1) Read Luke 2:27-32. (2) When have you waited a long time for something? How did it feel? (3) Look through your church directory and choose one family to pray for. Did you know? The name Anna is a palindrome because it is spelled the same both forward and backward. Prayer for the week Thank you, God, for our church family.

Altar Flowers: Lola Hershberger is putting together the altar floral schedule for 2011. This is a wonderful opportunity for any person who would like to do flower arrangement(s). Please contact Lola as soon as possible @ Lola.Hershberger@gmail.com or call her CELL phone @ 303-523-5364. She will get back to you with information and put you on the schedule. Last year's committee members' altar arrangements were outstanding. You too can bring your own creative genius to the church community with fresh picked flowers, dried or great silk pieces, and other special arrangements.

* There are folks who can share vases or pots and Lola and others are available to help with arrangements as needed.

* You may sign up for a whole month or share a month with a friend or take a week here and there or sign up to do a bouquet in memory or honor of someone dear to you.

* Others may have garden flowers to share with someone who is doing the arranging.

Mennonite Church USA

Mennonite Mission Network: Gretchen and Keith Kingsley of Mennonite Mission Network are preparing to leave the Argentine Chaco in April, after living among indigenous people there for the past 13 years. Pray for them in this time of transition, and pray that God would call others to walk alongside Christian brothers and sisters in the Chaco.

Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for Bethel College students and faculty traveling out of state or out of the country for the January interterm, today through January 27, especially those going to Israel/Palestine with Professor of Bible and Religion Patty Shelly and to Mexico with Professor of Social Work Larry Friesen.

Our Urban Community

"Educate! Agitate! Organize!" for Health Care for All, Saturday, January 8, in Denver. Scriptures say "Without a vision the people perish." Many people of faith are concerned with the lack of vision and

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

positive political leadership in our nation, right when we are facing so many daunting challenges. One of the most tragic yet most solvable of these is the lack of universal health care. Here in Colorado as well as in many other states, citizens are not waiting for Washington to act, but are building a movement to bring affordable, quality health care to all in their states. Health Care for All Colorado is inviting communities of faith and other organizations working for justice and for social change to join them in a movement building event on Sat., Jan. 8, from noon to 4 PM, at Denver North High School. Special guest is organizer Rose Roach, who helped build a coalition that led the California House and Senate to twice pass legislation for a Single-Payer health care system. For more info or to register, go to www.healthcareforallcolorado.org or call 303-277-8306.