



First Mennonite Church Announcements

August 9, 2009

Worship Schedule

- August 16 Common Time; *Annual Assembly Report*; Vern with Annie
August 23 Common Time; Annie speaking
August 30 Common Time; Annie speaking
September 6 Common Time; Christian Peacemakers Team speaking
September 13 Common Time; Vern speaking
September 20 Common Time; Vern speaking
September 27 Common Time; FMC Retreat Worship Service at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp led by Annie

Other Events

- August 29 Christian Education Orientation and Mandatory Child Protection Training
August 30 Congregational Discussion about the 2010 Budget, 11:00 AM, Community Center
September 7 FMC Office closed for Labor Day Holiday
September 12 "Women Beyond Borders" MEDA fundraiser event, 5 PM, LoDo Tattered Cover
September 18 22nd Annual Denver MCC Auction, 7:30 PM, Garden Park Gymnasium, 1720 S. Alcott (more info to come)
September 20 Sunday School Opening Day; Salmon Meal Fundraiser
Sept. 26-27 FMC Annual Get-Away Retreat at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp
Oct. 16-17 Mennonite Central Committee Annual Relief Sale at Rocky Ford, CO
October 21 Leadership Council, 7:00 PM, Community Center

Personal Notes

- **Happy Anniversary** to the following who are celebrating their anniversary this week:
Lane and Linda Miller, August 9
Amy and Dillon Harder, August 12
Griffen and Ryan O'Shaughnessy, August 12
James Dunn and Yvonne Yousey, August 15
Al and Grace Martin, August 15
- **Happy Birthday** to the following who are celebrating their birthday this week:
John Beck, August 10
Lisa Stauffer Mayen, August 10
Cary Hansen, August 11
Ardis Miller, August 12
Derek Miller, August 12
Nicholas Bishop, August 13
Isabel Mullett, August 13
Dawson Voth, August 13
Betsy App, August 14
Sam Martin, August 14
Emily Gingerich, August 15
Joann Roupp, August 15
Luke Yoder, August 15

Prayer Requests

*This spot is for your concerns, prayer requests, or follow-up on those with long-term care. Please designate your request specifically for **Prayer Requests**, otherwise we can't assume it's okay to publish. Also, if you would like prayer for any reason and not want it to be published, you can always call Vern or Annie.*

- Pray for MMN workers, staff and their families who are currently dealing with health concerns. Pray that God will provide healing for illnesses, and energy for the work that needs to be done. –**Mennonite Mission Network**

First Mennonite News

- **Thank you to the following for all your hard work last Saturday, August 1, at our second summer work day spiffing up the church for Annual Assembly!** Annie Lengacher Browning, Morgan Browning, Brenda Dockery, Steve Dudek, Kara Hjelmstad, Keith Hjelmstad, Les Hjelmstad, Lois Hjelmstad, Steve KandeLind, Sylvia Kreider, Steve Lantz, Don Lind, Karen Martin, Anita Miller, Evan Miller, Derek Miller, Liz Miller, Sarah Newcomer, Vern Stoltzfus, Annika Yoder Stutzman, Barb Yoder Stutzman, Elena Miller Stutzman, Jenae Yoder Stutzman, Levi Yoder Stutzman, Rod Yoder Stutzman, Steve Stutzman, Trevor Stutzman, Will Miller Stutzman. **Also thanks to Leon Graber, Dave Harguth, Lynn Williams, and Richard Wyse** for finishing the flagstone path to the Memorial Garden last week **and to Judy Amstutz, Brenda Dockery, Del and Mim Roth and Carla Stoltzfus** for cleaning and repairs in the kitchen this past Tuesday! **There are also MANY other people who are helping with Annual Assembly in lots of different ways and we give you a hearty thanks as well!**
- **A basket filled with homemade canned goods donated by Barb Yoder Stutzman and several knitted face cloths and homemade soap packets donated by Mary Helen Friesen** – these are some of the silent auction items that will be part of our MEDA Women Beyond Borders event. Check next week for more offerings and please save the date! (Sept., 12, 5-7 PM at LoDo Tattered Cover)

- **Children's Christian Education Program.** The list of still needed teachers, leaders, and room sponsors is getting smaller! We continue to need: 1 teacher and 1 room sponsor for the 3 year old class, 1 teacher for pre-K, 1 teacher and 1 room sponsor for 1st grade, 1 preschool opening time leader, 1 ritual leader for K-5th grade opening time, and 2 persons willing to be a substitute teachers. Please consider this wonderful way to make a contribution to and connection with our children at FMC. Please see the fish on the wall to sign up or talk with anyone on the primary education committee: Roberta Kandel, Amy Conrad, Cary Hansen, Dawn Voth, or Barb Yoder Stutzman.
- **Attendance:** Aug. 2: adults 136; children 23; total 159

Related Mennonite Items

- **On Sunday, August 23, 6:30 PM, Mountain States Mennonite Conference will ordain Melissa S. Roth for pastoral ministry.** Melissa graduated from Eastern Mennonite Seminary in 2004. Her first full-time ministry position was as pastor at St. Louis Mennonite Fellowship from 2003-2006. She also served as the Intentional Interim Pastor at Peace Mennonite Church in Dallas, Texas last year. She began as pastor at Mountain Community Mennonite Church in February of this year. *All are welcome to come and celebrate with the Conference, the congregation and with Melissa at Mountain Community Mennonite Church in Palmer Lake.* The service will be followed by a light supper. For additional details, feel free to contact Melissa at msroth7@juno.com or 709-375-9565.
- **Christian Peacemaker Teams Congress.** An opportunity to learn more about the work of CPT in areas of conflict will be coming to the Iliff/DU neighborhood Sept. 17-20 this year. This biennial gathering is both a time for renewal and reflection for team members who have been in the field as well as an invitation for the general public to share in some of their experiences, and renewal of their own commitment to peace making. Keynote addresses are free to general public as well as other sessions are free to hosts and transporters. More information is available at the CPT Web Site, www.cpt.org, which has a link to the CPT Congress.
To help with the success of the congress, which will be held at University Park United Methodist Church on Thursday and Friday, and Iliff Seminary, across the street, on Saturday and Sunday, peace groups and churches are invited to become sponsors. Individuals or churches may also want to make housing available (floors or beds). Breakfast would be optional, as there will be continental breakfast served before each of the three day's sessions. Hopefully the housing would either be within walking

distance, or public transportation, or the host could arrange for transportation. For more info or offerings you may call Bob Carlsten at 303-455-6246.

- **How well do you and your congregation know the Bible?** Take in the whole story in a single weekend, Oct. 30-Nov. 1 at Hesston College's "Learning the Bible in Life-giving Ways." Marion Bontrager, Michele Hershberger and Ted Swartz will lead you laughing and crying through *The Greatest Story Ever Told*. Register at www.hesston.edu or call Elaine Schmidt at 620-327-8290.

FMC 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 be run for a maximum of three weeks. Deadline is midnight Wednesday.

Ross Lehman & Allison Boehm Lehman are new to Denver and FMC and are looking for work. Ross has a B.A. in mathematics and is looking for a meaningful way to apply his math skills. He is interested in tutoring or nonprofit/church work and is open to other creative ideas. Allison has a B.A. in biology and is interested in public health work or biomedical research. Contact Ross at (419) 230-4559 or rosslehman@gmail.com and Allison at (913) 708-0140 or boehm.allison@gmail.com.

Colorado Certified Master Gardener, Mary Beth (May) Haag, is looking for gardens to tend. May, who is living in our carriage house this summer, has our property looking lovely enough to be on tour. May can be reached at 720-364-5032. Available anytime.
—Marla and Leon Graber

Leadership Council

Chair, Anita Miller
 Vice Chair, Craig Sommers
 Education, Dawn Voth
 Facilities, Steve Kandel/Evan Miller
 Finance, Myrna Schmidt
 Member-at-Large, Vacant
 Membership and Fellowship, Jennifer Conder
 Nurture, Linda Miller
 Outreach, Rob Hansen
 Pastoral Partners, Leon Stutzman
 Worship, Anna Yoder Schlabach
 Senior Pastor, Vern Rempel (ex officio)
 Associate Pastor, Annie Lengacher Browning (ex officio)
 Congregational Administrator, Karen Martin (ex officio)

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