

Our Vision

We are a faithful Christian community following the words and example of Jesus as we carry out the mission God has entrusted to us.

Sermon Notes 11/16/14 What's your theology?

Sermon Title: "God's Bus Stop"

Pastor Paul Johnson

1. Our faith is based on a God of Place. What is your theology of waiting in this Place?

2. Psalms 90 is the first prayer in the fourth book of Psalms. Moses, the prophet of God lifts up thanksgiving for 2 blessings. What are they? _____

3. 1Thessalonians is a clear vision of the Kingdom come after Jesus walked among us. What does the Apostle Paul call us?

4. How do we serve as God's Bus Stop after 35 years here at MCMC?

5. What is one simple truth we bring as "children of the Light?"

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Theology Series: Who is the God you know? 11/16/14

Our Mission/Purpose

The purpose of Mountain Community Mennonite Church is to nurture the love of God within ourselves, each other, the community and the world through the reconciling peace of Christ. Jesus is at the center of our faith. Community is at the center of our lives and reconciliation is at the center of our work.

All Are Welcome

Our Focus Scripture for 2014

Colossians 3:12 -15

As Gods chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience.

Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive.

Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be Thankful!

Our Core Values

Peace Building/ Growing/ Serving/ Discovering/ Accepting/ Believing

**The Theology of Waiting
November 16, 2014**

Paul Johnson

Transitional Pastor

Worship Leader: Clair Brenneman

Song Leader & Pianist: Judy Thiessen

We Gather

Welcome and Announcements

Time of Quieting

Call to Worship

Worship Leader and Congregation

One: Sing the new day

All: O God, we come.

One: Sing a new song

All: Awakened, we come.

One: Sing to the light.

All: So beckoned, we come.

We Grow In Worship

Opening Prayer

Clair Brenneman

Opening Hymn

Judy Thiessen

Joys and Concerns

Paul Johnson

Congregational Hymns

Judy Thiesen

Offering and Offering Prayer

Clair Brenneman

Prayer of Confession

Worship Leader and Congregation

ONE: There is a richness here – a gorgeous, flowing richness of unending abundance. But that doesn't mean that it guides us. Our ways – within and beyond our control – speak of something different:

of lack,

of fear,

of something other than an acknowledgement of God's endless and beautiful river of grace.

ALL: But how do we step into that river? Do we step into it with trust? Do we trust the current of God's generous gifts?

ONE: Or do we run from the river? For when we run, when we turn away from God's gifts in distrust, We lose the refreshment and joy of that richness...And something else reigns.

ALL: Then, what's left?

ONE: Now is the time – now is the time to consider just how we distrust God's abundance.

Now is the time – now is the time to begin something new.

Now is the time – now is them time to trust ... differently.

Silence

Assurance of Pardon

Worship Leader and Congregation

ONE: Let us pray: We haven't always trusted, God. But now we do.

ALL: We acknowledge the richness of your blessings. We see your flowing river of love and we wade into your grace.

ONE: There is a richness – a richness that says “yes” – eternally – even in the face of our behavioral “no's”. There is a richness that penetrates distrust and offers so much more. This richness forgives and gives even more.

ALL: We know this forgiveness. And we thank you, God.

Congregational Hymn

Judy Thiessen

Lord's Table

Elders and Pastor

Scripture

Psalms 90:1 & 12 - 17

Clair Brenneman

1Thessalonians 5: 1-11

Sermon

“God's Bus Stop”

Paul Johnson

We Go Out to Serve

Sending Song

Judy Thiessen

Sending Prayer

Paul Johnson

Events Calendar

Tuesday's	1 st & 3 rd , Prayer Meeting at 6:00 at D. Brenneman's
Friday's	Women's Bible Study, 0930-1130. Contact Rae for info.
Saturday's	Men's Coffee- Saturday@6:30 AM Breakfast at Serrano's
Tuesday	Elder's Meeting November 18 th @12:30 p.m. at MCMC
Sunday	Hanging of the Greens, November 23 rd at MCMC
Sunday	Donuts and Wassail Fund for Heifer Project, November 23rd
Sunday	Cluster Facilitator's Meeting, November 30 th @11:00 a.m. at MCMC

Announcements

MCMC Financial Update: To achieve the proposed 2014 budget of \$70,288, donations of \$1352 are needed per week. Last week's donations were \$408.00.

Contributions for the Tri-Lakes Cares food drive continue to come in steadily. THANKS AGAIN FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!

TLC's top 6 items requested for the month of November are as follows:

- Dry Stuffing Mix – bags or boxes
- Gravy – canned, jars, or mixes
- Boxed Potatoes
- Canned Yams – large cans
- Cranberry Sauce – jellied or whole
- Cream of Mushroom Soup

Please leave your donations in the black plastic tub in the upstairs church lobby. Thanks so much for continuing to help out our neighbors! – Joan Murphy

Convention registration opens Jan. 15, 2015. Next summer may seem far away, but the Mennonite Church USA convention in Kansas City, June 30-July 5, 2015, will be here before you know it. Visit the convention website for all the latest news and to register beginning Jan. 15, 2015: www.MennoniteUSA.org/convention.

Western District, South Central, and Mountain States Mennonite Conferences invite you to attend the annual Snow Camp at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp. Be inspired by singing and worshiping with other youth, slide down the tube run (hopefully!), play a competitive game of broom hockey, explore beautiful scenery around camp, and more! 2015 Snow Camp Dates: Junior High – January 23-25 and Senior High – February 13-15. For more information, visit www.rmmc.org or your church information area. - Janelle Roynon. Program Director, RMMC 719-687-9506

Tri-Lakes Cares Adopt-A-Family Christmas gifts for children and seniors!

As a part of Outreach, MCMC is once again participating in the Tri-Lakes Cares Adopt-A-Family Christmas Gifts Program. The gifts go to needy children and seniors in the Tri-Lakes area. Sheets are posted on the kitchen door, from which you can take a little "tear-off" strip if you would like to provide one or more of these gifts, or you can email your choice to joanandrollin@comcast.com. Please bring your gifts to church by Nov 30. As they need to be delivered to Tri-Lakes Cares by Dec 1. Please do not wrap gifts, but donated wrapping paper is always appreciated. Any questions, feel free to call Joan Murphy at 650-5448. Thanks for your support of this MCMC Outreach Project!

November Kitchen Group

- Faye and Clair*
- Rick and Teresa Barnes
- Karen and Lynn
- Dennis and Heidi
- Ivannah

Group I

- Sharon Baker
- Kim Hiebert
- Meredith and Gerry
- Gayle and Jana
- *Group Chair

Dear Folks, Your generosity sent me and grandson Tony to Oregon to honor my brother, Paul Farrar. Our trip was deeply sad and thanks be to God we were able to spend time with Paul's daughter, go to his memorial, sort objects at his crumbling household, and share with several loved ones. You were agents of God in a merciful, tender, compassionate pilgrimage. Blessings, peace, and loving prayers to all of you. Anne and Tony Archer .
P.S. Without you we could never had made this trip.

Your worship service today was planned by the MCMC Worship Commission.
Thank you for your participation today!

Tear Here – Return to the Altar at Offering Time

Joys, Concerns and Prayers for Peace

I would like prayer for: _____

I have a joy: _____

Elders Pray
 Congregational Prayer
 Keep Confidential Name : _____ (Not Required)