

## 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 11/23/14 Who is the God you know?

Sermon Title: "Look up, Look in, Look out"

Pastor Paul Johnson

1. Ezekiel 34: 11-24 is the prophetic voice in the darkest hours of Hebrew slavery. Who does Ezekiel quote? What does he say this Presence will be as we look Up?  
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2. There are five things God will do as we look Up.....\_1\_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Matthew 25: 31-46 is a direct Quote from Jesus. He says "When the Son of Man comes in glory"....When we look IN, who will he will gather?  
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4. "We will inherit the Kingdom promised. " What six things will we do as we Look out?  
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5. When we do these things as we look out for the least of our family, who do we really do it to?  
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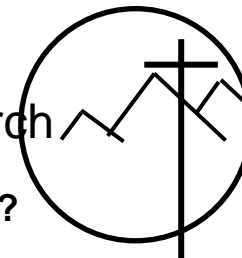
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## Mountain Community Mennonite Church

Theology Series: Who is the God you know?  
11/23/14

### 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*

**Final Sermon Series Message: Theology  
November 23, 2014**

Paul Johnson  
Worship Leader: Dennis Book

Transitional Pastor  
Song Leader : Dennis Book  
Pianist: Judy Thiessen

**We Gather**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Time of Quieting**

**Call to Worship**

**Worship Leader and Congregation**

One: Know that the Holy One is God.

**All: We are God's people.**

One: Worship the Holy One with gladness;

**All: Come into God's presence with singing.**

One: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise.

**All: Make a joyful noise!**

One: For God is good; God's steadfast love endures forever, and God's faithfulness to all generations.

**All: Let us worship with thanks and joy! Let us praise God in song and word and prayer!**

**We Grow In Worship**

Opening Prayer  
Opening Hymn  
Joys and Concerns  
Congregational Hymns  
Offering and Offering Prayer  
Moments with Children  
Peace Moment

"Advent Heifer Project"

Worship Leader  
Judy Thiessen  
Paul Johnson  
Judy Thiesen  
Worship Leader  
Barb Eichelberger  
Paul Johnson

**Prayer of Confession**

**All**

Loving God, too often, we overlook the needs of people around us while we proclaim our devotion to you. We could do so much more to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, to welcome the stranger, and heal the sick. We fail to see how our prison system diminishes the humanity of all of us, how our medical system denies healing to the poor, how poverty leaves children without coats, how legal obstacles keep the strangers at a distance. Open our eyes to see your presence in every person and to respond to their needs so that we may be rightly called by your name.

**Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Worship Leader**

Though we wander, God searches us out. Speaking through Ezekiel, God said, "As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick gloom." God reaches out to us, longing to bring us ever closer. Hear this good news: you are forgiven and free.

Congregational Hymn

Dennis Book

Scripture

Ezekiel 34:11 - 15

Worship Leader

Matthew 25: 31 - 40

Sermon

**"Our Theology-Look up, Look in, Look out"**

Paul Johnson

**We Go Out to Serve**

Sending Song

Dennis Book

Sending Prayer

Paul Johnson

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

Where have you acted or where have you seen others act for peace this past week?

*Events Calendar*

Tuesday's	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 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 December 2nd <sup>h</sup> @12:30 p.m. at MCMC
Sunday	Hanging of the Greens, November 23 <sup>rd</sup> at MCMC
Sunday	Donuts and Wassail Fund for Heifer Project, November 23rd
Sunday	Cluster Facilitator's Meeting, November 30 <sup>th</sup> @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 \$XXX,XX. MCMC needs \$7658.77 to achieve the 2014 budget by December 31<sup>st</sup>. Remember, any money given as a donation to MCMC may be used as a tax deduction for 2014!**

**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

**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](mailto: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!

**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](http://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](http://www.rmmc.org) or your church information area. - Janelle Roynon. Program Director, RMMC 719-687-9506

- November 30<sup>th</sup> – Cluster Facilitators Meeting with/Paul: 11:45 a.m. Luncheon meeting. Please bring an advent dessert.
- December 16<sup>th</sup> – Final Congregational Discernment and Key Priorities Decision Meeting

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Tear Here – Return to the Altar at Offering Time

**Joys, Concerns and Prayers for Peace**

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I have a joy: \_\_\_\_\_

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[ ] Elders Pray  
 [ ] Congregational Prayer

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