

Our Vision

Looking Up/Looking In/Looking Out in Service and Peace.

**Sermon Notes 12/14/14
God's Peace Revealed**

Sermon Title: "God Came Home"

Pastor: Paul Johnson

1. Looking Up for Advent: Psalm 89 is a song of Love . Two words of Christmas are used twice here-words of community, a new home to live in. What are they? _____

2. Looking In during Advent: Luke 2 tells us the homeless shepherds were the first to know of the birth of Jesus. Why them? Their reaction is like ours. What is their response to the Joy of God?

3. Looking out into Christmas: What reasons do we have to remain silent when there are glad tidings to share with our neighbors?

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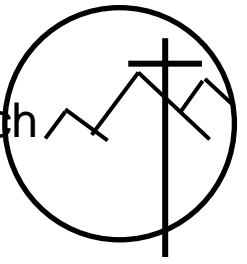
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**Theology Series: God's Peace Revealed
12/21/14**

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

Events Calendar

Tuesday	1 st & 3 rd , Prayer Meeting at 6:00 p.m. 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
Wednesday	Christmas Eve Service@6:30 p.m. on December 24 th .
Wednesday	Elder's Board Meeting@11:30 on December 31 st ..
Sunday	Christmas Brunch/Share A Meal on December 21 st
Sunday	Annual MCMC Business Meeting on January 25 th

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 \$1028.00. MCMC needs additional money to achieve the 2014 budget by December 31st. 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 December 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

More Than A Meal is collecting gift cards for 5.00 each or funds to purchase 5.00 gift cards to Subway, as a Happy New Year to the homeless people and their families. Needed are sewing kits, shoelaces, Q tips, warm clothing, jeans, shoes, hats, scarves, gloves, toiletry items, candy, dog bones, cookies in bags of 4 each. Still looking for a rolling grocery cart. Please contact Kim Heibert if you have any questions.

Scrapbook Retreat (Jan 16 – 18) is a great time to put together those family memories from the past year (or years!) Come for a fun time to fellowship with other "scrappers". For more details about any of the winter retreats fo to www.rmmc.org or call us: 719-687-9506. Hope to see you soon! Janelle Roynon, Program Director, Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp

- January 25rd- Final Congregational Discernment and Key Priorities Decision Meeting (Annual Business Meeting)
- **The Christmas Eve service is December 24th at 6:30 p.m. Please bring a plate of baked goodies. Punch will be provided.**

Discovery Hour Study

Starting Jan. 4 we plan to begin a 6 session (approximate) series of topics related to end of life planning. While we did a related study when we looked at the book Final Gifts, this study will include some of the following topics: Alternatives to traditional burial, Necessary family conversations, Selecting persons for medical and financial powers of attorney, Document preparation, etc.

We will work together to complete many of the documents which will direct activities in our behalf after our death. We will be using the study guide recently developed by Everence for this purpose. In order for us to estimate the number of study packets to prepare, we need for you to let us know of your intent to participate in this study by not later than Dec. 28. Any of you who have already completed your final directives are welcome to attend as well. Your experience will be useful in our learning.

Contact Teresa Barnes or Gayle Preheim who will be co-facilitating this class

Kitchen Group Number 2

***Group Chairperson**

Ruby and Dick Hamilton*	Rick and Rae Shellenberger	Mary Veatch
Barb and Jake Eichelberger	Rick and Linda Pankratz	Winston and Cheryl Yost
Steve and Janelle Diller	Joan Murphy	Anne Krill
Doug and Becky Harder		

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)