

**Revealed to Us!**  
**Sermon Notes 01/18/15**

Guest Preacher: Karen Lichlyter-Klein

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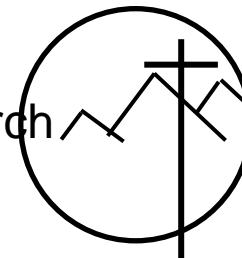
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Mountain Community Mennonite Church



**Sermon Series: Journey to the New (You!)**  
**01/18/15**

**Our Mission and 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*  
*Come Just As You Are!*

**Our Focus Scripture for 2014**

**Psalms 46: 8 – 10**

**Be still and know I am God. The Lord of Hosts is our Refuge.**

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**Our Core Values**

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

# Revealed to Us!

*In each of these moments of epiphany, we find that no one is able to see themselves as God sees them. Nathanael was merely hanging out under a fig tree. Samuel was just lying on the temple floor. Only God sees what greater things will come with these servants. Indeed, God searches us and knows us better than we know ourselves.*

**January 18, 2015**

**Karen Lichlyter-Klein**

Worship Leader: Marilyn  
Brenneman

**Guest Preacher**

Song Leader and Pianist: Judy Thiessen

## We Gather

**Announcements**

**Time of Quietening**

**Welcome**

**Time of Silence**

**Dim Lights**

**Call to Worship**

*(Inspired by 1 Samuel 3: 1 - 10)*

The Story of Samuel

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymns

Joys and Concerns

Congregational Hymns

Offering and Prayer

Peace Moment

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

**Worship Leader and Congregation**

Readers

Worship Leader

Judy Thiessen

Karen Lichlyter-Klein

Judy Thiessen

Worship Leader and Vivian Shellenberger

**Prayer of Confession:**

**Worship Leader and All**

**ONE:** Holy One, you have called us by name.  
You will not let us lounge in bed. You wake us up in the middle of  
the night to remember...

*(Invite the congregation to remember God's works.)*

You will not let us hide under the tree. You summon us from the shade to be  
changed...

*(Invite the congregation to pray for those things that need to be changed.)*

You will not let us bury our secrets within the earth.

You unearth our fears and speak them aloud...

*(Invite the congregation to name their fears.)*

**ALL** Forgive us, O God, when we cannot speak.

Reveal the words we need most.

In Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

**Words of Assurance** *(inspired by Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18)*

**Worship Leader**

Our God knows you by name.

Our God knows what you fear.

For you are fearfully and wonderfully made.

In your name, God's works are revealed again to us. Amen.

## We Grow In Worship

Guiding Scripture

1 Samuel 3:1 – 20  
Psalms 139: 1 – 6, 13 - 18

Worship Leader

Proclaiming in Song

Judy Thiessen

Sermon

Karen Lichlyter-Klein

## We Go Out to Serve

Sending Song

Judy Thiessen

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

*Events Calendar*

Tuesday's	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Prayer Meeting at 6:00 p.m. at D. Brennehan'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	Elders Board Meeting@12:30 p.m. on January 20 <sup>th</sup> at MCMC
Sunday	Annual Business Meeting on January 25 <sup>th</sup> , 10:45 meeting, 12:15 Share a Meal

*Announcements*

**MCMC Financial Update: Last week's donations were \$510.00. MCMC has ended 2014 in the black!!**

- **Don't forget any clothes/\$5.00 gift cards for More Than a Meal.** It is cold out and any warm clothing or gift cards which could assist in getting a warm meal would be greatly appreciated.
- **January 25<sup>th</sup> Final Congregational Discernment and Key Priorities Decision Meeting (Annual Business Meeting)**

**Discovery Worship Hour**

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.**

Congregational Survey

According to MCMC Bylaws, "The Elder Board will perform an annual survey of the congregation. The purpose of this survey is to obtain a congregational perspective on the workings of the church and discern Outreach Ministries." We also wish to hear your thoughts about continuing pastor leadership now that Paul's contracted transitional term is nearing an end.

Because our church family is quite small, the elders have decided to try to arrange for a personal conversation with each family unit. So, you will be hearing from the elders in the coming weeks to give you an opportunity to speak to us about the issues above. We look forward to hearing what you have to say to us.

The Elders

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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)